

# Stockton Home Safety Association

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday, 10th March, 2009.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Ann Cains(Chairman)

**Officers:** Mrs L Provett(CESC), Mr J Morley(DNS), Miss S Johnson, Miss K Wannop(LD)

**Also in attendance:** Mr T Redfern(RSVP), Mrs M Weatherall(SDAG), Mrs A Moriaty(SDAG)

**Apologies:** Cllr Jackie Earl, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Cllr Julia Cherrett

## **SHS 48/08**      **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Ann Cains declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in the item entitled - No Cold Calling Zones as her road was being considered to join the scheme.

## **SHS 49/08**      **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2008**

### **- For approval**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2008. Members approved the minutes with a minor amendment to the item entitled - Report of Children's Centre Officer:-  
' Members were advised that the home safety officer was expanding her role...'  
to replace ' Members were advised that the Children's Centre officer was expanding her role...'.  
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CONCLUDED that the minutes be approved, with the minor amendment outlined above, and forwarded to Council.

## **SHS 50/08**      **Doorstoppers**

Mr T Redfern informed Members that the leaflets had been printed and a copy was passed round to the Association. It was suggested that the leaflet should be distributed to all Elected Members at Stockton Council.

The Association was informed that the awareness training had now taken place but had not been well attended. Mr T Redfern would be meeting with the organisers to discuss the reasons for the low attendance.

It was suggested that Mr T Redfern could give a talk to Stockton Disability Advisory Group (SDAG). The Secretary agreed to pass Mr Redferns details to the person responsible for SDAG.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

## **SHS 51/08**      **No Cold Calling Zones**

Members were informed that there had been expressions of interest received regarding 'No Cold Calling Zones' after e-mails had been sent out to all Elected Members just before Christmas. The areas suggested were currently being considered.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS  
52/08**      **Falls Day**

The Association was informed that the falls day event would be on 24th June 2009 although National Falls Day was on 23rd June 2009.

It was informed that the day would be a joint venture between the PCT and Stockton Home Safety Association. The Association requested that Yvonne Cheung from the PCT be invited to attend the next meeting in order to discuss the arrangements for the day. It was noted that the PCT had a budget to pay for falls day events.

It was suggested that Mr Redfern could attend falls day and have a stand to promote RSVP and 'Doorstoppers'.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. the information be noted.
2. Yvonne Cheung (PCT) be invited to the next meeting.

**SHS  
53/08**      **Report of Secretary**

Members were advised that an e-mail had been received inviting Home Safety Association to advertise in a 'Football in the Community' brochure. It was considered that the Home Safety Association did not have sufficient funds to advertise in the brochure.

CONCLUDED that the Secretary contact 'Football in the Community' on behalf of Home Safety Association with their decision not to advertise in the brochure.

**SHS  
54/08**      **Report of Children Centre Officer**

The Children's Centre Officer advised that the £30,000 that had been allocated from the PCT had been mostly allocated to secure medicine boxes for the home that Tristar would be fitting them. The Fire Brigade had also been carrying out fire safety checks at the same time.

It was informed that the Government had recently announced that there would be £18m funding to be allocated across all councils for safety equipment for the home. How much each council was allocated would depend on child hospital admissions. ROSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) had been awarded the contract. The equipment would be free but fitting of the equipment would have to be arranged by each Council. The Childrens Centre Officer informed the Association that she would be looking into this further as arranging for equipment to be fitted could potentially be quite expensive.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS  
55/08**      **Report of Police Officer**

The Police officer was not present.

**SHS**      **Report of Fire Officer**

**56/08**

The Fire Officer was not present.

**SHS**      **Report of Trading Standards Officer**

**57/08**

The Trading Standards Officer informed the Committee that trading standards were currently looking to interview some roofers as it was alleged that they had taken tiles off a roof without permission from the owner. The owner of the property had been cold called the previous week but had not signed an agreement or contract for the work to be carried out.

It was noted that there had been an increase in distraction burglaries over recent weeks.

The Trading Standards Officer also gave details of some recently reported unsafe products including a child's dummy, child's rocker, travel adapter and microwavable slippers.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS**      **Future Meeting Dates**

**58/08**

Members considered the future meeting dates for 2009/10. It was requested that the meeting planned for 25th August 2009 be rearranged for September 2009 if possible.

1. the meeting dates for 2009/10 be agreed.
2. the meeting planned for 25th August 2009 be rearranged for September 2009 if possible.

**SHS**      **Any Other Business**

**59/08**

The Chair informed the Association that Dave Kitching was the Councils Home Safety Champion.

The association Discussed the 20/20 strategy and its implications for Councils.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.