

# **MINUTES OF THE MEDWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019 AT MEDWAY POLICE STATION**

## **PRESENT:**

Maria Jarvis – Secretary  
Rosemary Roberts – Minutes Secretary  
Mark Botting  
Tony Faram  
Jeff Mannooch – Treasurer

Further to the events of the previous meeting when Dave Duncombe resigned as Chairman, it was agreed by the remaining members present tonight, that Maria Jarvis would take on the role of temporary Chairman in order to start this meeting.

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

There were none.

Since the last meeting Matt Durcan has resigned from the committee. The reason for this was that he was not a NhWatch coordinator and the NhWatch Constitution requires that this is so. MJ made it clear that this was not his fault but an oversight on the part of the committee that this was not picked up at the time.

## **2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

This was duly discussed and the outcome, unanimously agreed and voted on was as follows:  
Chairman and secretary – Maria Jarvis  
Vice Chairman – Tony Faram  
Mark Botting  
Jeff Mannooch – Treasurer  
Rosemary Roberts – Minutes secretary

David Duncombe will continue to maintain his position as a Trustee and thus the legality of the committee, by managing the NhWatch Facebook page and the content of the website. This decision was agreed and voted unanimously by the members present.

The committee member numbers are now down to the bare minimum of 6 Trustees and there was now an urgent need to find more members from the existing coordinators and deputies. In the new year, MJ will ask Michael Laidlow VWLO to send out a KCM to all coordinators with this important request. (ACTION MJ)

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

Various points were raised and clarified by MJ. An important issue was the recording of decisions made and voted upon, with particular reference to the constitution and admission of new members to the committee.

RR voiced that it was the responsibility of all members to promote NhWatch.

Proposed as a correct record by MB Seconded by TF.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

MJ will deal with any issues pertaining to her as they arise.

## **5. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

JM presented and explained the financial report.

The main expenditure since the last meeting related to the AGM/Conference ie the hiring of the school hall.

The Xmas draw was not successful this year as the income did not cover the prizes. JM noted that this income has declined gradually over recent years. The committee needs to make a decision by April as to whether to proceed with the draw next year. It was suggested that the lack of crime messages had influenced the coordinators enthusiasm in promoting the sale of tickets. Also the reduction of sales of security items had contributed to the lack of income.

Proposed as a correct record by TF and seconded by RR.

## **6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

MJ had contacted Kent County NhWatch to inform them of Dave Duncombe's resignation. There were no other reports.

## **7. FUNDRAISING EVENTS:**

The Duck Race venue has been provisionally booked, but a KCM will be sent out beforehand to ascertain interest and potential attendance. This will also be publicised in the Christmas newsletter which will be sent out as a pdf.

Re the Quiz Night, RR knows of someone who presents Quiz Nights and will approach her for further details. The event will take place probably in September. (ACTION RR)

## **8. NEWSLETTER AND PROMOTIONS:**

Re the promotional event at Elm Court Garden, MJ will have confirmation at the end of January for a date in May.

Hempstead Valley is booked for Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. AOB:**

MB considered the possibility of no response to the request for new members and the possibility of opening up membership to others possibly members of other charities. This would require amendment to the existing Constitution.

There was a general discussion around this problem of attracting people and speculation as to why they are reluctant to join for example the current co-ordinators are mainly retirees many have held their posts for a number of years. Also there may be a preference for other means of communication ie Facebook, Whatsap etc.

The committee thanked Gloria Faram for preparing the buffet which was enjoyed afterwards. The meeting closed at 20.40

Date of next meeting: February 11<sup>th</sup> 2020

