

116<sup>th</sup> BHNW Meeting St. Augustine's Hall 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Bill Crocker	Chair	Mark Garland	Newsletter/Website Editor
Julie Windsor	Secretary	Rose Cane	Shadowing Mark
Graeme Dundas	Queensholme	Becky Catley	Heath Upper
Richard Old	Church	Barry Shore	Quakers
Chris Stone	Heath Upper (temp) and Oakdale	Malcolm Coles	Heathfields
Mark Venables	Sandringham		

1. Welcome to Becky taking on Heath Upper as Co-ordinator, Kate Stewart checking out whether she could fit the co-ordinator role into her busy life and welcome back to Rose shadowing Mark to see if the newsletter editor post is for her!

2. Apologies: Ron Coleman, Lesley Ashley, Tim Davies, Mike Baker (GONE being discussed by D&BH tonight), Peter Tucker, Martyn Thomas.

3. Matters of accuracy and arising: Omissions from the last minutes, Barry Shore & Malcolm Coles.

Item 10 on last minutes for benefit of new arrivals and Rose, should disaster strike a resident a letter will be sent out to them, this was explained by Bill.

Bill on hoax agenda item Snopes (website that de-bunks nonsense). Bill talked about the surprise presentation at the last meeting to himself and Ron Coleman and also entertained us with some anecdotes about the presentation ceremony they attended with their wives at the invite of the Chair of S. Glos council. The certificate received and paper weight, together with a Post newspaper article was passed round and thanks given again by Bill.

4. None of the PCSOs could attend. Rocky sent message re the spike in crime figures

- Non dwelling (garages and sheds) break in has been reduced
- Team reassured committee that recent spike in crime has been met by intense work from Beat Team working long hours in plain clothes and uniform and using all forms of getting about and support.

Bill printed spike details from the Police UK website – hotspots seem to be Glenside (where Maria lives!) and Windsor Court, although residents have been in touch in the past expressing concern and Bill had asked about it, nothing had come back from Police – could be domestic violence, in which case Chris Stone would let local people know quietly what is going on.

5. Data Protection – Ringmaster- up date – turn the screw on thieves. Discussion about number plate theft or possibly just copying – Graeme brought in estate agents advertising

card clearly showing a house for sale with a car on the drive, the number plate of which was quite clear. The adverts are on national websites and can be copied, by thieves. Police in partnership are suggesting – turn the screw on thieves – using security screws on number plates instead of standard fittings. Although as Chris said number plates could be completely made up’ although police can recognise plates and garages often have number plate recognition cameras.

Neighbouring watches have been contacted to see about a joint meeting with the Police and Community Plan reps as part of the good feedback from the survey re NW and the general feeling is that most people would like the police to be more visible and easier to contact. Other watch leads are:

mo.jennings@hotmail.co.uk - Maureen Jennings - coordinator for Boscombe Crescent  
jamie.paddon@mazars.co.uk - Jamie Paddon - coordinator for Cleeve  
tonypowell60@yahoo.co.uk - Anthony Powell - coordinator for Croomes Hill  
richardthomas822@btinternet.com - Caroline Thomas - coordinator for Hurstwood Road  
jandbwright@talktalk.net - Jeffery Wright - coordinator for Leap Valley  
ballfamily@blueyonder.co.uk - Graham Ball - coordinator for Overnhill  
gaynorfisher2@hotmail.com - Gaynor Fisher - coordinator for Salisbury Gardens

Graeme mentioned that there was a drug’s raid near Maria’s – from drunken behaviour to drug dealing, which is an ongoing problem. Scooters and a van, possibly dealing drugs - photographic evidence re Bromley Heath Park - Bill said Beat Teams liaise with Kevin & Tina Rainey – S G Council. Could use combination locking scheme instead of key holding if gates were put up on access lanes – money is potentially available to help funding of this by bidding for it.

Graeme’s proposal at Christmas at junior school – for bike and scooter marking happened at the end of term 4, Easter. Bill went on the last day of school, he said Rocky and Kat only stayed for a short period and left before school finished so a lot of people were missed. Bill suggested next year should be much more efficiently organised with Rose’s help. HEATHFEST might be a good venue for bike marking. Tina Long and Fay Kitchen were approached by Graeme. Rose mentioned she is Business Manager for the Infants – find out who is business Manager, for Junior School for future contact?

Concludes Police report.

5. Annual Meeting & Community Engagement evening Tues 29<sup>th</sup>

Tabled Agenda and organisation document discussed and will be cut back for the meeting.

Arrive at 7.00 to set up please. Other points raised were:

Bill to check what Raj is prepared to sponsor. It was agreed that light nibbles/cheese and wine adds to the ambience!

Get people to introduce themselves on the individual tables

### **Co-ordinator Sector name plates (Julie)**

#### **6. Heathfest 7<sup>th</sup> July – Mrs Athay-Hunt, Chair**

- Crime scene van there by 11.00 on the day and will have to stay till the end– could do raffle – Becky can get prizes – signed rugby ball etc
- Bike & scooter marking
- Double plot booked

#### **7. REPORTS**

Newsletter continues to get good feedback. Jenny e mailed Bill about advert.

Garages need to have contents marked after the spate of break-ins. Extra locks.

Go with Staple Hill for spring edition printing and then change get example from lowest quote (Westbury Inks) Julie to get sample.

Mark could put three (paid) days towards Neighbourhood Watch due to his employers support scheme and other colleagues could too!

Jason who advertises on back page would pay £60 to advertise on website

Price of ads – Becky asked as her employer may be interested.

PRO still vacant

Treasurer's report – thanks to Ron for the information and his ongoing good work.

Money from 'SAFER STRONGER' bid is being discussed at the Parish meeting tonight that Mike Baker is attending. GONE – the feeling is that £1000 could be ring fenced into our account for actual graffiti removal.

Small Grant Application to SGCC for IT equipment - we got £500 not £1,500 but take anyway towards running costs! There was some suggestion about NW's applying for this area of funding. Graeme Riley (who was in attendance) said they need to change the rules to exclude NWs, or else we are entitled to pitch again.

Mark Garland suggested some money could be spent on a decent camera (always borrows Michelle's) – Agreed as IT isn't affordable – Mark to recommend model.

- Ron has subsidised N. Watch – need item to look at costs of printing/inks etc

- Speed visor – put on to South Glos website –need to look at http site
- Bromley Heath Road not got speed sign. Raise at SAFER meeting where speed visors are needed
- Rose – re Cold Caller areas - Charlotte, South Glos is back from maternity leave and works for Mark Pullen. If no negative feedback South Glos will go ahead and make another No Cold Caller area – Badminton Walk and others. Bill and Rose to liaise.

Community Plan – Bill will copy out notes of meeting to keep all in touch.

Mark Venables , someone has offered to deliver newsletters as a contact point but more are needed for the vacancies.

Barry has lost a contact point, but is working on a new volunteer

Chris has got 4 new people to do deliveries

Graeme had two welcome packs

Barry, Richard and Chris all need more welcome packs please – Action Bill

8. AOB:

How many calls to 101 from BHNW? Are they recorded – Agreed to raise with Police rep at next meeting.

National Neighbourhood Watch has negotiated free insurance for NWs & we have a licence with them to use the protected logo.

Martin Poole's N. Watch he was suggesting 'how about coming in with BHNW – agenda item for next meeting.

Barry questioned whether we should get N. W. Badges back when people leave – Agreed!

9. Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at the usual time and place.

