

Wiltshire and Swindon NHW Association

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Notes of the Committee meeting held on Wed 13th July 2011 at Wiltshire Police Headquarters

Present

Digby Barker (Chair), Gordon Smith (Deputy CAC Colingbourne Dulcis), Anne Cleverley (CAC Corsham), David Leonard (AC Box Village), Ian Mace (CAC Malmesbury), David Nicol (SC Marlborough CA), Gwyn Comley (CAC Chippenham), Trudy Law (AC Fovant Village), Lesley Favager (CAC Westbury)

1. The meeting was run on informal lines in the absence of a number of members and in particular the Association's lack of a Secretary. It was:
2. NOTED:
 - 2.1. With sadness that David Colledge, the Association Treasurer since its inception and a key player in its formation, had died on 20th June 2011 and that Gwyn Comely, Ian Mace and the Chairman had attended David's funeral on the 1st July.
 - 2.2. That further to the report in the previous minutes regarding NHW Street signs:
 - 2.2.1. Ian Mace's report that the half of the existing stock of signs which we were told were at Malmesbury Police Station cannot be found there.
 - 2.2.2. Gwyn Comely tabled an information sheet headed 'NHW Signs'
 - 2.2.3. It was reported that Swindon had now come into line with the rest of Wiltshire except that Balfour Beatty was not responsible for erecting them. Also the Swindon signs have a reference to 'Swindon' on them.
 - 2.2.4. The current order form for NHW Signs on the web site and in the NPT Toolkit refer to cheques being made payable to 'Wiltshire Police' – this needed to be updated.
 - 2.3. That following his letter of 14th April 2011 to the Chief Constable expressing the Committee's concern about the future of NHW/Police HQ liaison, the Chairman had received an acknowledgement from the Chief's Office and a phone call from Chief Superintendent Andy Tatam who is responsible for the Operational Policing Model Design & Implementation Team. Ch Supt Tatam had assured the Chairman that the Police did not intend to let the good work that had been done over recent years in developing the NHW system and records go to waste and would be inviting the Association's views on the way ahead before firm decisions were taken. Not having heard anything for some weeks, the Chairman had asked Ch Supt Tatam for an update on progress for the meeting but nothing had been forthcoming.
 - 2.4. That Gwyn Comely had written to the Chief Constable in June regarding issues raised by the CMCMC coalition of NHWatchers (CMCMC – Chippenham, Malmesbury, Corsham, Melksham, Calne) in connection with their information-sharing initiative. This had met with a positive response with one Mark Sellers being nominated as the point of contact on the CC's staff.
 - 2.5. That the Association had received an award from the Wiltshire Police Authority recognising its work with the Police. The framed certificate had been displayed along with other mementoes at David Colledge's funeral.
 - 2.6. The problems that Anne Cleverley was experiencing with her local NPT not being aware of their role in setting up new NHW schemes nor of the NPT Toolkit and the possibility of involving the Corsham Insp. Andy Bevan. She would let the Chairman know if she wanted him to take the matter up with Police HQ.
 - 2.7. The difficulty presented by NHWatch volunteers who wished to combine NHW with other community initiatives and/or might be motivated - at least in part - by the benefits that known community involvement might bring to their careers.
3. AGREED that:
 - 3.1. David Nicol was the new Association Treasurer in place of David Colledge.
 - 3.2. Lesley Favager (CAC Westbury) was now a co-opted member of the Association Committee.
 - 3.3. The Chairman should ask Ch Supt Andy Tatam to provide an interim point-of-contact within the Police HQ to whom the Association could turn for assistance pending a permanent solution to the problem that the loss of Nick Bancroft and David Budd had created. (PMN: Insp David Minty was given this role as a result of the Chairman's request to Andy Tatam).
 - 3.4. It was important that NHW Coordinators at all levels were proactive regarding initiating and maintaining contact with the Police at the appropriate level.
4. Date of next meeting: Wed 12th October 2011

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