

# Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch Committee

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 19.30 at Community Room, Fire Station, Nailsea

## 1. Present / Apologies

Name	Pres	Apols
Peter Smith – Chairperson	Yes	
Mike West – Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Colin Oliver – Treasurer	Yes	
Ian Mottram – Distribution Support	Yes	
Trevor Lyons	Yes	
Sue Lomax	No	Yes (holiday)
Terry Thompson	No	Yes (holiday)
Colin Basson	No	

## 1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September were taken as read.

## 2. Matters arising from minutes

- 5.10 Identity cards & lanyards. **ACTION: Trevor to find a suitable supplier and costs.**
- 3.3 The noisy air conditioning in the room has been reported to Fire & Rescue HQ.
- 4.2 Peter has sent a letter of thanks to Blue Iris, commending our driver Keith for his timekeeping. Letters of thanks have also been sent to Dr Liam Fox for hosting our visit to the Houses of Parliament and the Lord Lieutenant of Bristol for her talk in October.
- 5.1 The Air Ambulance has been given our cheque for £35.
- 6.1 The CCTV visit to Weston Town Hall was successfully organised by Mike.
- 10.3 Peter has approached guest speakers for 2015.
- 12.1 Ian has received the required cold caller stickers. Peter has sent a card to John Wood's wife wishing him a speedy recovery.

## 3. Treasurer's report

- 3.1 Colin reported that our bank balance stands at £4,235.88. His projection for September next year (before any subscriptions for 2016) is a balance of approx £2,500.

## 4. Visit to CCTV Control Room , Weston Town Hall

- 4.1 This visit was attended by Mike, Peter, Colin Oliver and two lady NHW members from Heath Road. It showed us the benefits of the new digital cameras together with a digital feed. At present Nailsea Town Council are keen to change over to a digital feed, however a decision on replacing our cameras (which are nearing the end of their useful life) has not been made. The demonstration showed that a digital feed without the right cameras would not deliver any improvement in quality.
- 4.2 The manager, Chris xxxxxxxxxxx, said he wished more people would visit and he would be pleased to host another. He also agreed to give a talk for us if he was available..

## 5. Christmas Social

- 5.1 It was agreed we will use the same format as last year
- 5.2 **Meet and Greet – Sue Lomax and Colin Oliver.**  
We will need to record the numbers attending due to Fire regulations. (Colin will bring receipt books should anyone want to pay subscription money. This will be recorded as 2016 subscriptions.)
- 5.3 **Bingo – Ian.**  
Peter has the bingo set. Suggest we give prizes for Top Line, Bottom Line and Full House (all x2). Peter will supply pencils. TWO bingo cards to be given out to each member at tables.
- 5.4 **Coins in the Jar - Peter**  
He will bring jar & sign plus entry sheets for members.
- 5.5 **General Knowledge quiz – Ian.**  
Peter will print off required number of copies.
- 5.6 **Cartoon captions – Mike.**  
Peter will print off copies for each table.
- 5.7 **Table decorations – Sue.**  
(Peter has the tablecloths)
- 5.8 **Photographs – Mike.**

- 5.9 **Winter slide show – Mike.**
- 5.10 **Music & lights – Peter**
- 5.11 **PA set up – Ian.**
- 5.12 **Please can everyone arrive at the URC Church Hall at 6:15pm on the night to help get the hall ready. We need to set up everything, including the maximum number of tables and chairs, before people start arriving around 7pm.**
- 5.13 Steve Williams from Clevedon Windows will be exhibiting and the Scouts Post will be there until 8pm.
- 5.14 **Police – Peter will invite them.**
- 5.15 **NHW Display Board complete with Town Map etc. – Ian to bring**
- 5.16 **Christmas Lights and Projector – Peter to bring**
- 5.17 **Refreshments – Peter will contact Margaret Brown re mince pies and helpers.** If she cannot get anyone could Sue help her please?
- 5.18 **Raffle tickets and Quiz sheets** to be handed to members on entry.
- 5.19 **Prizes – Ian.** It was agreed we should keep to £50 budget as last year. We will need 6 prizes for the Bingo; one each for the quiz and coins in the jar; and as many as possible for the Raffle (20 total if possible).
- 5.20 **Potted plants for 3 x tea ladies – Ian.**
- 5.21 **Please try to bring along Christmas hats and name badges.** Peter has spare badges if anyone needs one.

## 6. Houses of Parliament trip

- 6.1 Liam Fox's secretary has apologised to Peter that she has been unable to secure a date for a visit next year before the General Election. She has suggested that we try for early summer. It was agreed that Peter will ask her in December for a date in June (visits for June need to be submitted on 2<sup>nd</sup> January). **ACTION: Peter**
- 6.2 We have more than enough names of people who were unsuccessful last year. Additional names submitted will be offered a place if we do not have enough people to fill the coach. Evelyn and Stuart Arthur, and Trevor Lyons and Brenda will be added to the list.  
**ACTION: Peter**

## 7. Guest Speakers 2015

- 7.1 Peter reported that he has received an apology from Sue Mounsteven's PA that she will not be able to attend. He has also received no reply from the Police Firearms Unit after two attempts. It was agreed that he will contact the CCTV Manager at Weston and Portbury Docks for speakers.  
**Action: Peter to confirm all speakers before the next newsletter. He will also contact the Macular Support Group to confirm speaker(s).**

The provisional list is:

MARCH – CCTV  
 MAY – Clevedon Pier Trust  
 JULY – Backwell & Nailsea Macular Support Group  
 OCTOBER – Portbury Docks

## 8. Schemes

- 8.1 Peter reported that the Coordinators for both North Street (West) and Sunnymede Road are retiring. Jon Yabsley from North Street has become disillusioned with the lack of information being provided by the Police, following a recently burglary/robbery in the street only being reported in the local Press. Peter has made Mark Raby (Sergeant) aware of this and he could only apologise for the incident. The Police however have been helpful delivering letters to North Street members, and our Sunnymede CP has included a recruitment letter in the latest WatchIT. A replacement has been found for North Street (West) who will be registered this week. Someone has come forward to take over Sunnymede Road if no-one else can be found. **Action: Peter**
- 8.2 Our Coordinator for Harptree Close has also resigned. Ian has agreed to take over the role. **Action: Peter** to complete registration

## **9. Newsletter**

- 9.1 Ian has expressed the wish to discontinue distributing the newsletter at the end of the year. As you know, Jill & Geoff Collard already collate the newsletters for us. Geoff has agreed to take over from Ian distributing our newsletter bundles starting in February. Ian will deputise whenever Geoff is away.  
Ian has done a great job with distribution and the Chairman thanked him for his commitment.

## **10. Any other Business**

- 10.1 None

## **11. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be **February 10<sup>th</sup> 2015** at Nailsea Fire Station starting at 07:30pm.

**Meeting closed at 9 pm**