

Stockton Home Safety Association

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday, 16th December, 2008.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains (Chairman), Cllr Julia Cherrett, D Atkinson (Cleveland Fire Brigade), K Jarvis (Public)

Officers: Mrs L Provett (CESC) and Mrs T Harrison

Also in attendance: T Redfern (RSVP)

Apologies: Cllr Jackie Earl, Cllr Steve Walmsley, F Russell (Trading Standards), Mrs L Wilford (Trading Standards), R Baker (Cleveland Police Neighbourhood Watch), I McHugh (Cleveland Fire Brigade), D Sanders (Cleveland Police), Mrs Weatherall (SDAG), Mrs A Moriaty (SDAG), J Mennell (Public),

SHS 39/08 Draft Minutes of 5th August and 14th October 2008

Members considered the minutes of the meetings held on 5th August and 14th October 2008.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the 5th August and 14th October 2008 be agreed as a true record.

SHS 40/08 Doorstoppers

Members were advised that Doorstopper leaflets would be ready for distribution in the beginning of 2009.

Volunteers had been trained and had rehearsed their talks with Neighbourhood watch members.

The awareness training for Carers had not taken place due to the fact that the window of availability had been missed.

Mr Redfern reported that he had manned a stall at the 'Are You Being Served...Well' event, however there had been no referrals received as a result of the event. It was hoped that once publicity started that referrals would start to be received.

Mr Redfern requested referrals from Members for any vulnerable people who would benefit from Doorstoppers assistance.

The Chair advised that Stockton Home Safety Association would put something out advertising Doorstoppers.

Mr Redfern advised that he had not received the cheque for the second instalment of funds from Stockton Home Safety Association to Doorstoppers, which had been requested in September.

CONCLUDED that:

1. The report be noted.

2. The Association will put something out to advertise Doorstoppers.
3. The Secretary would investigate what had happened to the cheque from Stockton Home Safety Association to Doorstoppers and report back to the next meeting.

**SHS
41/08** **No Cold Calling Zones**

Members were advised that due to illness, Mrs Wilford had not been able to attend and give a presentation on the strategy changes to the 'No Cold Calling Zones' as requested at the previous meeting.

Members were advised that issues had been resolved and Local Authorities were now able to have more 'No Cold Calling Zones'; however resources were still an issue.

Members discussed the criteria and application forms observing that Zones could be created in any area, however they were intended for areas with a definite fear of crime.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

**SHS
42/08** **Report of Secretary**

Members were advised that the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of Stockton Home Safety Association met with Yvonne Cheung of PCT to discuss the joining of forces for 2009 Trips and Falls Awareness Day.

The discussion proved to be informative and productive; upon securing funds, and a site visit from Yvonne Cheung to ensure that the Town Hall met the PCT's needs as well as Stockton Home Safety Association, plans would be finalised.

CONCLUDED that:

1. The report be noted.
2. The secretary will be investigate the costs of advertising for Falls Prevention Day, the hire of the gazebo, Town Hall and Caravan and will report back to the Chair and Yvonne Cheung.

**SHS
43/08** **Report of Children's Centre Officer**

The Children Centre Officer advised that the PCT had allocated funds of £30,000 over the next two years to be used by the Children Centre Officer in relation to home safety.

Members were advised that in previous years, referrals for home safety equipment dried up in the lead up to Christmas, however this Christmas they had been inundated.

Members were informed that officers had obtained dolls that were fashioned as though they had burns. The dolls would be used to educate parents in promoting home safety by preventing burns.

Members were advised that the Home Safety Officer was expanding her role by giving advice to anyone who did not live in a deprived area whilst still providing equipment to all families within deprived areas under a loan system.

Further to previous reports regarding the appointment of a funding host for the £18 million national allocation given by the Government, Members were advised that there was no further information to report.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

**SHS
44/08** **Report of Police Officer**

The Police Officer was not present.

**SHS
45/08** **Report of Fire Officer**

The Fire Officer reported that the numbers of Home Fire Safety visits for November were - Stockton 193; Billingham 58 and Thornaby 106.

Members were advised that the cadet scheme previously reported was proving successful.

Fire Officers had been working with children at the Clarence's and as a result there had been a reduction of malicious phone calls from the Clarence's.

The Fire Officer reported that further to the Chairs request, the skip in her ward had been removed in time for Bonfire Night and was returned again the following morning.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

**SHS
46/08** **Report of Trading Standards Officer**

The Trading Standards Officer was not present.

**SHS
47/08** **Future Meeting Dates**

The secretary distributed proposed the following Stockton Home Safety Association meeting dates for 2008-2009 for consideration from Members.

21st April 09

2nd June

14th July

25th Aug

6th Oct

17th Nov

5th Jan

16th Feb

30th March

CONCLUDED that Members will view the dates and provide opinion at the next meeting.