

MINUTES OF THE MEDWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2019 AT MEDWAY POLICE STATION

PRESENT:

David Duncombe – Chairman
Adrienne Kinloch – Vice Chairman
Maria Jarvis – Secretary
Rosemary Roberts – Minutes Secretary
Jeff Mannooch – Treasurer
Mark Botting
Matt Durcan
Frank Watton

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

These were received from Tony and Gloria Faram. Michael Laidlaw V&WLO did not attend.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

These were proposed by MJ and seconded by AK as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Further to enquiries made at the last meeting, DD confirmed that free tickets were available for the Police open day to be held on Sunday 30th June and that it was open to anyone holding a ticket on that day.

FW asked if the Kent Fire and Rescue open day was still happening on August 31st. MJ will confirm this event as we hope to have a promotional stand there.

RR asked if there was any update on the messaging system, as coordinators were continuing to comment about the lack of crime messages. DD regretted that there was no update as such, but commented that part of the problem was that there was no one to put the messages out.

DD reported that he has satisfactorily resolved the issue that he had with the Kent Chairman.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

JM distributed and presented a detailed financial report covering 10/04/2019 to 07/05/2019. The main income for that period came from the Quiz Night. He reminded us of the stock take which is due at the end of the month. (MJ and RR made arrangements to do the stock take together one evening) He requested that when the stock take is done he would like to know the buying price and the selling price of the stock where possible. Overall, the financial situation remains in a healthy state.

The report was proposed by RR and seconded by MB

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

DD reported that there was no new messaging system as far as he is aware. There was some discussion about it but no conclusions were reached. Overall, the whole issue remains amorphous and unclear.

DD will continue to raise the issue at County level.

6. POLITICAL CANDIDATES CITING NhWATCH in ELECTION MATERIAL:

This issue was raised by DD and referred to our new committee member Matt Durcan who recently stood as an independent candidate in local elections. In his personal published statement as a candidate he listed the various committees etc in which he was involved one of which was NhWatch. The problem arose because he did not clear this with the Medway Committee beforehand and there were some inaccuracies in his statement. There was also some concern that it implied that NhWatch was endorsing his candidacy which was not the case. He was then given the opportunity to explain his actions, after which he left the room briefly whilst remaining members discussed the situation. MB regretted that the committee were not informed beforehand that this item was on the agenda.

The outcome of the discussion was that there was no conflict of interest and that no harm was done. MD thought he was promoting NhWatch as a force for good and encouraging people to get involved. He apologised that his intentions were misconstrued. Thus he will continue as a committee member, but not as a full member until the AGM. This rule will apply now to all new committee members.

7. AGM/CONFERENCE 2019:

DD circulated and presented the revised joint agenda for the above which was accepted. MJ will contact the 3 speakers and confirm the time slots that have been allocated to them.

Coordinators will be messaged as to the details. MD offered to produce a flyer to send out. AK wanted to know who would be coming, but jobs on the day will be allocated at the next meeting.

It was recognised that this a drastic change from the usual format ie no lunch provided or raffle held, but if it encourages more people to attend then the change is worthwhile.

8. FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

There was a good response to the recent Quiz Night. AK suggested we try the Duck Race again possibly in April or May next year. DD will ask T and GF to host it as before.

9. NEWSLETTER AND PROMOTIONS:

MJ reported that she had insufficient articles to produce the newsletter this time but will do so in August and send them out with other items for the AGM/Conference.

10. AOB

DD asked members to read through the constitution which is due for an update, as it has not been reviewed since 2008. and recommend items for amendment by the next meeting.

MB described a website – kentvolunteers.org where adverts can be posted for volunteer roles.

Meeting closed at 21.05

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th August

