

Stockton Home Safety Association

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2009.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains (Chairman), Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr Miss Tina Large and Mrs A Moriarty (SDAG)

Officers: Mrs L Provett (CESC) and Mrs Tanya Harrison (LD)

Also in attendance: T Redfern (RSVP)

Apologies: Cllr Steve Walmsley, F Russell (Trading Standards), R Baker (Cleveland Police Neighbourhood Watch), D Atkinson (Cleveland Fire Brigade), D Sanders (Cleveland Police), Mrs Weatherall (SDAG)

SHS 13/09 **Declarations of Interest**

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

SHS 14/09 **Appointment of Vice-Chair**

Nominations were received for the appointment of Vice Chair.

CONCLUDED that Mrs Laura Provett be appointed as Vice Chair of the Stockton Home Safety Association.

SHS 15/09 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th December 2008**

The minutes were signed by the Chair.

SHS 16/09 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th April 2009**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2009.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th April 2009 be approved and forwarded to Council with the following alteration - In the Declarations of Interest Cllr Tina Large she had been trained as a volunteer in Doorstoppers, however the minutes showed it as No Cold Calling Zones.

SHS 17/09 **Doorstoppers**

Members were advised that 824 residents had received Doorstopper talks.

Mr Redfern advised that Doorstoppers would be represented at World Environment Day and Falls Day.

Mr Redfern informed Members that he now had a desk at 27 Yarm Road as well as an office at Alma House due to the fact that he could only access the office at Alma House after 3pm.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

SHS **No Cold Calling Zones**

18/09

The Chair advised that initial preparations had been carried out for a No Cold Calling Zone to be set up in her Ward by way of leaflet drops and a meeting for the public at the Education Centre. The feedback on the leaflets had been positive; however no members of the public attended the meeting.

Further leaflets would to be distributed within the same area of the Ward.

The Chair advised that Trading Standards were happy with responses from residents and were pushing ahead with the No Cold Calling Zone promotion within the Chair's Ward.

The Chair would update Members at the next meeting.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

**SHS
19/09** **Falls Day**

Members were reminded that Stockton Home Safety Association would be holding a Falls Awareness Day joint with the Primary Care Trust on Wednesday 24th June 2009 outside and inside Stockton Town Hall.

The Primary Care Trust would be contributing £1000 towards the Falls Awareness day which would go towards staffing costs, freebies for visitors, hiring of equipment and any other requirements for Falls Day.

The money would be paid into the Stockton Home Safety Association account to ensure that the funds stayed intact for Falls Day.

Members discussed the hazards of pavement parking and 'A' boards which were linked to tripping and falls particularly in Billingham on Market day - Monday.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

**SHS
20/09** **Report of Children's Centre Officer**

The Children's Centre Officer advised that she was in the process of submitting a bid for 319 sets of safety equipment at a cost of £20,000 from the governments new Safe at Home Scheme.

R.O.S.P.A had advised that they would encourage applications from Children's Centre; however a bid was still required to be submitted. Another requirement was that all the equipment be fitted for the allocated families. Tristar had quoted on fitting the items and was being considered.

Members were advised that the Children's Centre had a new team member who would deal with the majority of disadvantaged families which would enable an existing officer to undertake roadshows and visit and advise families who were not so disadvantaged.

Equipment could not be provided to the not so disadvantaged but advice could be given on the correct use and placement of the equipment the families owned.

The Children's Centre's team were preparing for the 'Child Accident Prevention's' week and would be working with 'WHOOOPS' during that week going into some Children's centre.

Members were advised that the Children's Centre now had a partnership with Cleveland Fire Brigade. In homes where there are children and drugs or a lot of prescription drugs, the Fire Brigade would supply and mount a lockable, solid, metal medicine cabinet to protect the children from harm.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

**SHS
21/09** **Report of Fire Officer**

Mr Atkinson had submitted his apologies but emailed the number of Home Fire Safety visits for May to the Stockton Home Safety Association secretary to report which were as follows:

Stockton 178
Thornaby 172
Billingham 65

Members were pleased with the number of visits.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

**SHS
22/09** **Report of Trading Standards Officer**

A Trading Standards Officer was not present so there was nothing to report.

**SHS
23/09** **Report of Police Officer**

A Police Officer was not present so there was nothing to report.

**SHS
24/09** **Recruiting Members of the Public**

Members considered the proposal from the Chair that members of the public be recruited to become members of Stockton Home Safety Association.

The secretary advised that she would find the Terms of Reference for Stockton Home Safety Association and place it on the next agenda to enable Members to clarify the remit of the Association which would assist in recruitment to the Association.

CONCLUDED that the Secretary will put the terms of reference on the next agenda to enable Members to clarify the remit of the Association which will assist in recruitment to the Association.