

Stockton Home Safety Association

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday, 14th July, 2009.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains(Chair), Mrs Laura Provett(Vice-Chair) Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Mr D. Atkinson(Cleveland Fire Authority), Mr D. Sanders(Cleveland Police), Mr Frankie Russell(Trading Standards), Mrs Moriarty(SDAG)

Officers: Mr D. Kitching(Trading Standards), Miss K. Wannop(LD)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Miss Tina Large, Mr T. Redfern(RSVP), Mrs Weatherall(SDAG)

SHS 25/09 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Ann Cains declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in the item entitled No Cold Calling Zones as the area where she lives had just become one.

SHS 26/09 **Minutes of the meetings held on 10th March 2009 and 28th April 2009**

Minutes of the meetings held on 10th March 2009 and 28th April 2009 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

SHS 27/09 **Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2009**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2009.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2009 be approved and forwarded to Council for consideration.

SHS 28/09 **Doorstoppers**

The Committee was informed that 1014 residents had received talks and the scheme was on the way to meet second year outcomes already. At the Falls Day event 72 people had shown an interest and a number of contacts for future talks had been made.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

SHS 29/09 **No Cold Calling**

Members were informed that there had been 571 resident talks and 273 agency talk. Members were informed that there was enough door stickers, street signs and information packs for 2 more no cold calling zones. Members considered granting monies for 2000 stickers, 100 street signs and 2000 information packs which would total to £1945. This is to allow the creation of several new zones across the borough in response to requests.

CONCLUDED that

1. the information be noted.

2. it be agreed that Stockton Home Safety Association donate £1945 to fund the creation of additional No Cold Calling Zones.
Zones at a total of £1945.

**SHS
30/09** **Report of Secretary**

The Secretary had nothing to report.

**SHS
31/09** **Report of Children's Centre Officer**

Members were informed by the Children's Centre Officer that they had just had Child Safety week, the company WHOOPS (Child Safety Project) provided goody bags for the event. The Association were also informed that the Children's Centre Officer would be meeting with the Health Referral Unit to discuss ways of helping families whose children had accidents at home i.e. if a child had an accident at home and went into A+E, then someone would visit them at home to provide helpful advice and information.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
32/09** **Report of Police Officer**

D. Sanders informed the Association that burglary numbers were down but shed break ins were still a problem. Members were also informed that there had been an increase in damage to and from vehicles across the district.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
33/09** **Report of Fire Officer**

D. Atkinson informed Members that in June they had done the following Fire Safety Checks:-
- 204 in Stockton
- 126 in Thornaby
- 75 in Billingham

The Association were also informed that the Fire Authority had also supported Men's Health Week, Refugee Week, Child Safety Week and Falls Day events. It was reported that the number of fires caused by cigarettes had dropped by a 1/3.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
34/09** **Report of Trading Standards Officer**

F. Russell informed the association that he had recently been to two schools and done the pills and sweets competition which involved people looking at a board with various pills and sweets under glass and they had to guess whether they were pills or sweets.

Members were also informed that a children's squeaky duck toy from a supermarket was found to be dangerous as the squeaker easily came out and a child could choke on it, supermarket was asked to recall the product and take it off the shelf. It was also noted that a test purchase exercise had taken place with a 14 year old boy trying to purchase cigarettes, 3 places failed the test.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
35/09** **Financial Update**

D. Kitching updated the Association on the budget position which showed a current balance of £3966. It was also noted that £80 remained from the Falls Day budget which was to be spent on relevant items for Falls Day next year.

CONCLUDED that the information on the current balance of £3966 is now reduced by £1945 as already agreed at item 5.

**SHS
36/09** **Falls Day**

Members were informed that the Falls Day event which had been a co-operation between PCT and Home Safety Association was successful and ran smoothly.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.