

**Executive Group Meeting of 12th January 2016
held at Police Headquarters, Hinchbrook.**

1. Present

John Fuller (Chair)
Alan Paul
Karoly Von Glos
Dave Harrowing
David Godsmark
Geoff Varley
Eddie Cloke
Val Godby
Inspector Terri Griffin
Constable Lisa Raby
Charles Kitchin – Office of P&CC
Hannah Watson – Office of P&CC



1.1 Apologies for absence

Vic Nickson
Sue Harrowing
Morcom Lunt
Roy Gerstner

2. Minutes of meeting held on 13th October 2015

Minutes of the April Executive meeting were agreed and signed.

At this point the Chairman welcomed Hannah Watson from the Office of the P&CC. Hannah leads on volunteer issues and attended the NHWN national conference.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. See Action Sheet.

4. Treasurer's Report. ML's report was considered and noted. Expenses claims to be carried forward. No issues raised.

5. Police Report

5.1 Police Report

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

Alan Baldwin had been appointed Deputy Chief Constable previously of Thames Valley Police.

New case management system 'Athena' was progressing.

Constabulary remained keen to appoint more volunteers (PSV) to assist policing. It was noted that the PSV selected to support watch groups was taking a long time to appoint as vetting had not been finalised.

Action – TG to update

Issue relating to 101 Call Handling performance remained a priority for the Force.

New 'Engagement Board' had met and considered points raised at AGM regarding suggestions made regarding communications between police and NHW. It was considered

there was no need for additional measures to be implemented. JF requested that members received some form of formal acknowledgement of this decision. **Action TG to arrange feedback**

6. NHW Development

6.1. Area Updates

Alan Paul was asked to bring the badge making machine to the next meeting to allow other members to see it and assess whether further machines should be purchased. AP to bring machine to next meeting.

Action – AP to bring machine to next meeting

Peterborough had made an application for grant funding to 'Communities Can' to assist in running development courses for co-ordinators. Outcome awaited.

Cambridge City engaged with Mayfield School to promote NHW through pupils and staff.

Fenland – query raised by DH re status of SLA after conflicting statements. Meeting arranged at Wisbech next week.

East Cambs – NHW had assisted with setting up new volunteer Police Cadet scheme.

Huntingdonshire – new schemes being set up in Yaxley. Need to find replacement for Brian Wilson.

6.2 Information Sharing

Whilst it was noted that the Force Engagement Board did not consider there was a need to develop more information sharing the offer to develop more sharing in relation to victims of crime via the Victims' Hub remained open.

Action – Alan Paul, John Fuller and Terri griffin to progress

6.3 National Developments 'The Way Ahead'

JF and HW reported on the 'launch/conference'. Whilst it was considered informative it left a number of important issues unresolved and there was much more information needed before action could be taken at a local level. HW felt it was a missed opportunity to properly examine the role and practices to bring them in line with current best practice for voluntary movements.

JF mentioned the new agreements which NHW nationally were expecting county associations to sign up to and what this would mean for Cambridgeshire. There would be new requirements which included the use of the Logo and Trademark, the accountability of associations the 'police' local activity and governance of administration systems i.e. ALERT. Concern was expressed how we could resource these requirements together with the need to fill existing vacancies. A request at the AGM for more support failed to produce more help.

It was felt that we needed NHW SPOCS in all district areas where gaps exists. Charles Kitchin offered his thoughts and support to help identifying individuals. **Action – JF and CK to develop.**

7. Website report – there was no report on this occasion

8. A.O.B.

8.1 Charles Kitchin updated about current P&CC issues. He spoke about the forthcoming P&CC election and preparation of the new 'Crime Plan'. He indicated that NHW would be included in the plan as a 'partner' group to engage and work with.

He mentioned there would be an increase of 1% in police precept. The police needed to make a further £6.6m of savings, less than previously thought would be required.

Cyber crime was an increasing threat and priority. A new unit had been set up to co-ordinate effort to tackle the emerging threats.

10. Date of next meeting.

This will be held at Cambridgeshire Constabulary Headquarters Huntingdon on the 12th April 2016 at 6.30 p.m.