

Stockton Home Safety Association

A meeting of Stockton Home Safety Association was held on Tuesday, 19th October, 2010.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains(Chairman), Laura Provett(Vice-Chair), Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Lorraine Wilford(Trading Standards), Trevor Redfern(RSVP), Matt Reeves(Cleveland Police), and Mrs Moriarty(DAG)

Officers: Kirsty Wannop(LDS)

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Mrs Weatherall(DAG), Mr K Jarvis(Member of the Public), Mr I McHugh(Fire Authority)

SHS 43/10 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

SHS 44/10 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th September 2010.**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2010.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2010 be agreed and forwarded to Council for consideration.

SHS 45/10 **Doorstoppers**

Mr Redfern informed the Association that he had talked to 2315 residents since the start of Doorstoppers. Mr Redfern queried with the Police Officer whether they were still fitting hardware from the referrals made from RSVP and if so could they keep in contact with Mr Redfern on the timescale before this could be completed. The Police Officer was going to enquire as he was unsure.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

SHS 46/10 **No Cold Calling Zones**

The Trading Standards Officer informed the Association that there was to date 38 No Cold Calling Zones, 7 Doorstep Crime Zones and 20 new applications. Since April 2010 they had sent out 885 information packs.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

SHS 47/10 **Are You Being Served Event**

Members were reminded that the Are You Being Served Event was taking place on 26th October 2010. The Home Safety stall would be shared with Trading Standards and they had sufficient items to give away which included home safety related coasters, pens, pencils and leaflets. The Secretary informed the Chair that the '10 facts you might not know about Home Safety Association' leaflet was currently going through the printing process.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

SHS **Report of Children's Centre Officer**

48/10

The Children's Centre Officer informed Members that she was unsure on the outcome of the award they had been nominated for which she reported at the last meeting as the awards celebration had been cancelled. The Home Safety Scheme through RoSPA was due to run out at the end on March and looked unlikely to continue.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

SHS **Report of Police Officer**

49/10

The Police Officer reported that metal thefts were still a problem and work had been and would continue to be undertaken to identify hotspots and try and catch targets. Crime figures were 255 crimes down year on year. A new scheme called lights against crime was being launched which educated residents on lighting their homes to prevent burglars. Work was also taking place with retailers and security staff in the lead up to the Christmas period. It was also noted that work had taken place lead marking on buildings so if this was stolen it was easily identified to where it had come from when searching scrap dealers.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

SHS **Report of Fire Officer**

50/10

There was no Fire Officer present.

SHS **Report of Trading Standards Officer**

51/10

The Trading Standards Officer informed Members that there had been problems with door to door fish sellers who were selling fish in large quantities and then the customer realising later that it wasn't the species of fish which they had asked for.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.

SHS **Financial Update**

52/10

Member were provided with a financial update, it was noted that there was £3050.73 currently in the budget. The Association agreed to purchase 1000 purple bell alerts for £350 to give away at future events.

CONCLUDED that the information be noted.