

**Minutes of the CBNWA AGM 7th October, 2023**

1. Paul Voden, Chairman, welcomed members to the meeting.
2. Mr Voden fed back on matters raised in the Crime Prevention Day (CPD) 2022 evaluation. Please see appendix 1 at end of minutes. There were no matters arising from the feedback.
3. Mr Voden highlighted the following activities during the year:
	* Croydon Eye distribution and social event November 2022
	* Committee consulted over and fed back to the police on the *Turnaround Plan 2023-2025*
	* Meet the Committee Curry Night June 2023
	* Meeting with police and preparation of a leaflet to encourage Police Cadets to become Neighbourhood Watch Ambassadors
	* Promoted the national Neighbourhood Watch Network’s (NWNs) Police Framework with the Safer Neighbourhood Inspectors, asking all Safe Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) to get in touch with co-ordinators in their wards
	* Wrote to Croydon Members of Parliament, asking them to attend the NWN presentation to MPs, 24th April 2023
	* Promoted Neighbourhood Watch with a stand at the Community Spotlight event 23rd June 2023
	* Worked with Police on information packs to be given by Estate Agents to new home owners
	* Promotion of and attendance at SN Ward Panels and Croydon Voluntary Association Local Community Partnership meetings
	* Submitted candidates for the NWN Volunteer Awards
	* Supported police with their Violence against Women and Children StreetSafe campaign, passing on information in emails and newsletters

He thanked co-ordinators for their support and dedication and donors for their financial contributions.

1. Julian Roche, honorary treasurer, presented the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023.

Those present at the meeting voted to accept the accounts.
2. Nominations had been received for the following Committee roles:
* Paul Voden - Hon. Chairman
* Kate Clark - Hon. Secretary
* Julian Roche - Hon. Treasurer

Committee:

* John Kennedy
* Carl Roche

All those nominated were voted in unanimously.

Christopher Adams volunteered to join the Committee and was voted in unanimously.

1. The Chairman thanked John and Gill Gilhooly, retiring Committee members, for their work and contributions to meetings over several years.
2. There being no other business, the meeting closed.

Kate Clark
Hon. Secretary

**Appendix 1: Outcomes of questionnaire from the CPD 2022**

Paul Voden’s feedback on matters raised in the Crime Prevention Day (CPD) 2022 evaluation.

**Mental Health First Aid**

1. We were asked if Mental Health First Aid could be covered at this event. However, we have decided, instead, to send out information on the Council’s free Mental Health First Aid courses.

**Update on changes to come from the police.**

1. We have sent out updates from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) and placed a copy of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner’s *Turnaround plan 2023-2025* on the web site, as well as sending this out to co-ordinators.
2. We have also signed up to the new *Framework for Local Police / Neighbourhood Watch engagement* which encourages the local SNT to contact co-ordinators to keep them in touch with what is going on in their area,
3. We also encourage co-ordinators to be part of their local ward panel.

**All Questions to be written.**

1. It was suggested that all questions should be written to keep the event on time. However, it was decided that, because local events might change after written questions were sent in, it was still relevant to get questions on the day. We accept that we need to ensure they are kept to time.

**Poor time management**

1. We were advised that quite a few people were unhappy with the time management of the event, as many items ran over time. We are aware that this was an issue and will try to ensure that items don’t run over time this year.

**What are schools doing about crime.**

1. As part of engaging young people, we are looking to get the Police Cadets to become ambassadors for Neighbourhood Watch.
2. The Neighbourhood Watch Network (NWN) have also, in conjunction with CBNWA, applied for funding to get a youth worker to engage with schools and other organisations to ensure they are engaged with what we do. This application has been successful and a person should be in place this year.
3. The Local Community Partnership in Croydon Northwest has also applied for funding for an intergenerational youth worker, which again was successful and this person should be in place later this year.

**Ward Panel Meetings**

1. We were asked to promote the Ward Panel meetings which we have done. They are also being promoted by the SNTs and are part of the Commissioner’s programme going forward.

**Training for co-ordinators**

1. A request was made for more training for co-ordinators. This has been taken on board and the intention is to have local training days as soon as possible. We would appreciate feedback from co-ordinators as to locations to hold these events.
2. NWN have also set up training courses online for those that wish to participate.

**Crime stoppers**

1. It was asked if we could get someone from Crimestoppers to talk at the event. As we have a full agenda at this year’s event this was not possible. However we will look to get someone next year.