



Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch  
**NOTTSWATCH**



**Minutes of NottsWatch Management Team Meeting 10 January 2015**  
**10.15am**

**Attending: -**

David Rhodes	DR	City
Mary Penford MBE	MP	Mansfield
Sue Sambells	SAS	Broxtowe
Paul Macey	PM	Newark
Angela Peer	AP	Operations Manager
John Lennard	JL	Rushcliffe
John Wood	JW	Gedling
John Swanwick	JS	Mansfield
George Collins	GC	Newark & Sherwood
Dajon Poole	DP	City
CI Paul Winter	PW	Notts Police

**Apologies: -**

CI Richard Stapleford	RS	Notts Police
Russ Hamer	RH	Rushcliffe
Yvette Armstrong	YA	Notts County Council
Colin Mackie	CM	City
John Twigg	JT	City
Sue Harris	SH	Ravenshead/Gedling
Paul Noone	PN	Rushcliffe/Upper Broughton

**1. Apologies/welcome**

DR advised ND resigned last month as she is moving out of the area. PN has also resigned, with immediate effect, from the Management Team but is happy to still be involved with training sessions. **Action DR to write to PN, JT, CH & ND to thank them for their contribution and ask PN if he wishes to have his contact details on the NW website, re Safety Training.**

**2. Police update**

A new Department has been created called Citizens in Policing. The team will be responsible for coordinating the work of Special Constables, Volunteers and Cadets as well as linking with academic institutions, this will include work with Neighbourhood Watch (NHW). At a local level each Neighbourhood Policing Inspector will still form the link with local Neighbourhood Watch groups. Chief Inspector Richard Stapleford will lead the team and he will represent the Police at Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch meetings.

Chief Inspector Winter is now working full time on the Force change programme which is called Delivering the Future. This programme is designed to maintain and, where possible, improve the service provided by Nottinghamshire Police in times when we are seeing huge reductions in funding. Over the next 12 months there will be changes in the way response policing works, focusing on delivering a quality service in emergency circumstances. At a Neighbourhood Level, although we will have fewer officers, Nottinghamshire Police intends to maintain local Neighbourhood Teams so that every community has identifiable people who they can contact.

**3. Agree minutes & review action points from 6 October (Executive) and 8 November (Management Team) Meetings.**

Minutes Agreed. Discussed the two unresolved Exec Action Points :

- Pop up displays - DR to cover cost of high resolution logos & display from PCC funding. Action JL & DR to discuss and finalise.
- Advertising on public vehicles - Further discussion, but deemed not workable and dropped as an Action.

**4. Short reports re:**

**a. Status of projects funded from PCC's Community Safety Fund**

Partnership Plus MP has followed up interest from Astra Housing and JS from Meden Vale. AP is organizing presentations at the other Partnership Plus meetings suggested by YA who has provided contacts. Presentations well received. JS has chased up "Street Champions". JS asked for a Grant aid application to be considered for Meden Vale Village. Due to the size of the Scheme and people involved the application was granted, as long as invoices be submitted for equipment and services ordered.

South Broxtowe SAS made presentation to Bramcote's CAT, 1 December 2014, which went very well (DR attended). Presentations booked for Attenborough 11 March and Beeston Rylands 17 March 2015. Remaining South Broxtowe areas to then be reviewed. Despite SAS contacting many known NHW coordinators, there has been a disappointing amount of apathy.

Universities Pilot Remainder of residents, both student and permanent residents, were being contacted and a meeting of all those showing an interest in a buddy-led community watch is planned for the coming term. NHW street signs likely to be erected. Costs up to £400 grant.

Nottingham City Homes DR has just delivered street signs and stickers to Foxton Gardens and signed up a coordinator. This is one of the 61 Independent Living Schemes (ILS) in the City. DP is approaching Housing Associations in the City in similar vein to NCH.

Nottingham Street Pastors AP has visited Doreen Carruthers along with local Street Pastors and arranged to set up a scheme in one of the worst streets for crime/ASB in Bulwell.

Training events PN advised the three held to date have been good, but response

disappointing from NHW members. Discussed using established groups, eg U3A, Probus. **Action Taken - SAS emailed PN to ask if this was feasible as previously emphasis on NHW groups only.**

**b. Small Grants**

Take up still very poor. So far we have awarded up to £400 to the Universities project and agreed to spend a similar amount from the £25 allocations to publicity material . A case for £400 has been made for the Partnership Plus project in Meden Vale (JS) and similar cases are in hand for Oaktree (JS) and Newark (PM). Subject to the items in the request complying with PCC rules, the Trustees approve these grants. **Action JS and GC to send invoices re signs and printing costs of flyers, respectively, to AP - Urgent.**

**c. East Midlands Forum**

Next meeting 4 February. Incorporates a business planning meeting to formulate its input into the National five year plan.

**d. Funding and Lottery bid**

JW - Response received following first stage of lottery bid. Unlikely to succeed as evidence required that crime will be reduced. DR advised there is evidence to show that where NHW is active, crime is reduced but the overall reduction in crime is low, as criminals tend to relocate. Several applications previously made and none granted, re NHW. NHCN do not qualify for lottery funding. PCC unlikely to grant funding for a further year. DR stated his belief that NHW should be a tool towards building social cohesion, and in this, partnerships with PCC, local councils, housing associations, police etc. are essential. Sub-committee to consider sponsorship applications after NW Review findings published.

**e. County & City Treasurer's Report**

DR to meet ND, prior to meeting MP, to produce accounts for PCC by 7<sup>th</sup> February meeting.

**f. NottsWatch Review**

DR thanked JW for his work relating to this review. Report to be presented on 19 February to the Advisory Board and will be published shortly after. It is anticipated that there will be a higher emphasis on communities looking after themselves, as police funding continues to reduce. PM believes the public need to be educated to fill the gap resulting from reduced numbers of officers, and the police have a vital role to lead/support NW in this. JW reiterated the need for a service level agreement (SLA) to be set between Notts Police and NottsWatch.

**g. Meetings attended on behalf of NottsWatch**

- **Media Review 5.11.14 - SAS reported on progress made to the website. Actions distributed to team via email. "Register Here" page remains to be redesigned. To be reviewed by the management team after AGM.**

## **Action to c/f to 15/16**

- **PCC 8.1.15 - DR attended PCC plan meeting. NottsWatch currently considering further PCC bid.**

### **5. Discussion re:**

- a. Conference - AP confirmed progress. One or two speakers, still required, who run successful NHW schemes. Chris Cutland and the new Commander, Mark Holland, will both speak. Discussed other potential speakers. JL to organise stands. Action.**
- b. AGM/Nominations - From the current ten Trustees, DR, PM, SAS, JL, JW and DP were nominated, by the Board, to stand for re-election. GC and JS were also invited to stand. This leaves two positions that may be filled (six-ten Trustees) and should any members of the current Management Team Committee or NottsWatch wish to stand as Trustees, having been nominated, they should contact NW, FAO the Secretary, before 7 February 2014. Action AP to send an alert to all NW members, with amended Constitution. See below.**
- c. Constitution and Charity Commission - Amended Constitution to be uploaded to website and sent out via alerts. Any disagreements to the document must be sent, in writing, to NW, FAO the Secretary before 7 February 2015. Action JW/JL/AP**
- d. Publicity Material - Discussed proposed flyer to encourage residents to join NW/set up a scheme. A few minor amendments suggested. Action SAS to request Abi Sambells, to amend and send high resolution version to AP who will seek quote re printing costs.**

### **6. A.O.B.**

Following discussion, it was agreed that NottsWatch, using capital N and W was preferable to Nottswatch, in order to promote the brand image.

- 7. Date of next meeting - 7 February 2015: Dunkirk & Old Lenton Community Centre. NG7 2JW.**

The meeting concluded 1.30pm