

Neighbourhood Watch Network

Minutes of NWN discussions and the formal Annual General Meeting held on Thursday September 26th 2019 at

The Birmingham West Hotel by Accor Hotels, Birmingham Road, West Bromwich B70 6TU

Formal Annual General Meeting

- 1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 2nd August 2018 were approved.
- 2. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
- 3. Overview from the Chair:
 - 3.1. The Chair summarised the Trustee changes since the previous AGM, namely Alison Braganza, Ken Pease and Jessica Taplin had resigned from the Board, and sadly Rachel Griffin had passed away.
 - 3.2. The Chair clarified that the Board post AGM, subject to approval of the voting members, would be David Huse (Chair), Joe Pearce (Vice Chair), Kardaya Rooprai (Treasurer), Derek Pratt (Secretary) and Kirsty McHugh (Trustee).
 - 3.3. Current Trustees each spoke for one minute outlining their achievements for NWN during the past year (except Kirsty McHugh who was absent on the day).
 - 3.4. The Chair clarified that he would be stepping down in March 2020. Agency led recruitment for his post is underway.
 - 3.5. The Chair thanked the members of the Working Groups.
 - 3.6. The Chair gave an overview of the position of NW in England & Wales. Key points:
 - 3.6.1. NTU Research puts NW at 9% of households (2016/17).
 - 3.6.2.CEO/Board target for next three years (as per the Trustee Report) is to grow to 20% of households
 - 3.6.3. Ceiling growth is to 60%, based on the most recent research from IUM with non-members.
 - 3.7. The Chair gave his thanks to attendees, the NWN team, Co-op and ERA, and summarised the next 6 months as a focus on:
 - 3.7.1. Delivering the remaining parts of the current strategy (IT and Offer),
 - 3.7.2. Delivering the non-member plan, and
 - 3.7.3. Working on organisational matters, with a focus on the new Chair, Board and Officer positions.

- 4. The Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2019, which had previously been published, was accepted.
- 5. The audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2019, which had previously been published, were accepted. The Treasurer reviewed NWN's Financial Position. Key points:
 - a) The Charity is in a strong Financial position.
 - b) The contingency/reserve position has been agreed with Board and CEO.
 - c) There is further need to diversify income away from a reliance on the Home Office.
 - d) He thanked Co-op and ERA for their continued support, and
 - e) Questions were addressed by the Treasurer.
- 6. The Meeting unanimously confirmed the appointment of Joe Pearce as Vice Chair and Kardaya Rooprai as Treasurer.
- 7. It was noted that Craig Cox and Alison McWhinnie are retiring as Trustees at the conclusion of this Meeting, and are not seeking re-election. The Chair thanked them for their contributions.
- 8. Moore Thompson were appointed as Auditor for 2019-2020.

The Formal Meeting closed at 1235.

CEO Presentation on current strategy followed by a Workshop

- a) CEO/CST are delivering a detailed Growth Plan across the Oct-Dec 2019 period.
- b) There is a dual focus of continued 'investment' into current membership and specific plans to engage non-members.
- c) CEO gave a presentation on current strategy work and deployment. IT and Offer work is still in the development stage.
- d) The Workshop debated usage of the tools delivered, and feedback shared with the CEO/ CST.
- e) The CEO thanked attendees, his team, Co-op and ERA.

Framing NW for the Future

- a) The CEO talked through his 'Plan on a Page'.
- b) The Workshop debated the Plan, and each table gave open feedback. CEO took notes and summarised key points.

Open Forum

a) Each attendee made one Post It note commitment, and the CEO took them away to consolidate and action.

List of attendees:

Alan Earle Working Group
Amy Mawby NWN Staff

Andrew Sawford VISAV

Andrew Taylor Greater Manchester

Andrew Weston Co-op

Anne Coulstock Leicestershire

Bel Sixsmith West Midlands Police

Bob Lloyd Gloucestershire
Cheryl Spruce Greenwich
Chris Cade Warwickshire
Colleen Atkins Bedfordshire
Craig Cox NWN Trustee

Darren Waters ERA

David Huse NWN Trustee and Chair

Debs Waller NWN Staff

Derek Pratt NWN Trustee and Secretary

Egils Praulitis Avon & Somerset
Graham Boyle Bedfordshire
Jayne Pascoe NWN Staff
Jim Proctor Lancashire

Joe Pearce NWN Trustee and Treasurer

John Hayward-Cripps NWN CEO
Jude Deakin West Mercia
Julie Dowton Devon & Cornwall
Kardaya Rooprai NWN Trustee
Kathleen Cunningham NWN Staff

Machi Tseloni NTU

Marie Lane West Midlands
Michael McClure NWN Staff
Mike Douglas VISAV
Nick King Northants
Paul Sunners Wiltshire

Phil Sullivan

Robin Newman

Robin Sutton

Sian Battle-Welch
Stan Jones

Sue Sambells

Sue Thompson

Gloucestershire

NWN Staff

Cambridgeshire

West Mercia

Thames Valley

Nottinghamshire

Hertfordshire

Tony Spall Suffolk

Val McPherson Thames Valley Will Murphy NWN Staff

Apologies for non-attendance were received from:

Alison McWhinnie NWN Trustee Kirsty McHugh NWN Trustee

Claire Bates ICM Jyoti Belur UCL

John Lennard Notts Watch John Wright Sussex

Luke Impett Airbnb
Lynn Farrar Derbyshire
Ian Walton Cheshire
Yvonne Johns North Wales
Brian Udell Croydon
Lynne Troughton Hackney
Glyn Atkinson Humberside

David Duncombe Kent
Peter Evans Norfolk
Patrick Hooper Hounslow
Catherine Murphy Merseyside