

ESSEX COUNTY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMAN'S NOTES OF MEETING AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 9th March 20021

1. **Attendees:**
Clive Stewart (CBS) (Chairman /Secretary & District Co-ordinator for Braintree District), Peter Salmon (Vice Chairman & Brentwood), Mike Hooper (Treasurer & Rochford), Colin Freeman (Event Co-ordinator and Executive), Clive Woodward (Basildon) Celia Shute (Vice Chairman Braintree) Peter Fisk (Website Manager) , John Scott (Castlepoint), Steve Leverett (Chelmsford), Mike Compton (Epping Forest) , Grahame Stehle and Peter Rudlin (Colchester) Mandy Chapman (Maldon), Alan Norman (Southend), Sarah Carless (Harlow) Jeff Appleby (Essex Police) , Darren Horsman (The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner), Stuart Rawlins (Crimestoppers) Stuart Rawlins (Crimestoppers)
2. **Apologies for absence:**
John Metcalfe (Rochford),Derrick Giffin (Uttlesford) , Jenny Brouard (Essex Police) Dave Sexton (Tendring) , Roger Passfield (Vice Chairman & Thurrock District) Ken Collins (Thurrock) Janine Dunn (ECNWA MSA Co-ordinator & Harlow) Tracy Graham (Epping Forest) Peter Sampson (Uttlesford)
3. **Essex Police report:**
Jeff Appleby gave a report and was emailed to everyone that day by CBS.
CBS asked about Active Citizens and JA said it was fine to continue to promote them to have more volunteers. There are 532 Special Constables who have given 18,000 hours in the last month
4. **Crimestoppers Report:**
Stuart Rawlins gave a report.
5. **The Office of Police Fire & Crime Commissioner report:**
Darren Horsman gave a report.
6. **Chairmans report** { Clive Stewart (CBS) had sent out the report and read out updates which are included below.
Next few months:
There is one more meeting in May before we hold our Annual General Meeting (and Conference) so Colin Freeman Event Co-ordinator will decide at the May meeting what we shall do in July based on our Government's instructions as regards the coronavirus.
The Office of Police & Fire Commissioner
(a) **Press Release**
This was really referred to 2019/2020 but was released and published In February.
Each of you had copies and I saw it many times on Twitter too. In fact I sent a copy to National Neighbourhood Watch and the Chairman Ian Bretton was delighted to read of our support and of course funding (which has continued for 2021/2022).
(b) **Funding for 2021/2022**
I have completed all the appropriate forms and invoiced them for the £15,000 and it is hoped that we shall receive the funds in to our account by the end of March which is at least six weeks earlier than usual.
As agreed with them the invoice was submitted earlier due to the Elections in May. As after the Elections for The Police Fire & Crime Commissioner there could be delays in any administration procedures.
National Neighbourhood Watch database(s?)
I have been advised quite clearly that they have only ONE database ..
However when I use one password to access it through their website I see another version which is quite confusing and different than Alert .
An example is that I was sent an email as Braintree District Chairman in which they advised me that there was a new person registered and I am to accept or decline ..so I sent the person a number of emails over almost two weeks he never replied and I decided to decline (not delete as per the Alert database) ..so that is what I did.
However I then looked at the Alert database and there was the person again as in fact he was not deleted from that database so I deleted him this time and gave a reason (or two).
I have left National Neighbourhood Watch with the question..why is a person not deleted from the database if it is the same one? Their reply was it was the Scheme that was deleted /declined not the person so I pointed out that he was NOT in any Scheme at all!!
I said I preferred where I am in Alert as at least if I deleted him I can give a reason..

Explanation:-

There is ONE database but access to it is different..

There is access for District Co-ordinators covering Members and Scheme called Our Watch members database and that is notified to each person given access by email when people join a scheme and then you can decide if the person is approved or declined to join the scheme..

Then there is the version "Alert" gives you the option as an MSA to accept the person generally irrespective what scheme they have stated they joined or have not mentioned any scheme (group) ..

So as an MSA you look at Alert and as a District Co-ordinator for a Scheme you will have access via Our Watch Members database ..yes they are both the same but access is different.

This does not make sense at all ! I have been in the IT business for over 25 years and access to one database by two different ways is not the best way to use it in my opinion especially as the separate users see it as a different version...

Our List of ECNWA members and YOUR Deputies

Please can you update me on any changes in your Deputies.

This way the person can have full details of all future meetings including Agendas and Chairman's reports.

However you may have some other person who may represent your District at our meetings who is NOT your Deputy. I am quite prepared to add all three people to the list if appropriate .

So please can you ensure that the details I have are up to date.

Television Programme on Neighbourhood Watch.

See my email and I would like to know if anyone has made contact with the production company to explain some of your "exceptional actions" on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch in your communities . In my view all our actions are exceptional bearing in mind the time we have in our busy lives and in these difficult times.

Angling Trust Voluntary Bailiff Service

I had an email from National Neighbourhood Watch in which they had been contacted by Ian Fraser of this Service and they advised him to contact ourselves. In fact they gave him my contact details but I did not hear from him. So I looked at their website and sent him an email ..no reply so I telephoned them and left a message. Ian called me the next day and left a message so I called him the following day.

After a lengthy conversation in which he advised me that he sends information to Essex Police I said to him that if he would like us to distribute anything I would be willing to do so..

However he informed me that he prefers to send any information direct to Essex Police and we left it there.

Discussion with Esther Ardagh-Ptolomay Volunteer Development Manager, National Neighbourhood Watch

Esther is the new Volunteer Development Manager whose role is to look at the framework of Neighbourhood Watch in terms of volunteer roles and I am having a telephone call with her shortly and will update you.

Esther appreciated our 45 minutes conversation and indeed found it very useful...we in Essex seem to have slightly different ways to manage Neighbourhood Watch. I sent her our Criteria for NW Co-ordinators which I had sent to Cheryl Spruce (still have not had an ack by the way) and our Members Guide too.

National Neighbourhood Watch request regarding the criteria to appoint a Co-ordinator.

I would like to thank those of you who have replied to my email in which National Neighbourhood Watch needed to know how we basically agree to persons being Co-ordinators.ie the criteria. I shall be replying and any one who would like a copy please let me know.

Great Millennium Centre Great Baddow update

I sent an email to Karen Curtin (Administrator) about this meeting and future meetings in 2021..and did not get a reply. So in the end I telephoned and the message stated that The Centre is CLOSED until December 2021..

So should we be given permission to hold face to face meetings after May of this year can we consider the best venue.

Members Guides email version

CBS advised that he has been informed of a spelling mistake on page 23 and so will have the email version amended. The next day Peter Salmon emailed him with two updates for page 23 and these have also been changed. Action: The NEW email version was sent to all ECNWA members in the next few days! There was no cost to ECNWA as the person who originally created the email version and also the printer's version was CBS's son.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Mike Hooper had already sent out the statement as a snap shot of finances at the time which was distributed by CBS the day before. We are very funded at the moment. However there are two year's of Awards to be created by Colin Freeman

8. Reports from each member of ECNWA

These will be sent to Peter Fisk for the website this included a report from Peter Fisk regarding the website which was much appreciated.

9. Annual General Meeting and Conference 14th July 2021

CBS and Colin Freeman gave their proposals as to whether the Conference should go ahead bearing in mind the Governments restrictions for the month ahead.

After a general discussion everyone agreed with the proposals that the Conference will be cancelled but the Annual General Meeting will be via Zoom at the same date followed by our usual ECNWA meeting.

Action: Colin Freeman said he will create the Awards for 2020 and 2021 and will post them to appropriate District Co-ordinators . CBS will inform each of the guest speakers and exhibitors.

CBS proposed that the cost of the hire of Highwood Village Hall paid in 2020 is to be considered as a donation and that we should pay whatever the charge will be in 2022.

All agreed.

10. Nominations for Neighbourhood Watch Member or Team of the Year 2021.

CBS reminded everyone that the forms should be completed and sent to him by no later than 10th May-should anyone need a form or want to nominate any one with out the form they can -just send as much information to CBS as soon as possible before the deadline

11. Any other Business

(a) CBS proposed that as the Millennium Centre is closed until December every meeting in 2021 is to be by Zoom – all agreed.

Meeting ended 11:03 hrs