

MINUTES OF THE MEDWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019 AT MEDWAY POLICE STATION

PRESENT:

David Duncombe – Chairman
Adrienne Kinloch – Vice Chairman
Maria Jarvis – Secretary
Rosemary Roberts – Minutes Secretary
Mark Botting
Tony Faram
Gloria Faram

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

These were received from Jeff Mannooch and Michael Laidlow. Matt Durcan was absent.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

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

3 . MATTERS ARISING:

RR raised the issue of updating the Constitution, a topic that had been previously discussed. JM had commented that a separate constitution was not actually necessary so she had asked him for clarification in order to complete the minutes, which she recorded and read out to members present. DD whilst understanding the points made, stated that as other NhWatch associations had a constitution detailing how they were managed then Medway would need one too. This was again deferred.

DD stated he would not attend the next County meeting because it was located outside of Canterbury and difficult to access.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

DD presented the financial report prepared by JM in his absence. AK commented that the Association was spending more than was coming in, but the balance remained healthy. The report was proposed by AK and seconded by RR.

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

DD regretted that he had nothing to report and felt that he was getting more and more disappointed with the lack of decision making arising from the Kent meetings. CI Jason Wenlock the police lead for NhWatch has been promoted to Superintendent.

6. AGM and CONFERENCE:

DD had collated the returned feedback forms from the conference and presented the outcome. Overall there were high scores in all the categories and attendees thought it was worthwhile coming and that it was sensible to combine the two in one event.

RR commented that once again the roving microphones were not working because the police radios interfered with them. There were comments on the day that the poor acoustics detracted from the event.

RR suggested that DD send out an email thanking the 38 people who attended which was agreed. There was then some discussion as to why attendance was poor with the same faces turning up year after year. Perhaps a change of venue was needed that had a better link to public transport. The Medway Innovations Centre in Rochester was mentioned by AK as

being more central, even though it was more expensive to hire, but may appeal to people who cannot drive. Various ideas were mooted for future consideration.

7. FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

MJ reported that the Xmas draw tickets had been sent out with only 800 ordered this year. Regarding the Duck Race, she had liaised with TF AND GF and the date Friday 17th April had been booked provisionally but to email coordinators nearer the time to gauge interest. Regarding a Quiz Night a decision would be made at the next meeting for late summer or early autumn next year.

8. NEWSLETTER AND PROMOTIONS:

MJ has booked a promotion March 28th at Hempstead Valley. She also contacted Wypvale Garden Centre, This has now been taken over by a private company and has now reverted to its old name of Elm Court Garden Centre. Provisional dates booked are 2nd 16th or 30th May. MJ asked for availability to help. She has also managed to recruit outside helpers.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

DD announced that he was standing down as Chairman. He said that he had been inferring that he had this in mind for two years and thought now that time had come

He described ongoing frustration from Kent County meetings plus health issues which led to his decision. He will finalise any admin issues prior to finishing completely and recalled that he has held the Chairman role for about 15 years

AK as Vice Chairman announced that she was also standing down.

GF as a committee member also announced her resignation.

MB then summarised the situation. MJ and TF remain as directors. Six committee members remain which is enough to continue, however a new Chairman and Vice Chairman will need to be appointed. It was agreed that these appointments would be deferred until the next meeting. In the meantime the remaining members, MB and TF who not hold official positions will take on these roles temporarily.

The remaining committee proposed a vote of thanks to DD, AK and GF for their commitment and dedication to NhWatch.

MB suggested that we need to send an email requesting more committee members.

AOB:

This time was spent discussing the above.

Meeting closed at 21.00

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3th December

