



**Torrige District Neighbourhood Watch
Minutes of Special Forum Meeting held at
West Croft Junior School, Bideford
Thursday 2nd. February 2017 at 7.15 p.m.**

Members Present:

Tom Carrick (Chair), David Braziel (Vice Chair), Mike Jackson (Secretary), Roger Copp (Milton Damerel), John Bowers (Winkleigh), Luke Brennan (Bideford), Jane Wilson (Woolsery), Robin Edmonds (Woolsery), Barry Jenkins (Winkleigh).

Apologies: Christine Summerfield (Bradworthy), Adrian Blight (Alwington) and PCSO John McGovern who was not on duty and away from the area.

Welcome: Tom thanked everyone for coming to this extra meeting which had been called at short notice. He also expressed his thanks to Angela and Helena, in their absence, as both had made a massive contribution to NHW over many years. Thanks also to Adrian Blight, who has tendered his resignation, with effect from the upcoming AGM, and three other co-ordinators who have recently stepped down.

Purpose of the Meeting: The sole purpose of this meeting is to re-allocate the various jobs which were previously carried out by Angela and Helena, to enable the continued smooth running of the Forum. The various jobs were discussed at length with the following outcomes.

Treasurer: This position has not yet been filled. If nobody can be found to take on this job then control of our funds will need to be handed over to DaCCWA. With the AGM coming up in twelve days time Tom will advertise the vacancy then and also through the weekly Crime Report which goes out over a wide area.

Record Keeper for Bideford: David Braziel.

Record Keeper for Torrington: John Bowers is to continue with this role but David Braziel will do the computer updates until John's computer is working again.

Compile and Edit the six monthly Newsletter: With the Crime Report having developed into a weekly newsletter the benefits of the six monthly newsletter was questioned. However, as not all co-ordinators receive the Crime Reports due to not having computer access they would be marginalised. Tom will produce a six monthly newsletter specifically for those co-ordinators.

Area Co-ordinator for 9 Watches in Bideford: Tom and Luke will take on this job on a joint basis.

Office Manager and Duty Rota: Mike will take these on as he will still be going into the Office. However, the Office will be out of use for the near future whilst the Police redecorate the room and carry out various alterations.

Grant/Budget Committee: Tom, David Braziel, Mike and the new treasurer in due course. There may be a reduced funding requirement if the Police are able to cover some or all of our stationery costs.

Collate Bideford, Holsworthy and Torrington data bases for the six Newsletter distribution and also update the Chair and Vice Chair with the 'Additions & Deletions':

David Braziel will take on the 'Additions & Deletions' updates and the three area record keepers will produce the necessary envelopes for the Newsletters.

Any Other Business:

- A question was asked about the lack of a police presence at the meeting. Mike explained that John McGovern normally attends when he is able to and sometimes Liz Rendle steps in to cover for him. David Braziel pointed out that our constitution allows for a police representative to be on the Forum in an advisory capacity but they do not have voting rights. David also pointed out that it is not for Police to be getting involved in our 'internal' disputes.
- Refreshments for the AGM – Mike said he would organise these and Tom said that Rosie would also be at the meeting to help.
- It was questioned why we needed to have so many meetings. It was explained that each year we hold four open meetings, one in each of the Bideford, Holsworthy and Torrington areas, together with one of the larger villages. This is to give members from the whole area the opportunity of attending a meeting without having to travel too far. There is also the AGM, with elections every other year and in non-election years the meeting is in effect just a normal open meeting. All admin. matters are dealt with at Forum meetings of which there are also four per year unless an extra meeting is called, such as this evening.

Date of Next Forum Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday 14th. March at West Croft School, Bideford.

With no further matters to discuss, Tom thanked everybody for coming and for continuing to support David and himself. The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

