

Stockton Home Safety Association

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday, 5th January, 2010.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains(Chairman), Ms L. Provett, Ms L. Wilford(Trading Standards), Mr I. McHugh(Fire Authority)

Officers: K. Wannop(LD)

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Miss Tina Large, Mr T Redfern(RSVP)

SHS 69/09 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

SHS 70/09 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th November 2009**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2009.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2009 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

SHS 71/09 **Doorstoppers**

Mr Redfern was not present but provided the Association with an update stating that there had been an upsurge in doorstep crime.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

SHS 72/09 **No Cold Calling Zones**

Lorraine Wilford informed Members that there had been 25 applications since January 2009, 17 No Cold Calling Zones and 1 Doorstep Crime Watch Zone had been identified.

RESOLVED that information be noted.

SHS 73/09 **Financial Update**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

SHS 74/09 **Report of Secretary**

The secretary had nothing to report.

SHS 75/09 **Report of Children's Centre Officer**

L Provett informed Members that the Safe at Home campaign had not been taken up as quickly as they thought it would, it was noted that referrals would now come from Health Visitors as well as Social Workers. Members thought it

would be useful if they could be sent information about events and activities that were being held in the local Children's Centre's. It was agreed that L. Provett would arrange for packs to be sent to all Council Members.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**SHS
76/09** **Report of Police Officer**

There was no Police Officer present.

**SHS
77/09** **Report of Fire Officer**

The Fire Officer informed the Association that his team had put together an initiative to give a 100 hampers to the most vulnerable elderly people in the borough over the festive period. In the last month they had carried out 240 Home Fire Visits, fitted 161 smoke alarms, gave 20 deep fat fryers and provided 9 extension leads. Members were informed that there had been an incident in Kensington Road and the gentleman was pronounced dead at the scene. The Children's Centre officer informed the Association that she had received conflicting information regarding the correct ideal temperature of a room for babies or the elderly. The Fire Officer said he would get someone to contact her from the Fire Authority regarding this matter.

RESOLVED that the information noted.

**SHS
78/09** **Report of Trading Standards Officer**

The Trading Standards Officer informed the Association that Maclaren had now issued hinge covers for the buggies which were available by going to the customer services on the Maclaren website. Members were also informed that a Cooker Lighter had flared up and after the item was tested it was recalled. Problems with Koosh Balls/Googly Balls which contained flammable substances inside could not be tracked down from where they were purchased.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**SHS
79/09** **RoSPA Membership**

The Chairman informed the Association that that the Council was a member of RoSPA and it was possible for the Association to order items from the catalogue for the Falls Day Event.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**SHS
80/09** **Chinese Sky Lanterns**

Members were informed that the Chairman had received a letter from the minister Kevin Brennan in response to the one in which she sent on behalf of the Association. It stated that the issue of Sky Lanterns had been discussed and the Health and Safety Executive test laboratory had concluded that they were generally safe. It was agreed that there was nothing more which they could pursue on the matter.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.