

**ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION**  
**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND MEETING NOTES TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**

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**ATTENDEES:**

Clive Stewart (Chairman and representing Braintree District) , Roger Passfield ( Vice Chairman, County Co-ordinator and Thurrock) Peter Salmon (Vice Chairman and Brentwood) .  
Colin Freeman ( Event Co-ordinator) , Jeff Appleby ( Essex Police), Dave Sexton ( Tendring)  
Colin Pendall (Tendring) , Grahame Stehl (Colchester), Alan Norman ( Southend) , Ian Lewis ( Southend)  
Colin Dobinson ( Crimestoppers), Darren Horsman ( The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner) ,  
Derrick Giffin (Uttlesford), Nadine Rudd (Witham/Braintree), Frank Ferguson (Basildon)  
Mike Hooper ( Treasurer & Rochford) and Clive Woodward ( Basildon).

**APOLOGIES:**

Jerry Crawford ( Harlow), Steve Leverett ( Chelmsford), Mandy Chapman ( Maldon)  
Louise Curtis (Essex Fire & rescue Service), Jenny Brouard (Essex Police),  
Mike Compton and Tracey Graham ( Epping Forest).

**ESSEX POLICE REPORT: Jeff Appleby**

Jeff gave a full report and an update on ECM ( which was again discussed by all) and the report and updated of details of each Essex Police District Commander was distributed to all Districts after the meeting.

**OFFICE OF POLICE FIRE & CRIME OFFICE: Darren Horsman**

Darren updated everyone with the activities.

Clive Stewart raised the matter of the email and the possibility of increased funding for ECNWA for 2019 and also 2020.

It was advised that when there are any increased funds it will be formally advised by OPFCC.

**UPDATE:**

*The Executive had a discussion on this matter after the meeting, and it was agreed that ANY extra funding which may be available from The OPFCC in 2019 or 2020 ( over and above £11.000) will be divided equally between the fourteen Districts to avoid any "applications" for funds at ECNWA meetings.*

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

This past year has certainly been busy and the time has flown by.

There were great highlights and actions and these are a few :-

1. Jane Gardner Deputy Police Fire & Crime Commissioner agreeing to fund the printing of 38,000 of our first Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Members Guides. Each District received a minimum of 2,000 Members Guides to distribute to their members, and I also created an email version which was very much appreciated as it reached everyone who did not want a hardcopy.
2. The Members Guides have been very well received and I had many compliments, especially from Roger Hirst, The Police Fire & Crime Commissioner and Jane Gardner (Deputy PF&CC), Senior Essex Police Officers, National Neighbourhood Watch and many of our partners too. I was also delighted with all those who supported the Guide by providing tremendous contributions. We appreciated Phil Stewart who designed them at no charge to ECNWA or OPFCC.
3. We had a great meeting with the new Essex Police Chief Constable Mr. B.J Harrington at Police Headquarters on 15<sup>th</sup> January, and his support for Neighbourhood Watch is very welcome.
4. My meetings with Jane Gardner, Deputy Police & Fire Crime Commissioner to update her on our activities and how we use the funding we receive from them each year. As you know this has again been agreed for 2019/2020 with £11,000.
5. The Police Fire & Crime Commissioner's Office provided funds for individual applications from some Districts eg: Epping Forest and Thurrock.
6. I attended Force Tasking meetings at Police Headquarters, and I am made very welcome. Often we are asked to be involved in specific Police actions by distributing appropriate information to our members.
7. Each Neighbourhood Watch District has excellent working relationships with their local Neighbourhood Policing teams and do receive regular Partnership Documents advising local crimes and crime prevention information.
8. Many District Councils and Essex Police Neighbourhood Policing Teams have funded Neighbourhood Watch Street signs- which is tremendous.
9. We signed a Partnership Agreement with Essex Fire & Rescue Service-which is important as they are now involved with crime prevention advice.

10. National Neighbourhood Watch at last managed to change the wording in their welcome to "New registrations" who state they are involved with Neighbourhood Watch in Essex. They are told that they MUST contact The Chairman of ECNWA to have their Neighbourhood Watch registration approved. Although we are not seeing too many responses.

However, my access to the National Neighbourhood Watch database has enabled me to keep you updated on every new registration. I send to each relevant District Co-ordinator the full contact details of these person(s) so you can offer your support.

11. Tendring have a new Chairman and Committee and they have been very pro-active in moving forward.
12. National Neighbourhood Watch managed to send us 20,000 Window stickers and each District received at least 1,000 - which was appreciated.
13. We distributed 17,000 leaflets to remind everyone how to lock their Upvc doors and 2,000 No Cold Caller stickers.
14. Essex Police and Essex District Councils have supported over 500 street signs being distributed by a number of District Co-ordinators throughout Essex.
15. In the last twelve months our membership has grown to over 122,300 as the Districts now include those who are on their Facebook Groups.

#### OBJECTIVES FOR 2019/2020

1. Castlepoint District: Although Peter Meekings stood down last November it is hoped that we can arrange for a public meeting In Castlepoint as soon as possible to find a new District Co-ordinator and members of the committee. (See Roger Passfield's report).
2. To continue to increase membership throughout the County.
3. YOU may not believe this but in 2020 we shall be celebrating 25 years as ECNWA and it would be great if we could plan something really important to recognise the event.

#### GREENFIELDS COMMUNITY HOUSING LIMITED

I attended a meeting with David White, Neighbourhood Manager and his colleagues in Braintree.

It was a great opportunity to discuss how we could work together as they were not exactly aware how Neighbourhood Watch operates. They are developing their operations in the year ahead in Colchester, Bishops Stortford, Chelmsford and Sudbury - as well maintaining their presence in Braintree. I am waiting to hear from them some time . I have appointed a NW Co-ordinator solely to work with them in Braintree District.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK 2019:

This year it is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June so it is hoped that most of us can organise some events.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

I had a meeting with them on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, as they distribute information to 275 Parish Councils in Essex. Following the meeting I sent an "Introduction to Neighbourhood Watch" for them to distribute to all the Parish Councils.

It will be interesting to see IF any of you receive any calls/emails from your Parish Councils asking for information. A copy of the information to 275 Parish Councils in Essex is attached. They are holding a Conference in Great Dunmow in September.( The details were handed to Derrick Giffin )

#### UPDATE:

As Chairman of Braintree District they sent me information stating that they are willing to supply funding for specific community projects. So I applied for funding for street signs under their scheme "Micro-Grant" (Maximum £500) which they consider applications each month .

*On May 21<sup>st</sup> I was advised that my application for £200 was approved.*

To receive the application form ( sadly Thurrock and Southend are outside the EALC areas) please email Louise Gambardella Funding Officer - Community Initiative Fund, EALC and her email is Louise.Gambardella@ealc.gov.uk and mention Micro-Grant Funding ( Louise is expecting to hear from some of you) . Darren Horsman has said that he will be delighted to support any funding applications to them.

## NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### DATABASE

As advised in 10 above, every so often I email to each District the FULL information of those who have recently registered as Neighbourhood Watch members BUT have NOT contacted me as "requested" in the email to them from National NW. I have doubled checked the "Welcome " email with National NW and they confirm the sentence is still there, so people are ignoring it.

I have left it with each of you to make contact with these new "members" to advise them what you can do for them especially as they will NOT receive any "support" from National Neighbourhood Watch other than the Alert (UK version) newsletter.

If we do not contact them this will dilute the image of Neighbourhood Watch.

If you do not hear from them or you are not willing for any reason to approve their "membership" I can delete them from the database. The person(s) are advised of this action and are given my email address.

### PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE 2019/2020

The current schedule has been sent to each of you.

### POSSIBLE FUNDING UPDATE:

I have had an email from The Chief Executive and he said that they are re thinking this idea, in the meantime they are promoting Fund Raising seminars to help give Associations suggestions how to raise funds from other sources.

### MEMBERS WELCOME PACK:

I did receive one of OUR "Nine" allocated to Essex (so did Roger Passfield) . Yes NINE for the whole of Essex! Also I did have details of some people who had applied to receive them and two of which I declined and one approved.....BUT no come back from those who had their request declined.

Personally ? I feel it was a waste of funds and it was also too complicated to see who had asked for the Welcome Packs and then forward to our specific Districts for their approval. CBS has completed the survey from National Neighbourhood Watch and stated his thoughts.

### MESSAGE IN A BOTTLES:

In the meeting if anyone wants Message in a Bottle they are to contact Peter Salmon.

### ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEMBERS GUIDES.

The extra 8,000 have been printed and every District who needed more should have them by now.

Jane Gardner approved the extra funding and I have thanked her again. I approved the cost of the delivery charges to each address to be paid by ECNWA costing £120.

### AGM AND CONFERENCE 2019:

Neighbourhood Watch Member of the Year Awards and AGM/Conference Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July is on the Agenda. The AGM/Conference is again at the Highwood Village Hall. Highwood Road, Chelmsford 12:15hrs to 16:00hrs. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would like as many in your Districts to make this Annual event please but we need to know the numbers!

I received eleven Nominations for the sub-committee to decide award winners after this County meeting. In the past week I have contacted the guest speakers and just waiting on one of them to confirm again they will make the date. I do have a "reserve" John Haywood-Cripps Chief Executive National Neighbourhood Watch BUT I need to confirm to him asap.

### LAST MEETING BEFORE AGM:

Please note that this is our last meeting before our Annual General Meeting and therefore we do need to discuss whom you are willing to nominate as Executives for 2019/2020.

IF you are unable to attend this 14<sup>th</sup> May County meeting please can you send to me your proposals as to whom should be nominated as Executives at the Annual General Meeting before 12<sup>th</sup> May.

On the Agenda I shall state who the ECNWA have proposed but will request any "Nominations" other than those proposed by ECNWA need to be with me (as Secretary) before 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**THANKS:** I would like to thank Darren Horsman, The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioners for his support and also Jenny Brouard, Essex Police and all her team for working so well with us in the past year. Not forgetting Colin Dobinson, Crimestoppers for attending our meetings and keeping us updated on their activities. A special thanks to our Executives who have so many ECNWA responsibilities (see list) :-

Roger Passfield, Peter Salmon ( both Vice Chairmen ) Mike Hooper ( Treasurer) and Colin Freeman ( Event Co-ordinator). Also thanks to Peter Fisk who manages our website so well . Finally thanks to everyone of you as District Co-ordinators as well as your Deputies , your Area Co-ordinators and your members for all your activities raising the profile of Neighbourhood Watch which does help to reduce the opportunity of crime. You are all tremendous doing what you can with the time you have.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mike Hooper distributed up to date income and expenditure since the last meeting.

Payments of £700 were distributed to all District who attended and those who were absent would be posted to them.

**CRIMESTOPPERS**

Colin Dobinson handed out more information .

**COUNTY CO-ORDINATOR REPORT.**

Roger reported that he is working hard to resurrect Castlepoint and proposed that he had printed 5,000 leaflets to raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch at a cost of £108..this was approved. The funds will be deducted from their £700 ( see Treasurer's report above) this year as we cannot access the Bank account.

**DISTRICT CO-ORDINATORS REPORTS.**

Each person updated the meeting and they agreed to send their information to our website.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE ECNWA OFFICIALS FOR ANOTHER YEAR AT THE AGM.**

After a brief discussion the meeting proposed that Clive Stewart would be proposed as Chairman and Secretary, Roger Passfield as Vice Chairman and County Co-ordinator , Peter Salmon as Vice Chairman , Mike Hooper as Treasurer , John Metcalfe as auditor, and Colin Freeman as Event Co-ordinator for the next twelve months.

**AGM AND CONFERENCE Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July .**

Colin Freeman gave an update on the organisation. Clive Stewart will send the Agenda and Colin's information .

Meeting closed at 12:05hrs.