



NottsWatch Executive Meeting 8th August 2014 Minutes

Attending

David Rhodes	DR	Chair
Paul Macey	PM	Vice-Chair
Sue Sambells	SAS	Secretary
Nina Douglas	ND	Treasurer
John Lennard	JL	Rushcliffe
Russ Hamer	RH	Rushcliffe
Angela Peer	AP	Operations Manager

Absent

John Wood	JW	Gedling
Colin Mackie	CM	City
John Twigg	JT	City
Dajon Poole	DP	City

- 1. Apologies for absence.** As above named.
- 2. Minutes.** Formally agreed for 2nd July 2014.
- 3. Matters Arising** No matters arising not on the agenda.

Circulation to Board of shortened form for expense claims. **Action: ND**

- 4. City subcommittee.** Minutes were not yet available but meeting had simply received reports of Exec. Board. DR reported he had attended various meetings on behalf of NottsWatch covering Mobile-phone theft, new rights of victims following a conviction and the changes in the law due in October regarding ASB orders (formerly ASBOs).
Action: DR to produce items for newsletter in due course.
- 5. County subcommittee.** There has been no meeting.
- 6. Status of PCC-funded Projects.**

- i. Partnership plus (County).** Angela, John Wood and Yvette Armstrong, are working together on this. Three dates have been agreed in September for AP to make a presentation to each of three of the 17 Partnership-plus defined, partnership committees. These have been chosen because Yvette chairs two of them and is involved in another thus facilitating what is initially a pilot. The presentations are intended to explain the benefits of NW to partners

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who would thence urge their individual teams which engage routinely with their local communities to promote NW. A hand out for personal reference by such team members is to be produced based on the simple publicity cards NottsWatch already possess. It will be distributed across all 17 partnership committees in due course. It is hoped that where residents show an interest in setting up new NW schemes that existing volunteers will support AP and others in contacting them. Costs are likely to be travel plus the printing of the briefing-type hand outs.

- ii. **South Broxtowe CATs (County).** Sue, with support from Sam Hancock of the Pre-crime Group, is leading this initiative to promote NW to as many of the thirteen wards as feasible in South Broxtowe via CAT (Community Action Team) meetings. Costs look to be borne by the CATs themselves.
 - iii. **University Students (City).** Angela leads this project which is being developed as a pilot for more general application across the City. Collaboration has been obtained with the two universities, UoN and NTU university and student officers, local police teams, neighbourhood development officers and community protection staff. A £400-contribution from our small grants is to be matched in part by UoN and possibly NTU to cover two events which aim to bring landlords, student and non-student residents together and facilitate a "buddying" form of local watch.
 - iv. **Housing Associations (City).** Angela leads this project which is aimed at the semi-captive constituencies of residents in social housing. Similar approach to the above. Presentations to groups brought together by partners and thence followed up by ourselves to encourage volunteers to set up and register new schemes. Costs likely to be modest.
 - v. **Newark (County).** Paul reported a cold reception from the formal agencies concerned with crime and ASB when he addressed a recent meeting. They softened when he explained the support that NW provided but no specific partnership project has so far emerged. NW better appreciated.
 - vi. **Updating and Training of existing NW coordinators (County).** Paul agreed to find out what the actual plan is at next County subcommittee meeting. Paul Noone and Paul Winter appear to have a definite plan for a more limited project than previously supposed, but what? **Action: Paul**
 - vii. **Small Grants.** It is agreed that we may each promote the small grants in high-impact / partnership-plus areas and encourage applications, especially from committee members. Up to 25% may be awarded outside such areas but the 75% in those areas is clearly the prime target. **Action: All**
7. **Web site, Newsletters and Facebook.** Tina has resigned, David has sent her a message of appreciation for her work. John Lennard kindly agreed to take over the updating of the County sections of the web site. David to send John codes.
Action: DR/JL

August/September Newsletter is due. David to provide item on projects. Others to provide material when items of interest arise. **Action: Nina/David**

There are still modifications due for web site the detailed scope of which require further examination (including change of logo with QJA and monitoring hits). It was agreed to sort out what can be done by us and what is needed from VISAV in early September. Also, could we offer a shed alarm or similar for anyone clocking 50 "likes" on our Facebook entries? Possibly. **Action: ND/SAS/JL/DR**

Minutes should be posted on web site in pdf. **Action: SAS/ND/JL**

- 8. Publicity material.** Angela reported she had agreed to take 5000 of the meercat-style stickers (original NHWN suggestion was 11,000!). They will be available shortly for those who want them. JL said he could post some via police post if necessary. **Action: All**

Nina tabled a draft design for the pull-up display which was well received. It was agreed to circulate a further version for comment and thence purchase ONE (approx. £74). The Board thanked Nina and her designer sister-in-law for their work. **Action: ND/All**

- 9. MSA training.** Angela, John Twigg, Tony Ainsley and David had attended a session at VISAV. All MSA authorisation forms have now been sent to NHWN.

- 10. Future funding of NottsWatch.** There appear to be two distinct views. One for a relatively modest amount of funding to maintain the network of primarily County Associations, without paid staff, as with the former NottsWatch (County only). The other for a more costly, proactive, business-style organisation with paid staff, as now. Which is preferred was not resolved and needs more discussion. The matter may be better informed in December when the planned Police-commissioned review of NottsWatch is due for completion. Meanwhile John Wood is looking into how we might apply for a Lottery grant. (He has done so, report next time). **Action: John Wood**

- 11. Annual NottsWatch Conference.** February is agreed as a sensible date at which the formalities of an AGM might be included to reduce administration and take advantage of the higher numbers which attend a conference.

Russ suggested the Cotgrave Miners Welfare as a reasonably priced location with all the facilities we require and this was accepted as a good idea worth investigating. Russ agreed to see if dates were available in February. A small team led by Angela to organise the conference was agreed. **Action: AP/RH/JL (team)**

- 12. Any other business.** To provide SAS with the minimum height for street signs. **Action: AP**

Nina informed the Board that she is expecting to move out of the area by 2015 and will be resigning at that time. A replacement treasurer thus needed. **Action: All**

Mary Perford has indicated that she will retire from the County subcommittee at the NottsWatch AGM.

13. Next meeting. Monday 6th October 2014, 2-4pm at SAS's home in Bramcote.

Meeting commenced 2pm and concluded 4.30 pm.