

MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE & SWINDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION  
agm HELD AT WILTSHIRE POLICE HEADQUARTERS DEVIZES ON SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 2015

Present

Gwyn Comley	Chair
Ian Mace	Dep Chair
Sue Stocker	Treasurer
Angus Macpherson	PCC
Julie Locks	Victim Support
Amanda Clarke	Wilts Police - minute taker.
Kat Fleet	Wilts police Community Messaging

Reg & Evelyn Halsall, Gavin Ketchen, Paul Corengia, David Parks,  
Hazel Yates-Jones, Colin Gale, Ben Myerscough, B G Swanson,  
Derek & Nora Fawcett, John Bartram, Howard Chandler, Kim Wheeler-Mallows  
Mike Davidson, David Whetton, Roy Washbourne, Roger & Pauline Smith  
Dennis Gill, Pat & Ian Ham, Marlene Walker, Andrew SurrIDGE, Vivien Coombs  
Sue Dallyn

1. Welcome

The Chair introduced the committee and offered a warm welcome to all of those in attendance. The Chair welcomed Julie from Victim Support who had a stand with information and leaflets at the back of the room, all were welcome to take information away with them.

2. Apologies

Brian Boston, Lucy Pleass, Amanda Newbury, Jeremy Cook, Caroline Fowke, Carolyn Whistler, Trevor Woodbridge, Jim Radford, Maureen Porter, David Germain, Jeremy Hawkins, Charles Smith, Ruth Kiddle, Paul Shepherd, Diane Hillier, Graham Walton, Sheila Wicks, Rachel Privett, Sylvia Hollier, Les Brown, Colin Stone, Charles Smith, Angela Catton, Chris Done, Janet Done, David Bullock, Des Mannall, Eric Clark, John Crosland, Jill Quadri, June Foster, Keith Dennham, Lyn Snook, Michael Goater, Mike Bird, Naomi Beal, Mark Bentley, Ursula Starkie, Pam Robinson, Cynthia Legg, Tina Johnson, Cynthia Bunday,

Colin Edwards, David Sergeant, Judith Rundle, Trudie Cronje-Jaravis, David Wildman, Kevin Adcock, Jane Brotherton, Hew Helps, Vera Coleman, Elaine Whittaker, Jane Dudley

### 3. Address by the PCC

Mr Macpherson gave an outline of the years activities and the launch of Community Messaging. Mr Macpherson awarded Gwyn, Ian and Sue certificates in acknowledgement of their hard work on the committee as they are all three stepping down from their posts.

### 4. Previous Minutes (AGM 2014)

The Minutes were agreed. Reg Halsall proposed, Sue Stoker seconded. There were no matters arising.

### 5. Report of the committee

The Chair gave an update of the years NHW activities locally, regionally and nationally and the progress of NHW with Community Messaging. There was a training session to take place after the AGM had closed for those who would like assistance with mapping their scheme or any other issues they may have. The Chair congratulated Sue Stoker on becoming the Volunteer of the year and acknowledged the hard work of the committee. The chair thanked the police liaison Amanda Clarke for all her hard work and assistance. The Chair said that although she was giving up the Chair for personal reasons, she would remain in post until a replacement could be found and give a full handover.

### 6. Treasurers report

Before starting the treasurers report, Sue Stoker said that she was happy to have been named volunteer of the year but that it was a team effort, and the award was really for her team and she thanked them all for the support they have given NHW in Melksham.

Sue gave a report of the accounts which had been audited and was reported as representing a true and accurate state of accounts for Wiltshire and Swindon NHW Association.

A question was asked re the funds, what they were used for and where they came from. Ian Mace explained the majority of the money in the account was

accrued from sales and fitting of signs, and would be used to purchase more signs once the supply had been depleted, and pay for their fitting. A member asked that Balfour Beatty be requested to fit the signs more securely as they moved when there was any significant wind. Ian agreed to look into this.

## 7. Wiltshire & Swindon Community Messaging

Reg Halsall delivered a report on the progress of Community Messaging, which had completed its rollout across the force. Following a power point presentation, Reg took questions from the floor;

Q - could we have some face to face training please?

A - this is in hand.

Q would it be possible for Area coordinators to have administrative control to see all member in an area and communicate with them.

A - we will look into if this can be done.

Q - A member had signed up to CM at an event in Devizes market place by visiting the police van and the officers assisting her. She felt it was the safest way to do it. Will this be available to other people?

A - Wherever a police van with officers is at an event they will be able to assist. There are also other events involving the police where members of the public can sign up to CM.

Mike Davidson, CAC for Warminster kindly gave a brief outline of how he had used CM & was rolling it out across his area. He offered to assist anyone else.

## 8. Election of Officers

All Officer posts were available as all officers are stepping down. There were no nominations for Chair, Deputy Chair or Secretary so Chair and Deputy Chair will endure in the role for a max of 6 months while replacements are sort. The post of Secretary is unfilled. Reg Halsall had put his name forward for Treasurer. There were no other nominees and he was therefore voted through proposed by Sue Stoker and seconded by Gavin Ketchen.

## 9. Any Other Business

Q - Communication is an issue as internet providers limit the number of recipients for e-mails to between 25 - 50 dependant on provider. This makes it difficult for NHW messages to be sent out. Is there a way round this?

A - This is put in place to prevent scam e-mails etc. If you get the people with e-mail addresses signed up to CM you will be able to communicate with them all with one message.

Q - Does NHW have a list of builders etc who are safe to have in your home or will not con you?

A - Trading standards operate the Check-a-trade scheme which will provide recommended companies, NHW do not have anything like this.

Q - Are parish councils involved in Community Messaging?

A - Yes, some are but not all. We are looking to increase the number of Parish Councils who are members.

The Chair thanked Mr Macpherson, the PCC for all his help and support of NHW, it was very much appreciated.

The meeting closed at 11.50.

A Community Messaging training session was held in the Neville Room after the AGM.