



# WDNWA

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at St. Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain.**

Norma Stirling opened the meeting at 7.35pm. and welcomed those present.  
The Chairman welcomed Councillor Gerald Shimbart and Councillor Michael Cheshire.

### **Apologies for absence:**

There were 13 apologies for absence from scheme co-ordinators.  
Many councillors, invited for the first time this year, had also tendered their apologies for not being able to attend at this busy time of year.

### **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Copies of the Minutes of the 2009 AGM were available for reading prior to the meeting.

### **Matters Arising.**

When asked if there were any matters arising from the last AGM, there were none.

### **The Chairman's Report**

- We now have 264 schemes, covering more than 5,000 households out of a catchment area of about 27,000 households in Waterlooville, Horndean and Clanfield.
- There have been two changes to the committee, both of them too recent for all other members of the committee to have met their new colleagues!
  - The committee has been extremely concerned at the poor service given to the members in Waterlooville Central by virtue of the lack of an Area Coordinator, committed to effective communication and coordination. We are therefore very pleased to have very recently obtained the services of Geoff Maidment to take on this role, and we welcome him to the committee and wish him well, and sincerely hope that Waterlooville Central members will soon feel that they really are members of this Association.
  - Ann Roberts has now resigned her position as Area Coordinator for Clanfield, and she has been replaced by Andrew Cork, fortunately without an interregnum. We offer the same welcome and best wishes to Andrew.
- The Association continues to be represented on the Community Tasking Coordinating Group of the Safer Havant Partnership, with the Secretary (or, in his absence, the Treasurer) attending monthly meetings at Havant Civic Offices and working in partnership with the other members. Those of you who attended last year's AGM will have seen and heard the presentation by the Havant Borough Council Community Safety Team, and are therefore aware of the valuable work done by the Partnership.
- Post Meeting Note: The Association is also represented at the recently started CTCG for South of Butser which is run under the auspices of East Hampshire District Council. Andrew Cork has agreed to attend monthly meetings held at Waterlooville Police Station. This Group covers the Horndean and Clanfield areas of the Association which are within EHDC jurisdiction.

- We are also represented, by Keith Buckley, on the committee of Hampshire Neighbourhood Watch Association (where Keith has also recently taken on the role of Treasurer to the county association).
- We have been involved in a number of events during the year:
  - We set up a stand in Waterlooville town centre in June, during National Neighbourhood Watch Week, to provide information to members of the public about our work. In some ways it was unfortunate that this coincided with the Waterlooville Music Festival, meaning that we had a less-than-ideal position. Nevertheless, a number of leads were obtained for possible new schemes.
  - Members of your committee assisted the Havant Borough Council Community Safety Team at the “Safer Havant Fun Day” outside the Asda (Bedhampton) store on 12 August.
  - Financial and practical assistance was given to the Safer Neighbourhoods Team for Waterlooville North for an event during “Not In My Neighbourhood Week” in November.
- Our web-site ([www.wdnwa.org.uk](http://www.wdnwa.org.uk)) has undergone a revamp within the past year, and it is now possible for us to make most of our own amendments and additions, without having to rely upon our web-hosting company to do everything for us. The site was nominated for an award in the Hantsweb Awards scheme, but was unsuccessful against some very stiff competition from very many organisations around the county.
- Those of you who attended last year’s AGM will recall a question from the floor concerning the perceived lack of adequate response when reporting an incident to the police – a question that even left the District Commander stumped! This spurred the committee to try to get to grips with this problem (which had arisen before), leading to the following actions:
  - Some members of the committee paid a visit to the police Control Room at Netley in December to see it in action.
  - The web-site page “Contacting the Police” was extensively rewritten to provide guidance for our members. This work was undertaken by our Treasurer, who is grateful for the help and advice he received in this task from Sgt Simon Watts at Waterlooville, Stuart York (Crime Prevention Officer), Inspector Martin Gilholm at the Netley Control Room, Sue Gibson (Hampshire Constabulary Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator) and Havant Borough Council’s Community Safety Team, who have kindly reproduced the article as a feature on the Safer Havant Partnership website in order to reach a wider audience.
  - The Area Coordinators were asked to pass on the fruits of these labours to all coordinators, who in turn should have passed them on to all of their members, so that there should be no lingering doubts about the worth of making that call to the police, nor of understanding what happens as a result.
  - But just to make sure, we have invited the manager of the Force Enquiry Centre to be one of our guest speakers here this evening.
- I would like to offer my thanks to the following:
  - All members of the committee for their sterling work and support during the last year.
  - Havant Borough Council for continuing to provide funding.
  - Stuart York, Crime Prevention Officer, for providing the committee with regular updates on crime trends and also seasonal tips on crime prevention which we are able to pass on to our members through you – the coordinators.
  - The police Safer Neighbourhood Teams, and particularly the PCSOs, for their support and information. At this point it is only right that we should remember Beverley Lavery, a popular and dedicated PCSO in Waterlooville Central, who sadly passed away on 6 April following a tragic accident. I was able to represent this Association at her funeral service, and the

Association has made a donation to her family's nominated charity in her memory. She will be sorely missed.

- The Association made a number of spending commitments during the year, but I will leave the Treasurer to tell you about them, in his report which follows.

### **The Treasurer's Report**

Ken Legg gave a detailed account of the Association's finances from the balance sheet that had been issued prior to the meeting. He itemised the income and expenses for the past year and balance sheets were available to those present. A copy of the balance sheet will be sent out with the minutes.

### **Election of Officers**

The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were all willing to stand for a further term. All three had provided written evidence of proposers and seconders within the required notice period. As there were no other nominees all three proposals were accepted.

### **Guest Speaker 1** - Jill Weber, Force Enquiry Centre Manager

Jill introduced herself, said where she was based and briefly described her position and main role.

As a recurring theme at NW meetings has been whether to phone the police, and if so, which number to use, Jill gave a detailed explanation of why it is important to make the call.

She explained the purpose of the 4 possible numbers to dial and the background to the introduction of numbers other than 999.

Jill explained the costs involved of dialling each number and explained why 101 is only used in Hampshire at present. (It is hoped to make it a nationally recognised number).

She then went on to explain the way calls are taken, how they are graded into one of four categories and the response that the call taker should give to the call maker.

Rather than give out further information that may have been deemed unnecessary, Jill opened a question and answer session.

There were many questions asked and most were answered satisfactorily. Those that could not be, because the information was not to hand would be addressed outside the meeting.

For the Committee this was a frustrating session as we continually stress where information on contacting the police can be found. Although the general public may not know, all scheme co-ordinators have access to a scheme handbook which details this information. For those with IT, there is the NW website ([www.wdnwa.org.uk](http://www.wdnwa.org.uk)) and Hampshire Constabulary website ([www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)).

### **Guest Speaker 2** - PCSO Luke Goble

Luke has been part of Waterlooville South SNT for a considerable time. Luke is about to embark on full police training and he gave a short talk on his role as a PCSO and what he expects to achieve as a police officer.

Luke also briefed those present about the football strip that the Association had sponsored and the type of matches that it was worn at.

Finally the Chairman invited Chief Inspector Will Schofield to speak.

**C.I. Schofield** said he had now been in post for 3 years and was proud of his area. He was pleased with the achievement of having set up 10 SNTs.

He was pleased to report that once again, at the end of the year crime has been reduced. This has been a continuing trend for 4 years.

While Anti Social Behaviour and Burglary/Vehicle Crime are well down, violence is still relatively high compared to some other areas and it is not known why.

Domestic abuse is also a concern and is one of the main priorities, along with ASB and Alcohol Abuse, which could be a common denominator in the other two offences.

There has been an increase in crimes solved. Where this was once 1:5 it is now close to 1:3. A solved crime is one where there has been some kind of payback by the offender.

Reduction in ASB is down to the SNTs and C.I. Schofield gave special mention to Sgt. Neil Goodyear.

There is a national target to improve confidence in the police. Therefore the police will try harder to engage with the public and discuss priorities. There will also be a drive to increase self publicity. A newsletter will come out in August. It was suggested that NW may be able to assist with its delivery.

C.I. Schofield concluded by thanking the NW Co-ordinators for their efforts, asking them to keep it up. Finally, reminders were issued about maintaining your own personal security indoors and out, especially house security now that the weather is warming up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

Malcolm Jordan  
Secretary.  
May 31st 2010

**GUEST SPEAKERS: Jill Weber, Luke Goble and Chief Inspector Schofield.**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Councillors**

Councillor Shimbart and Councillor Cheshire

**Police**

Chief Inspector Will Schofield, PC Sam Robertson, PCSO Luke Goble, Stuart York (Crime Prevention Officer)

**Area/Scheme Coordinators**

26 (according to the signing in sheets)

**Guests**

10 (according to the signing in sheets)

Before the meeting concluded a vote was taken on two possible neighbourhood watch recruitment leaflets. There was a graphic type one and a text type one. The graphic type won by 17 votes to 7.

Finally, Keith Buckley, who had organised the Hall for the meeting mentioned the following. Although no charge had been made for the hire of the hall we have been asked if we would promote a 'Have a Go' Art Day which will take place at St Wilfrid's Church. We are pleased to do this and a notice is attached. Please spread the word.