



Torrige District Neighbourhood Watch

**Minutes of Forum Meeting held at
West Croft Junior School, Bideford
Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

Members Present:

Tom Carrick (Chair), David Braziel (Vice Chair), Helena Schiller (Treasurer), Mike Jackson (Secretary), Angela Lovering (Bideford), John Bowers (Winkleigh), Roger Copp (Milton Damerel), Luke Brennan (Bideford), Christine Summerfield (Bradworthy)

1. Welcome & Apologies.

Tom welcomed everybody to the meeting and the following apologies were given: Robin Edmonds (Woolsery), Jane Wilson (Woolsery), Adrian Blight (Alwington), Bob Line (Westward Ho!)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held 19th January 2016. These had been previously circulated and no amendments were needed. It was proposed by Roger Copp and seconded by Angela Lovering that they were a true record of the Meeting and with all members in agreement Tom signed the Minutes.

3. Matters Arising. Angela asked for a progress report on the "Safe" booklet and the new "Welcome Pack" booklet which DaCCWA are working on. David still had no progress to report because DaCCWA have not had a meeting. Mike commented on the Holsworthy Farm Watch situation. The intention of the Holsworthy PCSOs was for a Farm Watch which ran on similar lines to NHW and five ACs have been recruited and vetted. However, the main database was going to be administered from Holsworthy PS but due to staffing pressures this idea has been put on hold. Holsworthy PCSOs are concerned that under the CMS system, messages can only be sent out Monday to Friday, 09.00 to 17.00hrs whereas NHW are able to react 24/7. Angela wondered if any progress had been made with the possible new CO at Woolsery but Robin was not at the Meeting to clarify this.

4. Chair's Report (Tom Carrick). Tom thanked the Forum for backing him over the past six years and for the continued support for another term. Over that time many changes had been seen but we all work well as a team and everybody plays their part. The plan is to re-visit the idea of a Junior Section, in due course, to make it happen. He hopes that we can continue to be progressive and adapt to further changes which are in the pipeline. Bideford PS is still seeing regular changes which adds to the difficulties. Our Forum seems to be in a better position than many other Forums and it is hoped that we can continue in this way.

5. Reports.

Treasurer (Helena Schiller). Helena produced an 'Income & Expenditure' statement to 8 March 2016, although this excludes the hire of Westward Ho! BC Hall for the AGM for £45 as the invoice has only just come in.

	Expenditure		Income
Microphone Stand	14.98		
News Letters	95.72		
Angela Lovering's Expenses	12.60		
North Devon Print	93.00		
Photocopier Toner	89.60		
Hall Hire for Woolsery	30.00		
Total Payments	335.90	Total Receipts	0.00

Closing Balance at Bank on 8/03/2016 = **£1,803.57**

DaCCWA (David Braziel). David reported that they have not had a meeting.

He did report that he has not been given a date yet for the hand-over from CMS to the "Alert" system which he will be administrating. Also, there are still a considerable number of COs who have not registered their Watch schemes on the national database. We may have to consider a mailshot in due course because those who are not registered will lose the NHW liability insurance cover and also not be eligible to display the street signage. Angela suggested something in the next Newsletter, which goes out to all COs, and David agreed to provide an article.

Torrington Records (John Bowers). No changes to report.

Bideford Records (Angela Lovering). Bideford is still in need of an Area Co-ordinator for the Buckland Brewer area and since Derek Thorn's recent resignation we also need one for Appledore. There have been no changes of Co-ordinators.

Office Manager (Angela Lovering) A replacement drum has been purchased for the photocopier and needs to be changed when the red light on the copier indicates so.

Holsworthy Records (Mike Jackson). We currently have 2 co-ordinator changes in the pipeline. At Bridgerule, Brian Beadle is stepping down but has found a neighbour, Ricki Hallett, who is prepared to take over. At Holsworthy Beacon, Jackie Beckles has moved away from the area and her deputy, Peter Fry, is to take over. We are currently going through the vetting process. We are still without ACs for Cookbury, Pyworthy Village, Part of Holsworthy Town and are still looking for a replacement for Sutcombe where Toni Sluggett is looking to step down.

Grants (Mike Jackson). We need to fix a Finance Committee Meeting date before we get too far into the year. As we don't have a Forum Meeting in May, it was suggested as a suitable time, which those involved agreed to. Mike to contact them in due course to arrange.

Publishing (Mike Jackson). Mike passed around samples of the new telephone card which are now available to go out as part of the New Member Packs.

Secretary (Mike Jackson). Nothing to report which isn't mentioned elsewhere.

Report from Newsletter Editor (Angela Lovering). The Autumn Newsletter was issued in November. If anyone has suggestions for inclusion in the Spring Newsletter, please let me know.

I have articles on phone scams and Smart Water but we still need more! The Spring issue should be ready for distribution at the NHW meeting on 16th June at Woolserly Community Centre. Please send articles to: angela.jl@btinternet.com – the deadline is 1st. May.

PCSOs Not available.

6. Review of the AGM. Tom felt that the meeting went well and that Supt. Munday had given an excellent presentation, assisted by PC Sally Ferris who is our the Police – NHW Liaison Officer. A letter, received from Supt. Munday, was passed round as this praised the professionalism of the Forum. The letter also mentioned that he is moving on to a new post and that Chief Inspector Ryan Doyle will be taking over. Tom also expressed his concern that members of the audience felt that it was in order to aggressively question visiting speakers, as had happened at the AGM. Whilst on this occasion Supt Munday gave as good as he got, this has not always been the case. John Bowers produced a newspaper cutting relating to police officer cuts and communities becoming isolated, which had sparked the questioning concerned.

7. Holsworthy Meeting – 19 April. Mike has recently been in touch with the Holsworthy Beat Team who have received training in connection with “Modern Day Slavery / Abuse” and they have offered to give presentation on the subject. Everybody thought that this would be an interesting subject and Tom also felt that we should try to get a PCSO to update us on the local scene.

8. Getting New Forum Members. Following the AGM, we are six members short of a making full Forum. Tom is personally happy to make contact with anybody who we feel might be interested in joining us.

9. Crime Report Problems. Getting access to a police computer by David and myself has been difficult over the past couple of months. There has been various correspondence with Inspector Gray, Sgt McWhinnie and the PCC, although the latter has not responded. Hopefully these problems have now eased and things will run more smoothly. And, after several weeks of little or no input from the Police for the Reports, last week we received articles from Bideford, Holsworthy and Torrington, which was pleasing.

10. Any Other Business. Helena wondered whether it would be of any benefit in contacting Bideford College with a view to making young people more aware of NHW and what we do. Tom said that we had approached them in the past, without success, due to the very full curriculum which they have to accommodate. Also, he felt that if we were allowed access, then they would be obliged to open up to other organisations. We can keep the thought for the future.

11. Dates of next meetings:

Holsworthy Public Meeting - Tuesday 19 April 2016

Woolserly Public Meeting - Thursday 16 June 2016

Forum Meeting – Tuesday 12 July 2016

All meetings start at 7-15 pm and aim to close by 9.00 pm.

With no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.