

# **EASTBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Wednesday, 17 November 2010 at Chaseley Trust, Eastbourne**

**Present:** Jan Newens (Chairman), Colin Sargent (Hon Treasurer), Juliet Heasman (Hon Secretary) and 23 members.

**In attendance:** PC Scott Franklin Lester, Neighbourhood Policing Team; David Kemp, Eastbourne Council Crime Reduction Partnership; Mark Rendall, Force Neighbourhood Watch & Volunteer Manager

**Apologies:** Patricia Sneath, Philippa Flynn, Bill Stevens, Ron Smith, Gillian Grimmond, Marjorie Adams, Terry Matthews, Chris Wootton, Lotte Brewer, Keith Fillery, Jeanie Sowerby, Catherine Walsh.

### **1. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting and introduced PC Scott Franklin Lester, David Kemp, and Mark Rendall.

### **2. MINUTES**

Having been proposed and seconded, it was RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the last AGM held on 18 November 2009 be approved.

### **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman thanked her fellow Officers and the Committee for their support during the year and reported as follows.

Thanks to the diligent efforts of the Ward Co-ordinators and the Neighbourhood Policing Team there had been an increase of 51 schemes covering an extra 1849 homes making a total of 330 schemes and 10,254 homes. In particular 150 homes in the new Regency Park estate were now covered, but with 44,000 homes in Eastbourne, there was still much work to be done.

Neighbourhood Watch continued to work closely with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the PCSOs were building good relationships between the Police and the public. Chief Inspector Jayne Dando and Inspector Rachel Barrow, both of whom had been in post just over a year, were continuing to support the work of Neighbourhood Watch.

The Chairman thanked and congratulated the Editing Team of Pam and John Rollison and Alf Pulfer for initiating the newly formatted newsletter now entitled "Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch News". She asked members to contact the team if they wished to make contributions to the "Job Done" section, or any other part of the newsletter.

Under the new Community Messaging System regular messages would soon be e mailed to all co-ordinators from their PCSOs.

The Chairman had always been somewhat unclear how local Neighbourhood Watch organisations fitted into the National Neighbourhood Watch Federation but Mark Rendall had informed her that the role of the national organisation was to share best practice, offer funding support and also provide

umbrella liability insurance for all Co-ordinators. Although Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch was well established over 20 years, the National Organisation was a useful source of support when needed.

She reminded members that there was a website for Neighbourhood Panels [www.eastbournep.org](http://www.eastbournep.org) and a link from this to the Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch website. The Chairman also reminded members that Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch could supply various small security aids at reasonable prices.

Finally, the Chairman said that members had done a good job during the year partnering the Neighbourhood Policing team, helping to fight crime and, sometimes, more importantly, the fear of crime. She felt that Neighbourhood Watch was an important part of the “Big Society” initiative being an example of people willing to take responsibility in their communities. She thanked everyone for their support during the year and felt that the organisation was moving in the right direction.

It was RESOLVED THAT the Report be accepted

#### **4. HON TREASURER’S REPORT**

There was some discussion about raising funds and it was generally agreed that the best way forward was to seek sponsorship.

The Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1 November 2009 to 31 October 2010 had been circulated and having been proposed and seconded it was RESOLVED THAT the accounts be adopted.

#### **5. APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

It was RESOLVED THAT Mrs Carrie Parker be reappointed the Independent Examiner of the accounts for the ensuing year.

#### **6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

It was RESOLVED THAT the following nominees be elected: Jan Newens, Chairman; Colin Sargent, Hon Treasurer, and Juliet Heasman, Hon Secretary.

#### **7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

The Chairman pointed out that there was still no Ward representative from Langney.

It was RESOLVED THAT the following be elected to the Committee: Keith Fillery, Hampden Park East, Nigel Goodyear, Devonshire/Council; Nigel Parker, St Anthonys; Roy Peacock, Meads; Alf Pulfer, Ratton and Rodmill; Tim Raggett, Sovereign; John and Pam Rollison, Hampden Park West; David Visick, Old Town; and that the Ratton Ward be renamed “Ratton and Rodmill”.

After the conclusion of the AGM, David Kemp, PC Scott Franklin Lester and Mark Rendall spoke to the meeting about their particular areas of responsibility covering the work of the Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership, the Neighbourhood Policing Team, and the National Neighbourhood Watch Federation including the Community Messaging System.