

Stockton Home Safety Association

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday, 17th November, 2009.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains(Chairman), Mrs Laura Provett Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Mrs Moriarty, Mrs Weatherall, Lorraine Wilford (Trading Standards), Ian McHugh (Cleveland Fire Brigade), Trevor Redfern (RSVP), Mr Jarvis (Member of the Public)

Officers: Miss Kirsty Wannop(LD)

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Miss Tina Large

SHS 59/09 **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 Weatherall declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in the item entitled No Cold Calling Zones as the area where she lived had become one.

Cllr Julia Cherrett declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in the item entitled Report of Fire Officer as she was a Member of the Fire Authority.

SHS 60/09 **Minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2009**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2009.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting be agreed and forwarded to Council for consideration.

SHS 61/09 **Matters Arising**

Doorstoppers - Mrs Weatherall had tested the CD and stated that it was not very beneficial and it needed to highlight the most important points rather than just duplicate everything which was on the leaflet.

Financial Update - The Chair suggested that it could be beneficial to joining the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), the Association agreed that the Chair would contact the Health and Safety Manager and discuss whether the Council as a whole is a Member of RoSPA.

SHS 62/09 **Doorstoppers**

Mr Redfern informed the Association that there had undertaken 1557 residents had been to talks. He had attended the Are You Being Served Event which was very successful. It was also mentioned that the Home Office were preparing for a big push on preventing doorstep crime which would hopefully encourage more talks.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
63/09** **No Cold Calling Zones**

Lorraine Wilford informed the Association that an electric company had been knocking on doors in areas which were no cold calling zones, this was reported to the head quarters of that company who stated that this should not be happening. Had few more applications in which they were working through.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
64/09** **Report of Secretary**

The Secretary reported that the letter regarding sky lanterns had been sent to the relevant minister with her address, telephone and e-mail information.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
65/09** **Report of Children's Centre Officer**

The Children's Centre Officer had recently attended a RoSPA conference in Stratford. The conference was for the whole of Europe. Members were informed that she had a DVD which she would like to show at the next meeting.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
66/09** **Report of Police Officer**

The Police Officer was not present.

**SHS
67/09** **Report of Fire Officer**

The Fire Officer informed the Association that the Christmas campaign was under development and hopefully ready to launch shortly. The Winter Warmth campaign was helping a lot of families and elderly keep warm in their home during the winter months by providing electrical radiators and blankets for periods of up to 3-4 months.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
68/09** **Report of Trading Standards Officer**

The Trading Standards Officer informed the Association that currently Gas Cooker Lighter were being tested. It was reminded that as it was coming up to the Christmas period counterfeit GHD hair straighteners were being sold, if in doubt contact GHD and they would be able to tell people if they were the real thing. There had also been counterfeit Koosh balls being sold which had a flammable substance inside of them which were being tested. The Maclaren pushchairs which was being looked into because of the folding mechanism being dangerous was on the USA model which was available in the UK to.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

