

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

1. Present

John Fuller (Chair)
Morcom Lunt
Karoly Von Glos
Dave Harrowing
Sue Harrowing
David Godsmark
Eddie Cloke
Geoff Varley
Val Godby
Toni Cray – Peterborough District
Vic Kerlin – Police Liaison SPOC
Jess Sadek – Police Support Volunteer
Charles Kitchin – P&CC's Office



1.1 Apologies for absence

Vic Nickson
Roy Gerstner
Alan Paul

1.2. Welcome

JF welcomed Toni Cray representing Peterborough District.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 26th July 2016

Minutes of the July Executive meeting were agreed subject to Geoff Varley being added to attendees. This was signed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. See Action Sheet.

4. Treasurer's Report. ML's report was considered and noted. Overall, a quiet period reported. Fourteen signs held stock and a further order was needed. Discussion regarding ordering signs with new logo. If possible we want to be using new logo but not increasing our costs. JF to raise at Regional meeting on 17th October.

5. Police Report –

Vic Kerlin (VK) reported that the Constabulary was going through a period of consolidation. A number of new staffing appointments had been made. These included a new Assistant Chief Constable Malik; Vicki Skeels (VS) has been promoted to Chief Superintendent and is the new head of Territorial Policing and Superintendent Laura Hunt now heads up 'Partnerships' which include NHW.

VK informed the meeting that following discussions with the new P&CC agreement has been reached to fund a support post to help coordinate activity between the constabulary and volunteer support groups. This was very much welcomed by the group. VK also stated that VS has requested that a working group is set up to review how the Constabulary and NHW work

together in a changing police environment to ensure the existing agreements and relationship maintains its relevance.

5a. Police and Crime Commissioner Report

Charles Kitchin reported on the progress to produce a new Police and Crime Plan. The current website survey was proving popular and valuable and will help shape the plan's direction and priorities.

He pointed out that the funding for the new support post mentioned by VK was from resources allocated to community safety and not from police staffing budgets.

6. NHW Development

6.1. National Issues

JF reported that progress to finalise the 'Partnership Agreement' which included branding issues was slow. ML who attended a national working group set up post AGM reported on the group's discussions and outcomes. It was felt agreement had been reached which would allow county associations to adopt pragmatic practices whilst maintaining national requirements to protect branding and apply corporate governance. Further update was anticipated at the Regionally meeting on 17th October.

Action - JF and ML to continue to press for a satisfactory solution.

6.2 County Issues – Issues relating to sign placement and Balfour Beatty had been clarified and applications submitted should now be dealt with and responded to within 14 days. Members were asked to notify JF of any further issues.

Toni Cray (TC) reported that Peterborough District were piloting a 'NHW Parking Notice' to encourage residents to park vehicles more reasonably. This new initiative had the support of the local authority and the notice explained that continued obstructions could be the subject of enforcement action by the local authority. TC agreed to circulate a copy of the notice.

Action -TC to circulate notice

Peterborough police are now targeting high crime areas and designating them as NHW areas. This was hoped to lead to recruitment of new co-ordinators and schemes.

JF raised a question on behalf of a local co-ordinator about the promotion and sale of screening wallets to prevent remote access of contactless debit/credit card information. Herts. NHW were selling wallets in considerable numbers. It was agreed we need to know more about the risks before promoting such an initiative. Question to be asked at regional meeting directed at national response and to our Cyber Crime presenter at the AGM

Action – JF to seek guidance

Jess Sadek reported that she is continuing to monitor the ALERT system and action those accounts with communication problems. JF proposed that Jess becomes Assistant County Administrator and attends national training when it becomes available in new year. This was agreed.

Action – JF to action JS's appointment and training

AGM and Conference – JF updated on the AGM arrangements for 22nd October. Programme and speakers confirmed and requests to attend had reached around 50. Agreed we should make available promotional and crime prevention products currently stored in Hunts. EC to supply. Also, JF and VK to meet to finalise IT and set up.

Action – JF, VK & EC

7. Website report – none available.

8. **A.O.B.** – none.

10. **Date of next meeting.**

This will be held at Cambridgeshire Constabulary Headquarters Huntingdon on the 10th January, 2017 at 6.30 p.m.

Action – Vic Kerlin to book room