

Stockton Home Safety Association

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday, 8th September, 2009.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains(Chair), Cllr Julia Cherrett, Lorraine Wilford (Trading Standards), Carole Reynolds(RSVP), Mrs Weatherall, Mrs Moriaty Mr K. Jarvis(Public)

Officers: Miss K. Wannop(LD)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Miss Tina Large, Mr D. Sanders(Cleveland Police), Mr D. Atkinson(Cleveland Fire Brigade)

SHS 37/09 **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 lived had become one.

Mrs Weathrall declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in the item entitled No Cold Calling Zones as the area where she lived had become one.

SHS 38/09 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2009**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2009.

Members suggested that an amendment be made to the minutes entitled Report of Trading Standards Officer which read:-

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 could choke on it.

Member requested that it be changed to:-

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.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2009 be agreed with the minor amendment and sent to Council for consideration.

SHS 39/09 **Financial Update**

Members were informed that the financial position was the same as at the last meeting as the monies that were granted had not been taken from the budget yet.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

SHS 40/09 **Doorstoppers**

The Association were informed that doorstoppers had completed 1176 talk to residents groups, Members were also informed that RSVP had volunteered at the Tristar event which was held at Preston Park. It was noted that they were working on an audio C.D which Mrs Moriaty agreed to test when it was ready.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
41/09** **No Cold Calling Zones**

Lorraine Wilford informed the Association that there had been 17 requests for No Cold Calling Zones from the beginning of the year, 9 of these had been approved. Members were informed that if an area was not eligible for a No Cold Calling Zones then it could become a 'Door Step Crime Watch Zone' where households would still receive stickers and information packs but no street signs would be put up.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
42/09** **Report of Secretary**

The Secretary had nothing to report.

**SHS
43/09** **Report of Children's Centre Officer**

The Children's Centre Officer was not present.

**SHS
44/09** **Report of Police Officer**

The Police Officer was not present.

**SHS
45/09** **Report of Fire Officer**

Members were informed by e-mail that the Fire Brigade had carried out the following number of Fire Home Safety Visits:-

- 145 in Stockton
- 59 in Billingham
- 119 in Thornaby

It was also noted that they had fitted 324 smoke alarms.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
46/09** **Report of Trading Standards Officer**

The Association was informed about Sky Lanterns which the Chair had queried with Trading Standards. She had received an internet link from a constituent showing some of these being used and was unsure if they were safe. Members were informed that Sky Lanterns were not being sold anywhere in Stockton but were widely available from the internet. It was noted that safety checks had been completed by other organisations and they were not seen to be dangerous. It was proposed that the chair should write to the relevant government minister after consultation with Trading Standards.

CONCLUDED that

1. the information be noted and,
2. it be agreed that the Chair write to a government minister on behalf of the of

the Association.

SHS **Are You Being Served Event**
47/09

The Association considered having a stall at the Are you Being Served Event on 27th October 2009. The Chair informed the association that she would already be facilitating for the event and would not be able to hold a stall, Cllr Cherrett stated that she would be available and would hold a stall on behalf of the Home Safety Association.

CONCLUDED that Stockton Home Safety Association would hold a stall at the event and the Chair would ask Cllr Cockerill if he would attend.