

West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch Forum
Annual General Meeting 25th April 2018
Meeting Minutes



Opening

The AGM meeting of the West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch Forum was called to order at 7:00pm on Wednesday 25th April 2018 in The Lecture Theatre, West Mercia Police Headquarters by Ray Boyle, Chairman of West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch.

Present

CAMPION John Paul (PCC), PURCELL Kevin (C/Supt), SMITH Chris (C/Insp),
BATTLE-WELCH Sian (CPPM), SHEPHEARD Gary (WSRO)
BIADON Philip, BAILEY Brett, BEALE Graham, BARRETT Carol, BOYLE Ray,
CARTER Andrew, CARTER Jackie, CHAMBERS Connor, COOPER David, COX Craig,
COX Deborah, CRESSWELL Rhona, GWINNETT John, HARVEY Godfrey, HAYNES Tom,
HALL June, HALL Conway, HIRST David, HUMPHRIY Derek, KIMBERLEY Julia,
LAMB Malcolm, LEOPOLD Paul, MANTLE Lynette, MANTLE W, MAIR Chris, MILLS Joan,
PAINTING Les, PALMER Conrad, PIERPOINT John, POULTON David, PYEMONT Chris,
RANSTED Geoff, SERRELL Luke, SERRELL Gemma, SMITH Patrick, TREMELLEN Dave
TETLEY Susie, WALKER Steve, WICKSON John, WRIGHT Kevin, WRIGHT Sue

Apologies

(No apologies sent)

Not present (booked a place but not present)

BAINES Connie, CLARKE Julian, DOVASTON Keith, HEWITT Julian, MINSHULL Paul,
PROSSER Pat, SMITH Patrick

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the 2017 AGM were not flagged as approved at the meeting but had been reviewed, and confirmed as accurate by the serving executive team at the time of publication and were posted on to the West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch website. www.westmercianw.org.uk

Opening Remarks – Ray Boyle, Chairman of West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch

Ray Boyle welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced the speakers to the Forum: John Campion, West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner; Kevin Purcell, Chief Superintendent of the West Mercia Police; Chris Smith (Special Chief Inspector) Provided a summary of the activities of 2017/18. Ray mentioned the outstanding application of a grant from the PCC's office for new Neighbourhood Watch street signs, and plans to buy additional physical assets, window stickers and signage using the funds currently available.

Video clip published at West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch website. www.westmercianw.org.uk

Presentation – John Campion, West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)

John Campion is a strong supporter of Neighbourhood Watch and considered this meeting very important, and thanked everyone participating in Neighbourhood Watch for their contribution.

Video clip published at West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch website. www.westmercianw.org.uk

Presentation – Kevin Purcell, West Mercia Chief Superintendent

Kevin has recently taken on the role vacated by the recent retirement of Charles Hill, and outlined some of the changes made in the deployment of resources for West Mercia Police.

Video clip published at West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch website. www.westmercianw.org.uk

Video presentation – John Hayward Cripps CEO of Neighbourhood Watch National

Video clip published at West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch website. www.westmercianw.org.uk



Presentation – Chris Smith, West Mercia Special Chief Inspector

Chris introduced himself and gave a potted history of the Police Specials and how their role has changed in recent years.

Video clip published at West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch website. www.westmercianw.org.uk

Presentation – Craig Cox, West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch - GDPR

Craig discussed the importance of the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and how it affects Neighbourhood Watch.

- GDPR affects everyone who keeps any personal information about another person for the purpose of running or managing a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, be that at force area level, local community groups or street schemes.
- If you already keep lists, there is no need to panic, you have time to get things in order.
- You should keep your list safe, and do not share it with anyone outside of the immediate group who are managing the scheme.
- You should contact the members of your scheme at least once in any 12-month period, when you do confirm with them that it is ok to keep their contact details, confirm the information you have and who else has access to the list. Whilst, it is preferable to get this in writing, it is not always possible, and confirmation over a telephone call is sufficient.
- If someone leaves your scheme you must destroy the information you have about them and if possible let them know you have done so.
- If you are handing over management of the scheme to someone else, you must notify the members for whom you have personal information and let them know who you are handing over to, and ask them to reconfirm that it is ok for the new coordinator to have their details.
- Lists of peoples contact details apply to both paper and computer records. It is your responsibility to keep this data secure.
- We encourage scheme managers and coordinators to use the Neighbourhood Watch National database to manage lists of scheme members. It is possible to see who is in your scheme and to send messages to them using the system. This removes the need to keep a list and passes the responsibility on to Neighbourhood Watch National to keep the data safe.
- If you keep your own list, there is further advice on the West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch website, www.westmercianw.org.uk with links to more detailed information on the National Neighbourhood Watch website www.ourwatch.org.uk and links to the Information Commissioners Office www.ico.org.uk

Presentation – Craig Cox, West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch – Social Media

Craig presented the progress made over the last 12 months of the Official West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch Facebook pages.

- There are now 20 individual Facebook pages covering the West Mercia area.
- In total they have a following of 19,957 people
- Regularly reach around 500,000 people every month
- In May 11% (63,215) of people reached were under 25, 19% (109,191) people reached were over 54 and the rest 70% (402,280) were between 25 and 54.
- Typically, the split between women and men is 60/40 in favor of women.
- The list of pages and a map of the coverage was shown, which can be found on the West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch web site www.westmercianw.org.uk
- The graphics used on the official Facebook pages was shown, being the black dashed bordered roundel logo, with *West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch* watermark and the Approved sticker graphic.

Treasurer’s Report reported by Ray Boyle, Chairman of the West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch

Unfortunately, Connie Baines was unable to attend the meeting. It was reported that the current bank balance was £3,697.02. A regular financial update will be published on the website from July’18

**West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch Forum
Annual General Meeting 25th April 2018**



Following a question from Chris Painting who asked who was eligible to vote? Craig Cox replied “Everyone who is a registered member of Neighbourhood Watch, that being those registered on the National Neighbourhood Watch Database, For the purpose of the AGM everyone in attendance.”

Election of Officers (Constitution Rule 4.1.)

| Role | Nominated | By | Seconded |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Chairman | Craig Cox | Ray Boyle | Paul Leopold |
| Vice Chairman | Raymond Boyle | Chris Pyemont | Deborah Cox |
| Treasurer | Chris Pyemont | Craig Cox | Raymond Boyle |

Other members of the executive team voted for on block

Connor Chambers - Chris Mair - Dave Tremellen - Luke Serrell - Paul Leopold - Rhona Cresswell - Steve Walker

Committee members were duly elected.

Questions

John Gwinnett asked the PCC about community speeding, and if they could have help with this in Frankley. The PCC said in some areas citizens can do this, there are rules to ensure that people are safe doing this, and that John should contact his local SNT to take this further.

Carol Barrett also asked about Data Protection, and Chris Pyemont confirmed that if her members had made a ??payment?? this really confirmed they have opted in, and that she could take up to 12 months to let people know of the changes.

Conway Hall asked about the CMS system and if it will be changing, C/S Kevin Purcell confirmed that it will look different but the system will remain.

People were invited to leave feedback on the following subjects:

- When you prefer to the next AGM to be held: MON,TUE,WED,THU,FRI.SAT,SUN in the Morning, Afternoon or Evening
The results indicated that Wednesday Evening was most popular by a narrow margin,
- What would you like us to cover in the next AGM
- Questions for a speaker to be answered later.
Questions and answers will be posted on the West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch Website in due course.

Any other Business:

Chris Pyemont advised people that if they change their details such as their email they should change this on the NHW “Our Watch” system. Lots of people are still awaiting replies from area coordinators, this is normally due to people changing email, so they are not seeing the messages.

Craig Cox Thanked Ray Boyle for his work as Chairman over the last two years. He also thanked all the speakers for their time and presentations. And thanked everyone for attending.

Everyone was then invited to a visit to the OCC, or they could stop to ask questions.

Meeting ended 20:30

Next AGM date TBC