



**MINUTES OF THE BARKING AND DAGENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

HELD ON THURSDAY 11 MAY 2006

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS BARKING TOWN HALL

Present:	David Parker	Chairperson Barking and Dagenham Neighbourhood Watch Association
	Suzanne Honeyman	Senior Community Safety Administrator (LBBD) (Minutes)
	John Mack	Community Safety Advisor (Burglary) (LBBD)
	Inspector Steve Manger	Metropolitan Police
	PC Graham Mann	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Marks Gate
	Rita Coombs	15 Lansbury Avenue Chadwell Heath
	Steve Coombs	15 Lansbury Avenue Chadwell Heath (Treasurer)
	Darren Henaghan	Head of Enforcement and Environmental Services
	Jacquie Harris	Business Support Manager (Street Leader Scheme Co-ordinator)
	Keith Lloyd	London Neighbourhood Watch Association Trustee
	Alf Kennedy	London Neighbourhood Watch Association
	Hardial Singh Rai	Sunningdale Avenue
	C Dixon	Ilchester Road
	C Cohen	Ilchester Road
	Alan Gardner	Sutton Tenants Association
	G Ghidotti	Movers Lane
	Mr Ded	Sutton Tenants Association
	Robert Ornoch	Billet Road Chadwell Heath
	Ron Nicholls	Park Avenue Barking
	Paul Bond	Sunningdale Avenue Barking
	Roy Newman	Sunningdale Avenue Barking
	Keith Gadenne	Stanley Avenue Dagenham
	Rita Summerfield	Rose Glen Rush Green



PCSO Razzaq	Metropolitan Police Dagenham
PCSO Varghese	Metropolitan Police Dagenham
PCSO Ian Taylor	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Goresbrook Ward
Les Martin	Geneva Gardens Chadwell Heath
Morris Phillips	Emerald Gardens Dagenham
Donald Everett	Emerald Gardens Dagenham
Jim Campe	Springpond Road Dagenham
J Sexton	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Whalebone Ward
M Sillett	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Whalebone Ward
Pam Tate	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team River Ward
R Morgan	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Abbey Ward
D James	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Abbey Ward
G Guthill	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Longbridge Ward
A Mastons	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Eastbury Ward
C Busby	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Longbridge Ward
J Joyce	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Longbridge Ward
Gareth James	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Becontree Ward
Graham Bird	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Alibon Ward
Andrea Coelko	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Alibon Ward



Sarah Rogers	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Eastbrook Ward
Ken Spickett	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Eastbrook Ward
Sergeant Andy Larkin	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Longbridge Ward
C Chapple	Westbury Road Barking
Rita Venturini	Wellington Drive
D Worbey	Longbridge Road Barking
L Sclater	Westminster Gardens Barking
F Cottage	Coomewood Drive Chadwell Heath
L Young	Brockdish Avenue Barking
C Constable	Pemberton Gardens Chadwell Heath
D Seeds	Clare Gardens Barking
Jan Farrell	Goresbrook Ward
S Gill	Woodbridge Road Longbridge Ward
G Carter	Stamford Road Dagenham

1. **Welcome to the meeting**

Chairperson welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from June Griffin, Sid Demain, Beryl Selvage, Vera Carter, Bernard Street, Edna Handley, Lyn Dennison, Lisa Cherry (Met Police), Lisa Bird, Mrs Moylam and Mrs Higgins.

3. **Minutes of the meeting dated 12 January 2006**

The minutes were agreed by all to be an accurate record.

4. **Chairman's Report**

A copy of the Chairman's Report is attached to these minutes for information.

An invitation was extended to John Mack to present his verbal reports on the Junior Neighbourhood Watch Pilot Project and proposals to introduce training for co-ordinators. The following information was noted: -



Junior Neighbourhood Watch

The pilot project for Junior Neighbourhood Watch is to be introduced at Robert Clack Lower School. John is currently working with the staff and pupils in the development of the pilot, which it is hoped will be launched within 6 to 8 weeks. It is planned to use Junior Neighbourhood Watch in a different way to the established scheme in order to take in other kinds of safety issues. It is proposed that once the Pilot Project has been evaluated it will be rolled out to other schools in the borough.

Co-ordinator Training

John Mack reported that he and the Chair had attended meetings with Inspector Manger, Sally Dalton Crime Prevention Officer for Barking and Dagenham and Metropolitan Police Officers connected to Redbridge Neighbourhood Watch to exchange ideas and discuss the issue of implementing a co-ordinator induction training programme for new watches as historically new co-ordinators have been 'thrown in at the deep end'. The training would cover areas such as how to gain the support of neighbours for example.

Questions asked as a result of the Chairman's Report

Clarification was required as to whether the Cold Calling Zone Pilot had been launched. The response was that it had commenced and would be evaluated over a three month period.

Clarification was asked on when the Good Neighbour Scheme would be commencing. The response was that this scheme had been sidelined in the interim concerning publicity until the Cold Calling Zone Pilot Scheme had been evaluated and was proved to be operating at an effective level.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report consisted of the following information:

Votes of thanks were extended to those present for the leaving gift that Rita and Steve had received from the Committee.



Date	Transaction	Debit	Credit	Balance
1 April 2005	Balance Bought forward			£1,034.02
	Website charge	£40.00		£994.02
	Insurance	£449.39		£544.63
	Broadband Subscriptions DD x 12 @ £17.99	£215.88		
	BT Bill (final)	£25.00		£303.75
	Printing LBBD (Newsletter)	£150.55		£153.70
	Funding Grant from Met Police (Barking and Dagenham)		£2,000.00	£2,153.70
31 March 2006	Balance Bought Forward			<u>£2,153.70</u>

It was noted that detailed accounts were available from the treasurer if required.

6. Election of Officers and Committee

Inspector Manger advised that the following individuals had been proposed for Chair and Vice Chair as follows: -

Chair

David Parker was proposed by Inspector Manger and elected unanimously by those present at the meeting.

Vice Chair

Paul Bond was proposed by David Parker and unanimously elected by those present at the meeting.

An invitation was then extended to the newly elected Chair, David Parker to carry on the election process of the remaining officers and Committee members.



Treasurer

Rita Summerfield was proposed by the Chair and unanimously elected by those present at the meeting.

The Chair explained that the following three committee members of Metropolitan Police Liaison Officer, Metropolitan Police Representative Barking and London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Liaison Officer would not be included in the election process:-

Metropolitan Police Liaison Officer

Inspector Stephen Manger

Metropolitan Police Representative Barking

Inspector Ivan Hayes

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Liaison Officer

John Mack Community Safety Advisor (Burglary)

The following individuals were proposed and unanimously elected onto the Committee as Area Representatives

Barking Town Centre

Paul Bond

Rush Green

Rita Summerfield

Marks Gate

Cathy Laine

Village Ward

Rita Venturini

Leftley Estate

Linda Young

Colin Constable was proposed and unanimously elected onto the Committee as Newsletter Editor

Secretary

Suzanne Honeyman was proposed by David Parker, seconded by John Mack and unanimously elected to continue in the capacity of Secretary.

The Chair formally welcomed the following speakers to the meeting:



7. Police Report

Inspector Manger's verbal report contained the following information: -

There are now 136 watches in the borough this equates to a 40% increase (55 extra watches) in comparison to the total number of watches last year. Each co-ordinator represents approximately 30 households. In total 4,000 households are now covered by Neighbourhood Watches.

The co-ordinators were informed that the remaining Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams had now been rolled out which means that every ward in the Borough is now covered. For those that had not attended previous meetings, Inspector Manger explained that each team consisted of: -

One Sergeant
2 Constables
3 Police Community Support Officers

Each team has its mobile telephone number but this is not to be used in an emergency situation, still dial 999.

Inspector Manger is looking at passing weekly information to all co-ordinators with e-mail addresses. 60 co-ordinators currently receive e-mail information including the 'Communities Together Bulletin'. The latest bulletin included an appeal for witnesses to a body found in the Thames, an appeal for witnesses to a serious road accident in Stoke Newington and information for residents on the growing cannabis factory trend. Inspector Manger is keen to increase the number of watches on the e-mail contacts list to improve information exchange.

Co-ordinators were advised of their chance to nominate a police officer for "Community Constable of the Year".

Statistics

Across the Metropolitan Police crime is down 3%. In terms of solving crimes 'the detection rate' stands at 18% - the highest level since the 1990's.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams are looking at impacting on robbery, residential burglary and motor vehicle crime rates. Across the Metropolitan Police Service burglary figures are up 1.5%. In Barking and Dagenham burglary figures are down 3.5%. One of the safest boroughs in terms of burglary figures.



Success Stories

Sunningdale Avenue Neighbourhood Watch provided details of a white van selling carpets in their street. Police checks revealed the van is inked to burglary artifice from Bristol and vital intelligence has been obtained as a result of that watch's report.

Stanley Avenue Neighbourhood Watch provided details of a suspicious looking Police car with its markings covered. Police enquiries revealed the vehicle was in fact one used for filming and the owner was advised by the Police concerning driving the vehicle on the road.

One other watch (which cannot be named as a trial is imminent) provided information leading to the arrest and charge of a disqualified driver.

A request was put to the co-ordinators in connection with manning the Neighbourhood Watch stand in the Police Marquee. It was agreed that those interested in volunteering should speak to Inspector Manger after the meeting. Jan Farrell and Hardial Singh Rai highlighted that they were happy to volunteer.

8. Guest Speakers

a) Alf Kennedy – Treasurer London Neighbourhood – Introduction to London Neighbourhood Watch

Alf Kennedy gave an informative presentation which contained the following information:-

It was noted that London Neighbourhood Watch Association Limited had been set up as a non profit company limited by guarantee five years ago with the aim to raise / earn money for the borough associations.

26 Boroughs have signed up as members of London Neighbourhood Watch Association Limited

Reference was made to Bromley where Mr Kennedy is also a treasurer. Bromley has 400 watches covering over 24,000 households.

The production of the second edition of the London Secure Homes Magazine was highlighted. It was noted that London Neighbourhood Watch Association Limited receives a small contribution when any of the special deals advertised in this publication are taken up. A stock of 500,000 copies of the magazine stored at Charlton is available to those who have their own transport.



Mr Kennedy highlighted he would prefer individual Boroughs to decide how to spend the funding raised by London Neighbourhood Watch Association Limited rather than a representative from each Borough form a Committee to decide how to spend funding which has been proposed.

Funding can also be raised by adopting SafeNeighbourhoods.co.uk as your home page on the internet.

Questions / points raised as a result of the presentation

Alan Gardner enquired as to whether London Neighbourhood Watch Limited thought of using the Borough's Residents Association to distribute the London Secure Homes Magazines. The response was yes but that they didn't have the contacts. It was agreed that contact with the Tenants Participation Office could be made via David Parker.

David Parker asked how it was planned to move the funding ideas forward, as there had been problems historically, such as the inability to sell products on promotion due to the lack of circulation of the London Secure Homes Magazine. The response was that they would be interested in getting the London Boroughs together to meet more regularly and swap ideas.

Questions / points raised as a result of the presentation

b) Darren Henaghan and Jacquie Harris Barking and Dagenham Council Volunteer Street Leader Scheme

The informative PowerPoint Presentation given by Darren Henaghan contained the following information: -

The main aim of the scheme which is to be piloted on a six month basis to start with is to work together with the local community to improve the environment and to help develop and improve our services.

The scheme was introduced as a result of consultation with residents carried out by the Street Wardens Service. Many residents asked if a scheme like this could be introduced.

The scheme is aiming to recruit residents as volunteers who take pride in their Borough and want to help the Council improve its services. Darren Henaghan explained that the scheme would be looking to recruit volunteers from Neighbourhood Watch, Community Action Groups, Tenants and Residents Associations and Safer Neighbourhood Groups as members of these groups were already involved in community issues.

Volunteer Street Leaders will be asked to report issues such as fly-posting, untaxed and abandoned vehicles, rubbish, litter, graffiti and fly-tipping to the Council as they go about their daily business.

Reports can be made via a dedicated freephone telephone number, e-mail, internet and via the post by completing a slip.

Volunteers will be non-uniformed to lesson the risks of being challenged by others and to reduce the risk of harm to them.

Jacquie Harris was introduced as the Co-coordinator for the Street Leader Scheme and it was noted that her role will involve keeping the Voluntary Street Leaders up to date and informed about their environment, neighbourhood and schemes the Council are running. Offering support and appropriate training where required and working on behalf of the volunteers to resolve problems that have been reported to the Contact Centre but are unresolved after a reasonable time. Jacquie will also provide regular feedback on the progress of reported issues.

Darren Henaghan explained that he was approaching members of Neighbourhood Watch to volunteer to become Street Leaders as he felt that they were responsible residents who care and are actively involved in their local community already. They already carry out activities that Street Leaders will be tasked to deliver and being a member of the scheme would provide an opportunity for the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators to have direct access to the Council.

A discussion ensued on the subject of whether Neighbourhood Watch members would be interested in adopting the scheme. One particular co-coordinator Dev Matharu felt that it was a ridiculous idea as Neighbourhood Watch was already undertaking a similar service to the community and that it didn't want anything to do with the Council. Darren Henaghan responded that the scheme was not designed to replace or compete with Neighbourhood Watch. Other co-ordinators highlighted their support for the scheme.

Questions / points raised as a result of the presentation

Clarification was required as to whether the free phone telephone line would be operated on a 24 hour basis to deal with such as issues as graffiti, to which the response was no. Co-ordinators were advised to ring 999 if they saw anyone committing an act of graffiti.

Many of the other complaints / questions raised were relating to environmental issues which the Chair advised the co-ordinators to speak to Darren Henaghan independently of the meeting.

The Chair invited those present to vote on whether they would want to look at the scheme in more depth with a view to adopting it. The results were as follows:

Yes vote: 18 No vote: 4



It was agreed that the Chair and the Committee would look at in more detailed depth.

9. Good News

Inspector Manger summarised the good news items under his Police Report.

10. Questions from the floor / comments

Alan Gardner (Sutton Tenants Association) highlighted a theft of turf he had witnessed occurring perpetrated by three youths and the response he had received from the Police which he was extremely concerned about. After further discussion it was agreed that Inspector Hayes would speak to Mr Gardner after the meeting.

Clarification was required on the correct e-mail address to send reports to. The Chair responded that the e-mail address advised by Linda Young was the correct one to use.

11. Any other business

Please telephone John Mack if anybody is interested in receiving a marking kit or wants enquire about the digital camera

12. Dates of future meetings

Suzanne Honeyman advised that the dates and venues for the next three quarterly meetings were as follows: -

Thursday 13 July 2006 Civic Centre 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 12 October 2006 Barking Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 11 January 2007 Civic Centre 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Suzanne Honeyman, Senior Community Safety Administrator