

December 2021 Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch
Minutes

Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch Committee Meeting

Held at 19:30 on 14/12/2021 via Zoom

Attendees:

Jeremy Blatchford

Sandra Hearne

Colin Oliver

Ken Hallett

Jane Starkey

Rich West

Kimberley Hayes

Gill McConachie

1. Next Member Meeting and Re-run of AGM – 12th January

1.1 Date changed from 13th Jan to 20th Jan due to Brownies having room next door and would be too loud.

Jeremy to compose a Police alert for Paul Johnson to issue to Coordinators publicising the January meeting.

Jeremy also to prepare two website links, including details of Zoom access if we proceed down that route:

<https://www.nailseanhw.org.uk/index/stoppress.html> which is the **Stop Press** page where the latest information is shown, including meeting notifications.

<https://www.nailseanhw.org.uk/index/calendar.html> which is the Calendar page where people can see future meetings and any future events, such as Police events (is they ever have any in Nailsea!).

1.2 Jeremy is researching a means of online voting via ALCA.

ALCA are Avon Local Councils Association. Further clarification to follow.

1.3 Jeremy has also organised a postal option with deliver to Tithe Barn or 65 High Street.

However, it was agreed this could be done via Paul and his Police alerts to coordinators and then from there to their members. These used to be delivered via Newsletter.

1.4 Jeremy is trying to get to see community safety or 'Two Towns Planners' but will not see them until Thursday 16th December.

For info, Two Town Planners are a Professional organisation funded by Govt. to work out plan for Nailsea and Clevedon. Having public meetings etc.

2. Management Team.

2.1. We have a proposed new treasurer.

Jane Starkey has agreed to take on this role.

The position with online banking was queried.

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Sandra Hearne confirmed Jeremy has signed his signatory form. Ken has been to WSM Barclays and provided evidence of identity and completed signatory forms. She has another form to be able to add another signature to the account and it would be nice to get Jane signed up so she can send all signatory paperwork back in one go. Jane will liaise with Sandra about this.

2.2. Website administrator remains unfilled at this time.

Colin is prepared to continue in the interim re alerts etc.

There was a query about the amount of online traffic on site? Colin confirmed it is about 2000, but could be a bot issue. Has a lot of hits but not sure how many are human!

Colin also requested when we know future meeting dates/speakers he can enter them into the Calendar and then show the next subsequent meeting in the ****Stop Press**** section.

The website links will hopefully stop people complaining that the website does not show, or they can't find, meetings information.

In addition to help direct users, the red inverted triangles on relevant website menus will indicate that there are lower pages/menus available.

3. North Somerset Reorganisation.

3.1. Local Community Response officer – Chris Olive

He is responsible for activities in crime prevention. A developing role. Not same authority as a PCSO.

3.2. Wellbeing Coordinator – new from April under command of NTC.

This is another new role but no details available for meeting.

3.3. There is a possibility to use a joint Community website, Weston College is designing for Weston Community Association, but it will have a long lead time. Jeremy is looking to get in contact with Weston College to help with our website.

4. Market presence.

4.1 Need to increase our profile. Town council is trying to get us together with Nailsea School head of Governors

4.2 Proposed to have a presence at the April Nailsea Market however this is Easter Weekend. Note, there are no Nailsea Market in Jan or Feb 2022.

4.3 Town council have said we can use No 65 if we want to.

4.4 There is a long wait for stalls so could use police / Community Safety vehicle, as doing it jointly with police and community safety team is much easier.

4.5 Do we try to get Police and Crime Commissioner and MP to visit?

Suggestion not to do this until we get people on seats at meetings.

4.6 Ken confirmed that he and Colin are the go to people to get damaged signs replaced!

5. News Letter.

5.1. Do we have capacity to write and design?

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Consensus was that we do not have this capacity. It has to be printed and distributed and we have to get contact people engaged to do it, but have had no luck with this.

5.2 Suggestion was to put something in local paper instead, as well as "Whats On Nailsea". We can get also get an alert to say see note in paper.

5.3 Note, Adroit printers have not got back to us despite reminders. There are alternative printer suppliers, one in Nailsea and one in Cleeve. The Cleeve printer may be an option for high volume low price. However, question remained as to who wishes to lead?

5.4 It was suggested, best way to proceed was via something in local papers to say what we are doing, in addition to an email via co-ordinators. This gets info to as many people as possible in the most practical way.

6. Grant Application.

6.1. National grant application can be done via

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/communitygrants>.

6.2. Jeremy to explore and make application between 14th March to 13th May.

6.3. What would we apply for? Reaching out across age range? Could pay for paper printing, but still have issue of distribution?

6.4 It was agreed this was worth applying for and Jeremy is to lead this. A question was raised as to how does other NHW's fund themselves?

6.4 Would it help police if people could report to NHW? Maybe, but does this duplicates Crimewatch tel no.

7. AOB.

7.1 Possibly delay AGM to February due to Covid.

7.2 £3042 in bank account.

Next Meeting date TBA