

**The London Borough of Bromley**  
**Neighbourhood Watch Association (BNWA)**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm Thursday 21 April 2016**  
**Orpington Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, Kent**

**1. Welcome, Attendance and Approval of previous AGM minutes:**

The Chairman, Alf Kennedy, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone – there were c.40 people present, with various apologies also received. The previous 2015 AGM Minutes (on website and copies available) were unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

**2. Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman briefly summarized BNWA activities and the work of the Executive Committee. No questions had been submitted in advance as had been requested.

He also advised the Neighbourhood and Homewatch Network was to have a new logo and name, and that each of the 43 police forces would have to apply for a licence etc. Bromley has already done so and could continue to use the existing signs etc.

Clifford Longley (President) raised concerns over changes to Safer Neighbourhoods Teams, and queried whether the BNWA should register its concerns at its AGM. Cuts to PCSOs were also a concern. Under the New policing Model (NPM) there would be 1 dedicated Ward PC and 1 PCSO. Bromley has had Sergeants attending the Ward panels, but now there was only 1 Sergeant per Ward 'Cluster'. There were also concerns over fewer visible police officers on the beat. After discussion, a vote was taken by a show of hands which was approx.50/50%. It was agreed it would be put on the Agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting.

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

Accounts: Graham Pyefinch (Treasurer) gave a presentation on the audited accounts, which had been sent to the Charities Commission in January 2016. The full accounts as at 31/12/15 were published in full on the BNWA website, and advised that the balance was £2945 (previous year £4205).

£1260 had been spent over the year, summarized as £119 on website etc; £920 on the ongoing communications project; £81 on equipment and stationery; £50 survey prize and £90 on lamp-post ties.

There was a healthy balance, but funds were committed to membership communications, expanding membership and training.

A vote was taken on the accounts (proposed by Graham Pyefinch and seconded by John Bruce) and they were approved and unanimously agreed.

Once again, this year's Auditor, Graham Richardson was thanked for his work and support.

#### **4. Elections to Executive Committee:**

The Chairman advised that most existing Officers of the Executive Committee had volunteered to stand for re-election, and that David House had offered to stand as Treasurer. Details were as follows:

Alf Kennedy	Chairman
Graham Pyefinch	Member (ex-Treasurer)
Aidan McCulloch	Secretary
John Bruce	Membership Secretary
Clifford Longley	Member / President
Terry Belcher	Member
Chris Taylor	Member
Peter Mungeam	Member
Lorraine Faulk	Member
David House	Treasurer

The Chairman advised there were also ex-officio Committee Members: Cllr. Kate Lymer (Chair Safer Bromley Partnership), Rob Vale (Bromley Trading Standards) and a new representative from the Metropolitan Police. The new Executive Committee was proposed and seconded and was unanimously elected by a show of hands.

#### **5. Close/Thanks etc:**

The Chairman thanked everyone and closed the AGM part of the Meeting at 8.20pm. Other presentations and discussion then followed which were not a formal part of the AGM.

***A. McCulloch***  
***BNWA Secretary***  
***7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016***