

ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMAN'S NOTES MEETING TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2019

ATTENDED:

Clive Stewart (CBS) (Chairman & Secretary) , Peter Fisk (ECNWA website Manager) ,
Colin Freeman (Event Co-ordinator ECNWA) , Darren Horsman (Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner) ,
Dave Sexton and Colin Pendall (Tendring) , Clive Woodward (Basildon) , Nadine Rudd (Braintree),
Mandy Chapman (Maldon), Colin Dobinson (Crime Stoppers), Chris Heaffey (Essex Police) ,
Mike Compton (Epping Forest). Graham Stehl (Colchester) Roger Passfield (Vice Chairman ECNWA – Thurrock) ,
Alan Norman (Southend) Mike Hooper (Treasurer ECNWA -Rochford) Steve Leverett (Chelmsford),
Sarah Carless (Harlow)

APOLOGIES:

Peter Salmon (Vice Chairman ECNWA – Brentwood),, Derrick Giffen (Uttlesford) Frank Ferguson (Basildon)

ESSEX POLICE : Chris Heaffey gave a report which was distributed to all the next day

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF POLICE FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER.

Darren Horsman gave a very comprehensive report including the facts that there are over 3,200 Police Officers in Essex and this is stronger in Essex than ever . There has been an increase in Specials too.

CBS will be arranging a meeting with Jane Gardner Deputy Police and Fire Commissioner in October (with Darren Horsman) .

CBS advised all ECNWA members that he will need a summary of how the funding has been used from The OPFCC by no later than early October.

Actioned: CBS sent an email the next day. A date has been made for the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Clive Stewart had distributed the report _.

The AGM and Conference is over for another year and we did have good comments from so many of you, but it is strange that we have over 120,000 members but very few seem to want to attend a once a year event.

Still those who did attend had an interesting day and I must thank Colin Freeman for his excellent organisational skills and for all those who helped on the day too. The Executive are re-elected for another year and their "jobs" are updated on the list which is attached. So in 2020 we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary and Colin will update you on what has been planned already in the meeting.

Facebook Groups

CBS raised the issue of how NW Facebook Groups are managed in Essex and after a general discussion it was agreed to have a Sub Committee to propose at the next meeting .

Their brief is to cover the management and responsibilities of NW Facebook Administrators so that they do abide by our Code of Ethics.

The Sub Committee comprises Nadine Rudd, Clive Woodward, Roger Passfield and Mike Compton.

Epping Forest District.

As you know from my emails Tracey Graham has left as the District Co-ordinator and I wished her well and Mike Compton (Chairman) is now our main contact.

Castlepoint District

At last something is moving along. Roger Passfield will update you with the responses to a new meeting he , Alan Johnson and Mike Hooper are organising in October. Yes, it is frustrating for everyone to know that it is almost twelve months since any progress at all has been made in making contact with those who were on NW database. Recently I have emailed over 120 known NW members with all the details and hope that we shall have some will attend.

Hertfordshire NW Association.

Some months ago they wrote to me asking for details of our membership. I replied asking why as I did not understand the question. It seems that they have to justify to their Police Commissioner or some other organisation (not Hertfordshire Police) their numbers and they wanted to tell them what other Associations numbers were to compare. I said I was not willing to give them all our details as I give them to National NW (as well as Essex Police, The Police Fire & Crime Commissioner , The Essex Fire & Rescue). However I did say we had 120,00 NW members. I have not heard any more from them.

Essex County Members Guides

Apart from Castlepoint I was wondering from each District how they were being distributed and if any more are needed in the next year.

Tasking meetings and communications with your local Neighbourhood Policing Teams

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For some years now each Neighbourhood Watch District has had excellent working relationships with their local Neighbourhood Policing teams and do receive regular Crime reports and Partnership Documents. It is hoped that they continue if not please keep me advised.

Twitter: It is great for me to see so many of you on Twitter and I really hope that more can become users as it is so useful knowing what your local Neighbourhood Policing teams action each day and even throughout Essex too.

Greenfield Community Housing Limited: Since my meeting earlier this year there has not been any progress or communications with them at all. So basically , despite having a person (from Braintree) on their management team, I have decided to leave it . Sadly they seemed to want to work with us especially as I have never mentioned any costs to them at all.

The Essex Association of Local Councils.

In my last report I gave details on how to make a claim for funding for most Districts (Braintree received £200) . Has anyone actually applied? *(No one had actually applied).*

So here it is again :- 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 . Darren Horsman has said that he will be delighted to support any funding applications to them.

National Neighbourhood Watch Duplicate databases

Clive Wood Woodward and I are clearly frustrated with National NW as they have two databases. have placed the item on the Agenda to explain to you.

However the meeting did not have the time and will be added to the next Agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Hooper distributed the updated Income and Expenditure Account including details of the AGM/Conference.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Colin Dobinson discussed the information which was distributed by CBS before the meeting.

REPORT ON AGM AND CONFERENCE 2019

Colin Freeman said it was a success and we all agreed.

The AGM/Conference for 2020 which is celebrating our 25th Anniversary has been organised for Wednesday 8th July and will be at the same venue as it was felt t was the best venue.

The event will be from 10:00hrs and we have already booked guest speakers including David Anthony (Cyber Crime) , John Hayward-Cripps (Chief Executive National Neighbourhood Watch) Andy Prophet (Assistant Chief Constable) and Jane Gardner (Deputy Police Fire And Crime Commissioner)

CBS mentioned our having new Neighbourhood Watch metal badges which will state ECNWA celebrating our 25th Anniversary. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea.

Action: CBS to ask each District how many they need (which will be available early January) and will then ask for an updated quote. Both CBS and MH agreed that we have funds to cover the costs.

COUNTY CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

In Roger Passfield advised that he has organised a meeting for Castlepoint NW in Canvey Island for Saturday 5th October and will distribute 5.000 leaflets to promote the meeting.

CBS had sent out 120 emails to those who receive Police reports and RP said he had 14 people interested.

The cost of printing will be paid out of the £820 which is held in our Accounts pending the resurrection of a new District Group.

DISTRICT CO-ORDINATORS REPORTS: Each District were given the opportunity to update their activities since the last meeting. CBS requested that each District Co-ordinator should send their reports to Peter Fisk for the website, however it seems not many actually do so and Clive Stewart said that this does not help raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch in their specific Districts if their actions are not advised to all.

Meeting ended 12:15hrs.

Next meeting Tuesday 12th November.

Clive Stewart, Chairman