

**MINUTES OF THE MEDWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION  
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016 AT MEDWAY POLICE  
STATION**

**PRESENT:**

David Duncombe – Chairman/treasurer  
Maria Jarvis – Vice Chairman/secretary  
Mark Botting  
Rosemary Roberts – Minutes secretary  
Gloria Faram  
Tony Faram  
Frank Watton  
Erin Scott - VWLO

**! APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Received from Ian Sears, George McCarthy and Adrienne Kinloch

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

There were no changes made. DD and MJ will continue.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

MJ made a correction to item 7 fundraising – the quiz is planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> not the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Otherwise they were proposed as a correct record of events by GF and seconded by TF.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

Regarding the mapping of individual watches, information would be provided by individuals not by the county rep as stated.

Further to DD's news that National Neighbourhood Watch will change its name to Neighbourhood Watch Network, MB asked whether Medway NhWatch would become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). DD said that he is due attend a SE Regional meeting and will find out what this involved, what others are doing, and report back.

(ACTION DD)

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

DD presented the financial report to the committee, a copy of which will be filed with the minutes.

Proposed by RR and seconded by MJ

**6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

DD read out a thank you letter from Ann Reid for her leaving present. John Haddaway also sent a thank you letter for his leaving present of binoculars, saying that they were the first pair he has ever owned and he is using them regularly.

## **7. AGM:**

MJ thanked everyone for their input on the night. However when she did the stock take afterwards there were 5 door viewers missing with a total of £10 in value. She checked with the school and they were not left behind.

DD said that they were not good sellers now, and perhaps out of date, so it was not a great loss.

MJ suggested that in future the AGM starts at 7.15 to allow time to set up before people arrive, which was accepted. DD thought the evening went well and John Haddaway was genuinely surprised and pleased. The committee regretted the poor turnout at the event, which was essentially a farewell to John.

Regarding AGM 2017, MJ made suggestions for the speaker, possibly the Accident Investigation Team (AIT)

## **8. CONFERENCE (2017):**

DD asked for ideas for the theme of the conference next year on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. MB asked if there was any recurring themes that coordinators were concerned about ES replied that this was scams. The problem was that these change all the time and this theme had been covered in past conferences.

MJ went through a list of topics covered in recent years. She suggested 'catching criminals' as a theme with input from, Camera Safety Partnerships, Drug Dogs, Accident Investigation Team, the role of the PCSO and car crime Other issues suggested included drivers using mobile phones, feedback from reported crimes (by coordinators) and vandalism. If there was insufficient speakers for one theme then the conference could be split into 2 themes, morning and afternoon.

This was discussed and the committee members gave their opinions.

MJ asked for volunteers for the conference sub-committee and to start this process as soon as possible, because speakers have to be booked well in advance. (ACTION MJ RR AND AJ)

## **9. FUNDRAISING EVENTS:**

The Quiz Night proved to be a successful evening and will be repeated again next year, but not the same week as the AGM as MJ found this too much. MJ was grateful for £20 received from Tesco and has written a letter of thanks. She asked members to approach supermarkets that they use to get more prizes.

Regarding the Soprano evening, MJ has been unable to contact Christine Hubbard. She is still keen to do it, but it will now happen next year sometime. FW warned that the cost of hiring the church hall would increase.

## **10. NEWSLETTER PROMOTIONS AND MEDIA:**

The next newsletter is due next spring. M J is awaiting information, prices etc for promotional stand equipment and asked to carry this item over to the next meeting. (ACTION MJ)

## **11. AOB;**

DD received an email from Richard Myers, chairman of North Kent Association, to inform him that he is standing down in April 2017. No one has offered to take his place. Rather than let it just fold, he has asked if North Kent can amalgamate with Medway. He went on

to say that there would be some money to come over in the region of £2-3000 from their account. Catherine Mulholland supports this amalgamation.

There is also the possibility that Swale may come to this decision in the future.

This led to a long, heated discussion about the pros and cons of such a merger. Some expressed concerns as to how this would affect the Medway Constitution and its status as a charity.

DD is arranging a meeting with Catherine, Richard Myers and ES to discuss this more fully. In the meantime he asked for the committee to email him their comments/opinions on this important issue. (ACTION ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS)

This issue to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting

The meeting closed at 21.30

Next meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December