

# Stockton Home Safety Association

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday, 28th April, 2009.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Ann Cains(Chair), Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr Miss Tina Large, D. Sanders(Cleveland Police), I. McHugh(Fire Brigade), Mrs Weathrall(SDAG), Mr K. Jarvis(Public)

**Officers:** F. Russell(DNS) K. Wannop(LD)

**Also in attendance:** Mr T. Redfern(RSVP)

**Apologies:** Cllr Steve Walmsley, Ms L. Provett, Mrs A Moriarty(SDAG)

## **SHS 1/09** Appointment of Chair

Nominations were received for the appointment of Chair.

RESOLVED that Cllr Ann Cains be appointed as Chairman of the Stockton Home Safety Association for the municipal year 2009/2010.

## **SHS 2/09** 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.

Cllr Tina Large declared a personnel non-prejudicial interest in the item entitled - Doorstoppers as she was a trained volunteer.

## **SHS 3/09** Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2009

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2009.

CONCLUDED that the minutes be approved and forwarded to Council for consideration.

## **SHS 4/09** Doorstoppers

Mr Redfern informed the Association that there was now 668 residents involved in the scheme. Talks were being given to Residents Associations. Funding had been given for health activities.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

## **SHS 5/09** No Cold Calling Zones

Frankie Russell(Trading Standards) informed the association that there had been a good response from e-mails sent to elected members, referrals were being evaluated. It was noted that there were enough signs/stickers for 2 more areas. It was requested that a financial update be taken to the next meeting to see if the Association could provide the scheme with some financial assistance

Problems had occurred as the Neighbourhood Watch scheme was also setting

up zones and there was a potential conflict between the two schemes.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS  
6/09**      **Falls Day**

The Chairman informed the Association that there had recently been a meeting with Yvonne Cheung who was organising the event from the PCT. It was noted that Yvonne had funding for the event and Home Safety Association would pay for the hire of the trailer.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS  
7/09**      **Report of Secretary**

The Secretary had nothing to report.

**SHS  
8/09**      **Report of Children's Centre Officer**

The Children's Centre officer was not present.

**SHS  
9/09**      **Report of Police Officer**

The Association was informed by the Police Officer that the spring campaign was due to start and the theme was prevention of shed break-ins. It was noted that shed alarms would be available which had a 5 second delay for the person to be in the shed before the alarm would go off. These would be available at a reduced price.

The Police officer stated that overall crime was decreasing, between March and April there was a 17.5% decrease and from April 2008 - April 2009 a 29.7% decrease, Cleveland Police had 2nd lowest distraction burglary rate in the UK. Problems that caused easy distraction burglaries were name of the householder on door bells.

It was proposed by the chairman that elected members put something in their newsletters regarding distraction burglary.

CONCLUDED THAT

1. the information be noted

2. elected Members put information regarding distraction burglary in thier newsletters.

**SHS  
10/09**      **Report of Fire Officer**

The Fire Officer informed the Association that there had been 362 home visits in March and 363 alarms fitted. In April 2 appliances attended a fire Billingham which resulted in a death. In April there were 4 fires which caused deaths; one in each district.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS  
11/09**      **Report of Trading Standards Officer**

The Trading Standards officer informed the Association that the roofer that was reported at the last meeting was waiting to be interviewed. The unsafe dummies were waiting to be tested when they had enough of them. The travel adapter had been withdrawn from the shelves. Trading Standards were unsure of the microwave slippers as the customer did not know where they had purchased.

It was noted that 7 pubs had been tested regarding the vending machines for cigarettes by sending someone underage to make a purchase. 5 of the pubs failed in this exercise.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS  
12/09**      **Future Meeting Dates**

The Secretary informed the Association that the request for the meeting scheduled to be in August be moved to September was possible, the date identified was 8th September 2009.

CONCLUDED that the meeting date be agreed.