

Executive Group Meeting of 12th April 2016
held at Police Headquarters, Hinchingsbrooke.

1. Present

John Fuller (Chair)
Morcom Lunt
Roy Gerstner
Alan Paul
Karoly Von Glos
Dave Harrowing
David Godsmark
Eddie Cloke
Val Godby
Inspector Terri Griffin
Charles Kitchin – Office of P&CC



1.1 Apologies for absence

Vic Nickson
Sue Harrowing
Geoff Varley

1.2. Resignation

JF reported that Richard Taylor has resigned from committee because of competing voluntary work e.g. Victims' Hub, and wished us well.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 12th January 2016

Minutes of the April Executive meeting were agreed and signed subject to Geoff Varley added to attendance list.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. See Action Sheet.

4. Treasurer's Report. ML's report was considered and noted.

5. Police Report –

Inspector Terri Griffin reported on a number of issues summarised as follows:

Lisa Raby and Chief Inspector Chris Savage had both moved on to different roles in the constabulary. T/Chief Inspector Ian Ford had replaced Chris and Lisa's role was not being replaced. Pressure on resources and changes in police priorities with greater emphasis on dwelling burglary, child abuse and mental health meant that Lisa's role was not sustainable.

The meeting expressed their thanks for all the support that Lisa had given NHW and wished her well in her new role.

Action JF to make contact and personally thank Lisa

The constabulary had completed the appointment of a police volunteer to support NHW. Jessica Sadek lives in Hampton and will work from police Hampton or Thorpe Wood around

4/5 hours a week. It was agreed that JF should meet with Jess to discuss how she can help support NHW.

Action JF to meet Jess Sadek

Following last meeting, C/Inspector Chris Savage had reviewed the level of contact and engagement with NHW in terms of messaging. This had been considered by the newly formed Engagement Board who were satisfied that the policy and procedures were acceptable.

6. Police and crime Commissioner Report

Charles Kitchen spoke about the forthcoming election for a new P&CC to be held on 5th May. He explained there would be a period of consultation and review before a new Police and Crime Plan was produced. He stated that NHW (JF) would be on this list of contacts for the new P&CC to meet. The details of candidates for election were on the P&CC's website. Details of the link to a useful briefing by the police to candidates will be forwarded to JF for wider circulation.

Action CK to send details to JF. JF to circulate to all members.

Assistant Chief Constable Mark Hopkins would be retiring shortly and arrangements are taking place for a new ACC to be selected.

CK also mentioned that Rebecca Avery was moving on. Her role would not be filled until the new P&CC could consider what staff he needed.

Rural crime issues were increasing, particularly hare coursing. Rural Crime Team had been relaunched.

Training in the use of Drones was taking place at a partnership level to see how they could help in policing. 15 officers had been trained to use them.

Funding was also available to develop more Speedwatch groups under volunteer Brian Robins leadership.

7. NHW Development

7.1. National Issues

JF referred to previously circulated documents relating to the proposed national 'Partnership Agreement' (PA) and new policy and procedures regarding use of the NHW Logo and Branding. All areas need to respond by middle of June with comments when a final version will be circulated before being put to the national AGM on 13th July.

The meeting agreed to support the proposals in the PA although question will be asked about sub county area status if no countywide association existed.

Concern was expressed about the logo/branding proposals and the apparent requirement to use only approved licensed suppliers.

It was agreed that JF would make representation to national and at the next regional meeting on 4th July.

JF to respond to PA and Logo and branding Proposals.

JF and AP to attend national AGM on 13th July.

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7.2 County Issues – ML raised the forthcoming NHW week and asked members to consider promotion of the event. AP reported that Peterborough were hoping to have a marquee and local radio slot.

7.3 District Issues – JF reported South Cambs Chief Inspector remains keen and supportive of NHW. Intends to involve members in their local operations. Dave Harrowing reported lack of information in Fenland.

8. Website report – Vic Nickson had provided a report. Noted and appreciated.

8. A.O.B. – none.

10. Date of next meeting.

This will be held at Cambridgeshire Constabulary Headquarters Huntingdon on the 26th July 2016 at 6.30 p.m.