



SUFFOLK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION



COUNTY EXECUTIVE MEETING
 Wednesday 15th March 2006
 Brome Grange Hotel

MINUTES

1. Present:
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| Peter Thompson | Peter Johnson | Chair, NNWA – Bury Rural |
| Tony Fowler | Association Vice Chair - Sudbury | |
| Albert Adams | Treasurer - Stowmarket | |
| Ron Snell | Bungay | |
| Bob Gooch | Stowmarket | |
| Gloria Hastings | Mildenhall | |
| Mervyn Jones | Newmarket | |
| Dorothy Boggis | Woodbridge & Melton | |
| Liz Cameron | Lowestoft | |
| Colin Down | Ipswich East | |
| Steve Warne | Waveney CWLO | |
| Keith Earles | Suffolk Coastal CWLO | |
| | Suffolk Constabulary, Neighbourhood Policing Project | |
| | Martin Ransome | Suffolk Constabulary, Community Safety |
2. Apologies: Ann Day

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| 3. Minutes of Last Meeting | These were proposed as accurate by PJ and seconded by BG | |
| 4. Matters Arising | <p>Item 5 BG confirmed problems were OK, however seemed to be receiving other areas messages but had not received local messages. MR to pass on BG contact details to Bob Chapman, lead for Police Direct. The good arrest of a prolific church burglar following details circulated on Police Direct was noted.</p> <p>Item 8 MR to liaise with Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinators to establish whether third party reporting through Co-op is now countywide</p> | <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> |
| 5. Neighbourhood Policing Presentation | <p>Sgt Keith Earles – Neighbourhood Policing Project</p> <p>Government objective for each Police force to develop Neighbourhood Policing (NHP) by 2008. Suffolk timetable is to roll out NHP by early 2007. This will be a radical change to policing and will not be affected by Amalgamation as it is based in neighbourhoods.</p> <p>NHP will bring together multi-agency teams to provide a one-stop shop including Local Authorities (LA).</p> <p>The current BCUs will be divided into districts based on LA boundaries. Sectors will be replaced by 2007 with policing being developed at neighbourhood level.</p> <p>Suffolk will identify NHP as Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) who will provide an identifiable, accessible and accountable service with a named point of contact.</p> | |

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| 5. (cont) | <p>SNT will consist of Community Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSO), Special Constables, LA, Health & Housing.</p> <p>SNT will be responsible for all non-emergency response, crime, dealing with offenders and witnesses.</p> <p>The impact of NHP and Neighbourhood Watch? – No answer as yet on how existing schemes will fit in. Existing schemes may overlap, you may like to consider re-aligning?</p> <p>KE made a request for volunteers, with admin, phone and customer service skills through the Neighbourhood Watch network.</p> <p>The proposed SNT areas will be identified around may 2006.</p> <p>A number of questions were raised about whether neighbouring counties are using the same framework, who would provide emergency response and whether there would be extra resources.</p> <p>KE said this was based on National guidance and that response teams would be established for emergency calls. 200 extra PCSOs are being recruited.</p> | |
| 6. Website Questionnaire | <p>PJ highlighted the NNW questionnaire and encourage people to complete on the website. There were questions that caused him concern, such as NW being unpaid police resources.</p> | |
| 7. Funding | <p>TF raised two bids for funds from the Home Office training grant balance. One bid from Ian Farthing for £200 for 3 sectors, Woodbridge, Felixstowe and Leiston and one from Graham Underwood.</p> <p>MR to re-circulate these bids for consideration</p> | MR |
| 8. National Neighbourhood Watch | <p>PJ announced there is to be a meeting of the NNW trustees on 16th March 2006, which should provide further information on the current position. A splinter group has formed on claiming to be representative of ten counties who are calling for the chair to resign, alleging the chair is dictatorial.</p> <p>Another splinter group has also formed, the minutes of the meeting will be posted on the NNWA website.</p> | |
| 9. Good Practice / Area Updates | <p>Mow & Grow Scheme – NW co-ordinator in Carlton Coleville arranges for a team to mow grass. This has a deterrent effect on bogus callers</p> <p>Discussion ensued about public liability insurance.</p> | |
| 10. Any other business | <p>MJ raised the issue of mobile CCTV cameras and whether funding could be used. Discussion ensued around the legal minefield and technical difficulties. Agreed to consider this for rising next year so we know the pitfalls.</p> | |
| 11. Dates for future meetings | <p>21st June 2006 18th October 2006 17th January 2007</p> | |