



Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st March 2015 at Cotgrave Welfare

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 February 2014

The AGM in 2014 had simply inaugurated the new, amalgamated NottsWatch and elected the trustees. Copies were circulated and the meeting accepted them as a true record, nem con.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3. Changes to the Constitution

The Board had proposed and solicited the views of all the membership and, since there have been no objections, the revised Constitution published on the NottsWatch web site and previously circulated via the alert system was adopted by the meeting, nem con.

Copies of the principal changes were circulated at the meeting and in response to a question from the floor, it was agreed that NottsWatch should be more fully recognised as the brand for Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch. NottsWatch is clearly stated as an abbreviation for Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch in the heading to the constitution and it was thus agreed that the Trustees should examine the possibility of registering it to prevent use by others.

4. Annual Report

NottsWatch Chairman, Dr David Rhodes, reported that it had been a year of transition and happily a NottsWatch team worthy of the name has emerged. The them and us has disappeared and the uncontested changes to our Constitution bear testimony to this.

It was also a year in which we started to examine more seriously the changing context in which we operate; not just us but the Police, National NW and the public-sector agencies too.

Austerity, the changing nature of crime (cyber crime and domestic violence), increasing numbers of elderly and vulnerable people and the ever wider spread of digital networks and “apps” mean that more than ever we must learn to look after each other.

Thus the Review of NottsWatch has been timely and will shortly be published. Those who have seen the report have been very complementary and we look forward to it making and impact.

The PCC provided £25,000 for NottsWatch to promote NW in areas of the City County where crime and anti-social behaviour are high; not an easy task but one we have bravely addressed and made headway. A report on this will be out in with the detail and respect for those who contributed properly recorded.

NottsWatch here record their thanks to the PCC for the grant.

2015-16 looms and with new leadership and the increasing realisation that real collaboration between the public and voluntary sectors is the way NW looks set for a challenging future as part of the wider development of socially cohesive communities.

The County Council well understands this latter point and is sponsoring volunteers to promote new schemes in the Partnership Plus areas of the County throughout 2015-16 to the value of £10,500. NottsWatch thanks the Council for providing this money and Councillor Gilfoyle for his help in obtaining it.

Finally, should any members of Neighbourhood Watch be interested in becoming more involved, please contact NottsWatch to find out more.

5. Treasurer's Report

The draft accounts were circulated. The financial year is not yet complete and the accounts need to be completed to 31st March 2015 and thence examined by a qualified accountant before reporting to the Charity Commission.

6. Election of Trustees

Following due notice of the AGM, invitations for nominations by members and there being no nominations other than those proposed by the Board, the meeting is invited to elect the following who take over from the current Board which stands down as required by the Constitution.

John Wood, Sue Sambells, David Rhodes, George Collins, John Lennard, Paul Macey, David Poole,

The Board will agree chairman, secretary and treasurer at its first meeting.

7. Any other business

Chairman and Board wish to thank retiring members of both the Executive and City and County sub committees, especially Mary Penford MBE and Nina Douglas who retire as treasurers from their respective committees. Dr Rhodes asked the meeting to show its appreciation of their effort (and patience) over the years.

Also for Angela Peer, who has worked diligently for NW for nearly five years. Her attention to detail and continuity has been valued and appreciated. She has been an asset to NW and the success of recent conferences is much due to her. NW will miss her and are sorry they cannot afford to keep her on.