

Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association

Notes of the committee meeting held on 30/7/26

Attendees: Stan Jones (Chairman), Geoff Pegg (Director of Operations), Derek Colegrave (Treasurer), Eric Hambling and Riaz Ahmed.

Apologies: Caterina Dodaro, Alison Charman, Jonathan Foster and Malcolm D'Silva.

Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. It was proposed and accepted that Riaz Ahmed would become a member of the committee.

Notes on the AGM held on 21/5/26 were considered. It was agreed to be a successful meeting with reasonable attendance and good speakers. A brief discussion followed on feedback for the next AGM, such as location. Eric was asked if he could provide some data on the density of coordinators/members to help choose a location, but also to show where we should focus boosting membership.

Notes of the meeting of 30/4/26 were agreed as accurate.

Matters arising not covered later:

We need to get the names of applicants when we hand out the membership forms to see if they result in any new members. **Action Geoff/Stan**

Check with national whether Bucks schools are receiving the National Youth Newsletter. **Action Stan**

Has Sue Hynard of BIDCO arranging to put up our signs in HW centre yet? **Action Stan**

We need to continue to consider how to use our present funds to improve our coverage. Possibilities are the use of adverts in local newsletters encouraging people to join NHW or pay for more seminars such as on burglaries or cybercrime. **Action All**

All committee members were asked to consider topics that could be written up and publicised. Any thought on topics to Stan or Ali please. **Action All**

Operations Director's Report – tabled

Geoff pointed out the ???

There has been no further contact with Annice Thomas of BNU although first contact seemed positive. **Action Geoff**

The news item from Sue Hynard has not appeared yet.

Action Stan

Treasurer's Report –

There was a small loss in the period reported, but not of significance.

It was necessary to change the banking mandate to operate efficiently in the future. Derek suggested the following replacement words. The change was proposed by Eric and seconded by Geoff.

13.6 (Replacement clause) 'A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Association with such bank as the Committee shall from time to time decide. The Committee shall authorise and minute a minimum of three and a maximum of four Committee Members including the Treasurer to make payments on behalf of the Association. Any one authorised person can make payments by way of electronic 'on line' banking or cheque.

All such payments to be recorded and immediately advised to the Treasurer. The Treasurer is required to present a summary of such outgoing payments to the Committee at the next appropriate Committee Meeting. The Treasurer is also required to advise the other Committee Members, who are authorised to make payments, of outgoing all payments made from the account immediately.'

Seminars – It is anticipated that we will have a Godstowe meeting later in the year. As Insp. Jodie Duggan is unwell, we will need to progress the next seminar ourselves. It was agreed to discuss the issue with Sgt Darren Walsh, with the likelihood the topic would be ASB.

Action Geoff

Local reports – Remains generally quiet in the suburbs apart from Nitrous Oxide cylinders and speeding.

Publicity/Website – Ali has taken over publicity from Caterina.

Liaison Updates:

TV Police – Stan reminded all that the National Association of IAGs was holding its Annual Conference in Hull on October 27th, available remotely.

National NHW – Further new initiatives but nothing immediately relevant.

TVNWA – We continue to liaise with Val and help her with S Bucks where possible. They have funds we can access as long as we meet the necessary criteria.

Bucks Council – we should contact BC education dept. to check if they are receiving National's youth newsletter.

Action Stan

We need to try to get more engagement with BC's Safety Team. **Action Stan**

BIDCO – As above regarding Sue Hynard.

Development - It was pointed out the advancing age of some committee members and the need to have deputies, if possible, to spread the load. This is also relevant to succession planning.

Youth Engagement/Youth Watch:

The events at Cressex school went ahead successfully. Although one of our two contacts has left we will keep in touch in readiness for the next term.

Stan will approach Pipers School to see if they are interested in doing the same as Cressex. The school has approached Hughenden PC with a view to doing community work so this gives us a way in. **Action Stan**

We need to consider youth specific Alerts. **Action Geoff/Stan**

AOB – none

Next meetings: Thursdays – 24th Sept, 26th November.

Stan 1/8/26