

Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 11th September 12 2018 the Tithe Barn

A presentation was given before the meeting by David Raybould. He is a skilled carpenter and lock fitter and Operator of the Bobby Van, providing a home security service for vulnerable people especially those who have been victims of crime. The service is available 9am –5pm Mon – Fri and takes referrals from the Police and Partner Agencies. The vehicle costs and the operator's salary are funded by the Police all the equipment used is funded by The Police Community Trust which is a charity. The service is about to be rebranded to 'Be Home Safe'. The Chair thanked David Raybould for his presentation and the Committee agreed to donate £250 for the service delivered in Nailsea.

Present – Sue Lomax(SL),Colin Oliver(CO),Sandra Hearne(SH),Nick Hastings(NH),Tim Holman(TH),Pam Wakeling(PW),Richard West(RW),Anne Slade(AS),Gill McConachie(GM)

The Chair(SL) welcomed Sandra Hearne the new Hon. Treasurer and Richard West to the Committee.

1. Apologies.

Brenda Dashfield(BD)

2. Minutes of last meeting.

Minutes of the meeting 12th June 2018 were accepted as correct.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Bank balance stands at £3609.95 with subscriptions yet to be paid. SH expressed concern that Barclays Bank is changing the way money is accepted into business accounts. The issues are around the need to use a debit card or paying in slip when paying in money to a bank. Concerns were raised about how these changes would impact onto Coordinators. SH and CO to explore how NHW can meet the new requirement.

4. Schemes Progress.

6 Schemes have new Coordinators and there are 19 listed Schemes that are not currently active. The active Schemes are functioning well and it was agreed that Coordinators should be protected from excess pressure especially in regard to the new paying in requirements.

5. New Schemes Invitation.

Co had drafted an excellent letter to be distributed to those roads not currently part of Nailsea NHW. Lengthy discussion identified that roads not participating were unevenly spread across the town and a more coordinated approach was needed and this was discussed in Agenda item 6.

6. Advertising Nailsea NHW.

Placing an advertisement in the North Somerset Times was discussed in detail. TH suggested that maybe an open letter to the newspaper might be more effective. This was thought to be an excellent idea and RW agreed to draft a letter using CO's original letter as a template.

7. Newsletter.

Everyone agreed that the new format was excellent and had been very well received. GM reported that an email to the Newsletter Editors would reach her and Tash at newsletter@nailseanhw.org.uk. TH questioned whether or not the Newsletter be distributed electronically, GM highlighted the difficulties for general distribution but agreed it could be delivered to Committee members at members@nailseanhw.org.uk

8. October Public Meeting.

The speaker at the meeting to be held at 7.30pm on October 3rd will be Age UK raising awareness of the scams prevalent at the moment. The event should be advertised in the North Somerset Times.

9. AOB.

1. TH proposed that the Committee consider a donation to Nailsea Disability Initiative. Agreement was reached to wait until next year to consider any new donations.
2. CO had been storing NHW display boards and engraving equipment and now needed the space to be released. GM agreed to inspect the engraving equipment and dispose appropriately. SL agreed to ask the United Reform Church to store the display boards.
3. CO is recorded on the National NHW database as the Administrator for Nailsea NHW. As TH is now the Schemes Administrator he will replace CO on the National NHW database.

10. Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday November 13th 2018

The meeting ended at 8.40pm