



Neighbourhood Watch Network Annual General Meeting Event

held at 14.00 on Tuesday 6th December 2022 by on-line Zoom Meeting

Minutes

1	<p>Introduction from the Chair – Ian Bretman</p> <p>Ian Bretman welcomed everyone to the meeting at 14.00 and introduced himself as the Chair of Trustees. Ian was pleased so many Association Leads and members were in attendance at the event and explained that there would be some presentations from partners but sadly not from the Policing Minister Chris Philp as he had not been able to record an introduction. Chris Philp is a Croydon MP and Paul Voden (Croydon) stated he was due to meet with Chris Philp in the next few days and would mention a potential meeting with Neighbourhood Watch Network.</p> <p>John Hayward-Cripps (CEO) explained the new voting system that would be used during the AGM (ElectionRunner) and that the voting was open from the start of the AGM so voting members could vote at any time through to 3.15pm. Attendees were able to raise any access issues via the Zoom chat function.</p>
2	<p>5-Year Strategy Update – John Hayward-Cripps</p> <p>John Hayward-Cripps went through the activities and events of the 40th Anniversary Year of Neighbourhood Watch including the national conference, the timeline, Volunteer Recognition Awards, new logo and then moved onto the business as usual work completed. This included the successful crime prevention campaigns, development of the Knowledge Hub, the impact report, surveys and rollout of the Alert system V4 amongst others.</p> <p>John moved on to present the review of the 5-Year Strategy including feedback from volunteers, trustees and staff. Overall the strategy was being delivered very well but there has been feedback from volunteers about some feelings of overwhelm due to the variety and number of campaigns etc. The review will look to focus on fewer calls to action but with better and wider reach and scope. Feedback was very positive about the quality of support etc from the Central Support Team.</p> <p>Finally the focus over the next 2-3 years will be to continue with the business as usual and increase bystander training, champion the Community Safety Charter, mobilise local activity and alter the perception of Neighbourhood Watch while continuing to develop Neighbourhood Watch in areas of high need and less represented groups.</p> <p>John thanked the attendees for their work and the work of their Coordinators over the year.</p>
3	<p>Presentation by Bianca Rembrandt – Community Safety and Principal Enforcement Officer for Hackney Council</p> <p>Bianca gave an inspiring account of how Hackney Council had embraced the Neighbourhood Watch, 'Are You OK?' campaign and developed pavement stencils which had been used in areas of high reports of street harassment and the positive impact of the campaign. There was very positive feedback about the presentation with some areas already looking to repeat the campaign locally and others keen to know more and promote locally.</p>
4	<p>Presentation by Suky Bhaker – CEO, of the Suzi Lamplugh Trust on the bystander approach and bystander training</p> <p>Suky introduced the Suzi Lamplugh Trust, its background and work focussing on stalking and personal safety. She also detailed the current partnership work with Neighbourhood Watch Network including the roll out of online bystander training and how that training is being received by participants referred from the Neighbourhood Watch social media and email campaign. Feedback is very positive about the training with several Association Leads having attended and</p>

	been very positive. Again feedback during the meeting was very positive about the presentation and the potential of future work.
5	<p>Q & A and thanks from the Chair</p> <p>Ian Bretman led a lively Q & A session with the speakers and thanked them for their contribution to the AGM.</p>
6	<p>Formal NWN AGM</p> <p>Ian Bretman introduced and outlined the formal part of the Annual General Meeting and asked attendees if there were any other matters to be discussed, as none had been provided in advance of the meeting. He requested that all voting members completed their online voting by 15.15 as the ballot would close at that time.</p>
6.1	<p>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th December 2021</p> <p>These were approved without any questions or amendments.</p>
6.2	<p>Any matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>There were none.</p>
6.3	<p>Overview from the Chair, and to receive the Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2022</p> <p>Ian Bretman gave a verbal report on behalf of the Board of Trustees which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outline of the events and work of the year • Ian thanked trustees and all local members including Association Leads, Coordinators and other volunteers for their work over the year Ian then introduced the Annual Report and gave a summary of its highlights • Ian then spoke about the Board Skills Review and the recruitment of the three new Trustees asking the two present (Hugh Ind and Tayo Oguntonade) to introduce themselves which they did. Ian then gave a brief overview of the third new Trustee Andrew Whyte <p>There were no questions about the overview.</p>
6.4	<p>To receive the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022</p> <p>Kardaya Rooprai presented the financial statements and gave a summary of their highlights. There were no questions before or during the AGM relating to the accounts which had been available on our website prior to the AGM.</p>
6.5	<p>Retirement of longest serving Trustees then re-election to the Board</p> <p>In accordance with Neighbourhood Watch Network's constitution, the one third of Trustees must retire at the AGM each year. In line with this, Ian Bretman and Mohamed Hamedda retired and were re-elected for another term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Bretman (29 votes for none against) • Mohamed Hamedda (28 votes for 1 against)
6.6	<p>Formal voting onto the Board of co-opted Trustees</p> <p>In accordance with Neighbourhood Watch Network's constitution, the new co-opted Trustees were voted onto the Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hugh Ind(29 votes for 1 against) • Tayo Oguntonade (29 votes for 1 against) • Andrew Whyte (29 votes for 1 against)

6.7	<p>Appointment of the Chair of Trustees</p> <p>Following Ian Bretman’s re-election to the Board, he offered to serve again as Chair and a vote duly took place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Bretman (31 votes for none against)
6.8	<p>Update on the appointment of Auditor for 2021-2022 - Kardaya Rooprai.</p> <p>Kardaya Rooprai reported that Neighbourhood Watch Network’s annual accounts had been independently examined by Sayers Vincent, a large accounting firm with a specialist charity department. This continues to provide better value for money and a higher level of expertise than a full audit which is not required at the level of the charity’s income. There is still significant scrutiny through this process and feedback both ways had been positive. As there had been no questions put forward regarding the accounts he reported that the organisation would continue to undertake an independent examination next year.</p>
7	<p>General question and answer session for the Board and Central Support Team</p> <p>After the formal business of the AGM was concluded, general questions and comments were invited from members which were answered by the Board and Central Support Team.</p>
8.	<p>Close</p> <p>Ian Bretman closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and again for all the work local Associations and Coordinators have been doing through the year.</p> <p>Ian thanked the Central Support Team for continuing to deliver a very wide range of work and looked forward to working with all in 2023.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 15:30.</p>

AGM Attendees:

Hugh Ind – Trustee, Ian Bretman – Chair of Trustees, Kardaya Rooprai – Treasurer, Rebecca Bryant – Trustee, Sue Pillar-Lea – Vice-Chair of Trustees, Tayo Oguntonade – Trustee

Alf Kennedy, Amanda Knight, Frank Simonds, Andrew Taylor, Anna James, Annabel Cotteral, Arthur Burton, Belinda Donovan, Bob Combes, Carole Atkinson, Chris Pyemont, Clive Woodward, Colin Cartwright, Colin Moore, Craig Dawes, Derek Bateman, Graham Boyle, Grant Murrell, , Joe Murray, Johanna Kaschke, John Lennard, Julia Griffiths, Julie Dowton, Julie Pal, Les Day, Roy Marks, Lynne Fairclough, Lynne Troughton, Natalie Lang, Marie Lane, Oscar Segovia, Martin Stillwell, Nick King, Pat Halliday, Paul Adkins, Paul Sunners, Paul Voden, John Butler, Peter McKeown, Ray Boyle, , Robin Sutton, Joe Murray, Roy Marks, Julia Griffiths, Selvin Reid, , Tony Spall,

Bianca Rembrandt – Hackney Council, Suky Bhaker – Suzi Lamplugh Trust

Cheryl Spruce – Staff, Deborah Waller – Staff, Jennifer Powell – Staff, John Hayward-Cripps – CEO, Kathleen Cunningham – Staff, Sandra Bauer – Staff, Simeon Earnshaw – Staff, Sonia Joseph - Staff