

Stockton Home Safety Association

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday, 16th February, 2010.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains(Chairman), L. Provett(Vice-Chair) Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, T. Redfern(RSVP), I. McHugh(Cleveland Fire Authority), F. Russell(Trading Standards) A. Moriarty, M. Weatherall

Officers: K. Wannop(LD)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Mr D. Sanders(Cleveland Police)

SHS 81/09 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations.

SHS 82/09 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th January 2010**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2010.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2010 be agreed and forwarded to Council for consideration.

SHS 83/09 **Children's Safety-DVD Presentation**

Members watched a short DVD which told a story through the eyes of a child of dangerous situations which a young child could get themselves into around the house when safety measures were not in place or being used correctly. The Children's Centre Officer informed the Association that Health Visitors were using the DVD to help parents realise the dangers which children could get themselves into. Since showing the DVD there had been a rise in requests for the fitting of safety equipment.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted

SHS 84/09 **Doorstoppers**

Mr Redfern informed the Association that he had completed talks to 1769 residents to date. He also informed Members that since November the talk he had been giving was more about awareness than prevention.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

SHS 85/09 **No Cold Calling Zones**

F. Russell informed the Association that there was 19 No Cold Calling Zones and more applications that were to be determined. Members were made aware of the need for more leaflets and street signs, it was agreed that the Association would donate £1000 to cover the cost of printing the necessary leaflets.

CONCLUDED that

1. the information be noted

2. that £1000 be donated from the Home Safety budget to Trading Standards for No Cold Calling Zones expenses.

**SHS
86/09** **Financial Update**

Members were made aware of the budget that was left for this financial year, it was agreed that the Association would spend some money on items for the Falls Day event and Are you being Served event.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
87/09** **Report of Secretary**

The Secretary had nothing to report.

**SHS
88/09** **Report of Children's Centre Officer**

The Children's Centre Officer had nothing to report.

**SHS
89/09** **Falls Day**

Members were informed that a meeting was to be arranged with Yvonne Cheung(Falls Co-ordinator), the Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary to discuss plans for this year's Falls Day event.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted

**SHS
90/09** **Report of Police Officer**

The Police Officer was not present.

**SHS
91/09** **Report of Fire Officer**

The Fire Officer informed the Association that in the last month there had been 431 Fire Home Safety Checks and 314 smoke alarms were fitted. It was also reported that there had been 2 major fires in the Borough, 1 in Billingham and 1 on Wembley Way. The Fire officer also answered the question from the last meeting regarding where Fire Authority had got their information from on the ideal room temperature. He stated that they received this advice from the PCT (now NHS Tees)

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

**SHS
92/09** **Report of Trading Standards Officer**

The Trading Standards Officer informed the Association that the gas lighters which were mentioned at the last meeting were currently being tested. They had done one underage sales test and got one sale, they were currently setting up to have deliveries to a house e.g counterfeit goods from internet sites and also online grocery shopping to see if they would deliver alcohol that had been ordered to underage people who answered the door. It was also reported that

Trading Standards were trying to get the company of an unsafe toy to come in for interviewing but they have refused so this is ongoing.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.