

Present		Apologies
Vikki Slade (VS) Chair	Wendy Perry (WP)	Louise Dalrymple (LD)
Chris Walton (CW) Vice Chair	John Lodge (JL)	
Richard Hudson (RH) Treasurer	Allan Jeans (AJ)	
Chris Burt (CB) Secretary	Colin Merrett (CM)	
David Williams (DW)	Peter Sidaway (PS) Guest	

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1	<p>Minutes of the last Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and approved.</p> <p>Proposed: DW Seconded: CM Vote: Unanimous</p>	
2	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising</p>	
3	<p>Action Log Review</p> <p>Open actions were reviewed and status/progress updates applied.</p>	

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4	Succession Planning	
4.1	<p>Co-Opting</p> <p>CB said he had set the wheels in motion to co-opt Peter Sidaway as VS's successor following her earlier statement that she did not wish to serve another year . He had circulated the Committee for any objection to the proposal and there were none. However, the Committee thought it prudent to leave the matter for open debate at this Committee meeting at which PS would be attending as a guest.</p>	
4.2	<p>Decision</p> <p>PS informed the Committee that he was not willing to go straight onto the Committee and into the Chair. He said he did not have a history in the Committee nor the depth of understanding of the organisation. He wanted to find out what the Watch did to make change and is keen to see how it is done. However, he did not rule out ever becoming Chairman of the Watch.</p> <p>CB agreed to supply PS with copies of last year's minutes to help him acquire knowledge of BNW's work.</p> <p>Action: Provide PS with copies of last years minutes</p>	
4.3	<p>Skills Set for Chairman</p> <p>CB said he had lobbied for PS to be Chair as being a Councillor he would have the same qualities, contacts, know how and relationship with BCP, Police, PCC and BNW's other partners. Nevertheless, it was pointed out that Councillors come and go and it wasn't really necessary for the Chair to be a Councillor. After all many other Watches do not have a Councillor as Chair.</p>	
4.4	<p>Changes Facing BNW and its Officers</p> <p>There was a sea change both in the nature of crimes and police way of working. VS said other Watch's had shifted their focus away from crime and were more Community – orientated.</p> <p>Although there were no stats of cyber crime available to Watch's it was one of the big five crimes along with domestic abuse, sexual abuse, scamming and county lines.</p> <p>Unfortunately, these were crimes that happened behind closed doors and would not be detected by the traditional 'Bobby-on-the-Beat'. Consequently, Police operations targeted these major crimes and their whole set-up had changed beyond recognition as to what it used to be.</p> <p>Police numbers are now almost back to pre-Covid levels. They are carving their way back into the public eye by, amongst other ways, producing videos showing their activities so that people how they are tackling major crimes. Also they have a Facebook page detailing their anti-crime operations.</p> <p>There was no remit on BNW to deal with the 5 big crimes.</p>	
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4.6	<p>Chairman's Successors</p> <p>VS knew of two or three candidates who might succeed her. She was prepared to sound them out and see if any were interested. VS again confirmed her intention to stay as Chair until the AGM in May. Thereafter, provided there was a candidate – preferably a person in a younger age group – and who would be required to shadow her to learn the role, she was prepared to serve a further year. VS is utterly committed to protecting the Watch and would not want it to fall away if she was unable to continue.</p> <p>Action: Possible successors to be 'tapped on the shoulder'</p> <p>Committee Service</p> <p>RH proposed that the tenure should not be infinite as at present, but be for a specific term. His proposal was that Officers would only serve for a maximum of 2 x 3 year periods. After the first 3 years an Officer would have the option of standing down or continuing. Committee membership will cease once the second three year term has expired.</p> <p>Proposed: RH Seconded: VS Vote: Unanimous</p>	VS 0324/02
5	<p>An amendment to the Constitution will be required to incorporate this change.</p>	
5.1	<p>Constitution/Subscriptions</p> <p>Draft Amendments</p>	
5.2	<p>CW had produced an amended constitution paper which had been circulated to Committee members.</p> <p>Membership</p> <p>VS was concerned that 'member' needs to be defined as there are around 3,500 properties the newsletter is delivered to, but the Watch doesn't know who is a member inside. There is no way of knowing if the same people are in the same household. They are not being asked if they wish to continue being a member.</p> <p>To try and ascertain such details would be a gargantuan task and require Contacts to knock on doors, which as is already known, many are reluctant to do, as well as complicating the registration process. The Watch's register is of residences not people. Generally, Contacts know when members move on and/or new people come in and will invite them to join accordingly. Paying an annual subscription is no longer a condition of membership. It was noted also that about 2% of the membership actually attend AGM's. Contacts will be advised that there is no need to collect donations this year, but if any Contacts wish to do so then it would be most welcome.</p>	
5.3	<p>Action: Contacts to be advised that there is no need to collect donations this year, but if any wish to it will be welcomed</p> <p>Power and Rights</p>	RH/WP 0324/03

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	<p>The Constitution needed to be clearer about where power rests and spell out the rights that BNW members have viz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to attend the AGM • Right to approve monies • Right to approve the Constitution <p>Consequently, the Constitution will be considered further, amended accordingly and prepared in time for the AGM. Announcements of changes will be on Facebook, BNW website and a reference made in the Link.</p> <p>Action: Constitution to be looked at in depth and amendments made</p> <p>Action: Constitution changes to announced on Facebook, BNW website and a reference made in The Link</p>	<p>RH/CW 0324/04</p> <p>JL/VS 0324/05</p>
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6.1	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>AGM</p>	
6.2	<p>CB advised the Committee that he had now booked and confirmed the venue. The AGM will be held in the Restaurant of the RBL Club, Tudor Road, Broadstone on 16 May. Meeting to commence at 7:30pm.</p> <p>Parking</p>	
6.3	<p>Parking is available for those attending in the RBL marked spaces and to the side of the Club. Additional parking is on-road and the Broadstone First School car park opposite. Attendees are asked not to park in the Memorial Hall marked spaces as they risk facing an £85 fine.</p> <p>Refreshments</p>	
7	<p>Drinks may be purchased from the Club bar.</p>	
7.1	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Police Meetings</p>	
7.2	<p>VS did not have much to report for this Committee meeting, as there have been no police meetings or surgeries since last time. There is a planned Police Surgery for 6th April. Venue not yet confirmed.</p> <p>Action: JL to be advised of Police Surgery venue</p> <p>Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)</p> <p>VS had met with the PCC in her capacity as council leader, but most of the discussion related to more strategic matters and simply serve to remind her that Broadstone is fortunate to have such a safe community.</p>	<p>VS 0324/06</p>

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7.3	<p>The PCC election is taking place on 2nd May and so any shared posts once the formal election period starts , probably 26th March, should probably not feature anyone who is a candidate, and that includes the current incumbent. There is a lot of great police content that the Watch can use that does not include the PCC.</p> <p>Quarterly Newsletter</p> <p>Following the last meeting members have been notified of BNW's intention to move to quarterly newsletters and the Committee shall have to see if there is any pushback from this change. It will require some changes to the Constitution which will need to be ratified at the AGM, so it is possible that some may raise their concerns at that time. The reality though is that if no-one comes forward to take on the onerous roles around fundraising for compiling and distribution of the newsletter there seems little alternative.</p>	
7.4	<p>The Link</p> <p>VS will continue to write for the Broadstone Link for more urgent matters and she would suggest that if the Committee need things put out through this vehicle, they let her know by 10th of any month when she starts to prepare her articles.</p>	
7.5	<p>Action: Committee members to advise VS of any items for The Link by the 10th of any month</p>	
7.6	<p>Knife Crime Action</p> <p>Due to the PCC election the BCP planned 'month of action on knife crime' will probably need to be postponed as it will be difficult to stop this being politicised. The area has apparently got access to new funds to support Hotspot policing and while this is not going to provide any funding for places like Broadstone it should be possible to insist that any resources that are currently being 'borrowed' from neighbourhoods for higher crime areas should be returned to their usual location.</p>	
7.7	<p>Chairmanship of BNW Watch</p> <p>As the Committee knows VS has advised her intention to step down from the Chair. In fact, this has been her position since 2022 and she even confirmed it at the 2023 AGM. However, VS is aware that no one is prepared to step into my place. Therefore, she is concerned that without a confirmed Chair this organisation is at risk of closure and such closure is not something VS would want to be responsible for. Consequently, she is prepared, reluctantly, IF NEEDED to remain in situ on the condition that a Vice Chairman is sourced who can be prepared for leadership.</p>	
7.8	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>BCP is now actively looking at the parishing model and it might be that BNW find new 'blood' for the Watch as the consultation for this expanded democracy moves through the system and, that a future town or parish council might roll the work of BNW into its community committees.</p> <p>Travel Officers</p>	

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7.9	<p>BCP had acquired money from the Department of Transport to fund travel officers who would ride on buses where there are threats to the safety of bus drivers and they would also patrol bus stations with problems. CCTV will be installed at all 14 points at bus stations. VS will include this item in her April Newsletter Chair's report. Also CCTV is to be installed in a 2 year project at 250 main bus stops.</p> <p>Action: Report on Bus Travel Officers in April BNW Newsletter</p> <p>Beryl Bikes</p> <p>Some of the money from the Department of Transport would be used locate missing Beryl Bikes. All bikes will be monitored from a centre located in the Bournemouth police station.</p>	VS 0324/08
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8.1	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Accounts</p> <p>BNW's accounts are for the eleven months ended 29th February 2024. Income from member donations totalled £ 5,491 and expenditure £1,707 of which the largest part was £1,484 on printing and stationery. This gave a surplus for the period of £3,784. The Accumulated Fund stood at £6,438 which RH believes leaves the Watch sufficient funds for the next 3 years.</p>	
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9	<p>Donations</p>	
9.1	<p>RH confirmed that the new donations system has worked very well.</p> <p>Membership Officer's Report</p> <p>Register</p>	
9.2	<p>WP reported that there are 3,473 households on the register. 432 of these households receive the Newsletter via e-mail which is an increase of 34 this month.</p> <p>Co-Ordinators and Contacts</p> <p>Fortunately there have been no more resignations. Although in February all members, including the Contact, in Ribble Close informed WP they no longer wanted to receive the paper Newsletter. One has since signed up for the e-mail Newsletter. WP reasoned that as the total membership of Ribble Close was 7 and once the Contact decided to relinquish the delivery role none of the others wanted to take it on.</p>	
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10	<p>Committee Volunteer</p> <p>WP had received interest from a Fairview Road resident to join the Committee. The resident is new to Broadstone and keen to be involved fully in the Broadstone community. They have already started volunteering to join a number of local organisations. Whilst is not known yet what their skills set is the Committee had no objection, if the individual wanted to, to inviting them to join the Committee.</p>	
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11	<p>Editor's Report</p>	

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	<p>CM had nothing to report specifically for the meeting</p> <p>Content and Schedule of April Newsletter</p> <p>CM wanted agreement on the content for the April Newsletter as it is vital owing to the Editor's absence during the week before Easter and the impending AGM. It was agreed that the final date for all subjects for the newsletter will be 28th March 2024 and importantly it will include notices to members of the AGM and the amendments to the Constitution.</p> <p>As there was no March Newsletter the April issue will contain two months data of crime statistics and a expression of thanks to Contacts for the excellent work oer the past year.</p> <p>Action: Notice to members giving details of AGM</p> <p>Action: Chair's report to contain notice of Constitutional amendments and expression of thanks to Contacts</p> <p>Media Officer's Report</p> <p>Facebook/Instagram</p> <p>JL reported both remained the same with no change in numbers</p> <p>Tracker</p> <p>22 e-mails and 7 telephone complaints/enquiries had been received. JL considered a lot of these calls are made to BNW in frustration as callers only receive one liner replies from BCP denying responsibility and or being bounced between BCP and the police. VS explained that in the case of abandoned vehicles (which some of the calls were about) it is the responsibility of the police. Once they have finished the enquiries the police then tell BCP to tow the vehicle away.</p> <p>Updating</p> <p>Both Control Panel on the website and storage space are to be increased at no cost.</p> <p>Corfe Mullen Home Watch</p> <p>JL had received an e-mail from the Chairman of Corfe Mullen Home Watch suggesting meeting up to discuss any shared areas of concern as they and BNW are neighbouring Watches. The Committee had no objection to a meeting being arranged.</p> <p>Action: Explore possibility of joint meeting with Corfe Mullen Home Watch</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>Chitter Chatter Group</p>	<p>CB 0324/09</p> <p>VS 0324/10</p> <p>JL 0324/11</p>
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LD had requested by e-mail to advise that by advertising the group in the Newsletter she had admitted 3 new visitors at the group event held in the Cafe Gardenia. Two had suffered bereavement and had not socialised for some time, one since pre-Covid. LD had met a lady's daughter-in-law separate to the group who enquired if the group would suit her mother-in-law who has a carer.

LD says it wonderful that the Newsletter is actually the encouragement needed, but also thinks it's being part of BNW that gives the group a feeling of security to those coming out again.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.15 hours

Date of Next Meeting: 14th May 2024

Minutes taken by: Chris Burt

Minutes issued on: 25th March 2024