



**Afan Tawe Nedd Neighbourhood Watch Association**  
**Quarterly Meeting**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013 @ 7pm**

**Present:**

Alun Thomas	Chairman NHW
Cled Griffin	Rhiwlas
CA Briggs	Taibach
Angela Thomas	G.C.G
Sgt Tony Pain	South Wales Police
Jean Mason	Sandfields West
Eddie Mason	Sandfields West
Nikki Conway	Trading Standards
Dominic Edgell	South Wales Police
Tony Powe	South Wales Police
Gwenda Smart	Treasurer NHW

**Apologies:**

Mike Oliver	Delffordd Rhos
Audrey Chaves	NHW Member
John Bevan	Margam Village
Val James	Wauanceirch
Mary P Williams	South Wales Police
Dave Scourfield	Community Safety Team NPT
Alan Keenan	Velindre
Tim Ambler	Godregraig

**1. Chairpersons welcome**

Chairman Alun Thomas welcomed all members to the meeting and formally welcomed Nikki Conway from Trading Standards to the meeting.

**2. Presentation and question time from Trading Standards**

Nikki Conway delivered a presentation outlining the services that Trading Standards provide, the types of issues they deal with and what to do in event of Rouge Trader incident. Nikki explained the various different types of Rouge Trader incidents they deal with as a department and the process in how they are dealt with. Door step crime was explained and who is likely to be targeted. The Legislations which are in place were explained. Packs were provided for members including guidance information.

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The police have recently received funding for cameras for vulnerable people .Dominic Edgell explained the protocols which are in place for these. As a team Trading Standards are out on the streets carrying out random stops and working jointly with the Police.

The group discussed television sales (distant selling) Trading Standards have it on their warrant and the customer does have the right to send it back unless it contains food or if the item is personalised.

Cled explained the new website he has been working on and the group discussed possible links for trading standards.

The Chairman thanked Nikki for attendance at the meeting.

### **3. Chairpersons Report**

#### *Update on position on Charity Status*

NHW have applied to the Inland Revenue for charity status to have more creditability when applying for funding.

#### *Constitution update*

HMRC require the organisation to regulate by the Charity Commission. This is not possible as the Charity commission will not regulate organisations with a turn over of less than 5k per annum. By utilising the Charity commission standard constitution in the short term this will deem that NHW are operating under an authorised constitution and allow NHW to proceed with the application to the HMRC. NHW can review the constitution in the future and will seek a work party to do this.

#### *Purchase of CCTV System*

NHW are looking to purchasing CCTV cameras to lend to people suffering from ASB. One camera will be purchased and will be situated within a property as a pilot. An evaluation will be completed on the pilot and it will presented to the group.

#### *Proposed work with NPT homes*

As part of the NPT Homes regeneration project they would like to use NHW as a vehicle to fight ASB issues. Alun is liaising with Jonathan Morris from NPT Homes and will report back to the meeting on any update.

#### *Events since last meeting*

NHW sponsored the Road Safety Quiz event in June 2013.

NHW have recently had 5000 brochures printed for distribution to members and at events. The chairman thanked Kelly John for her assistance with producing the brochure.

The group discussed possible places where the brochure could be distributed.

### **NHW Sticker Badges**

The NHW badges are expecting to be in stock this week. There are a list of new watches which are waiting to be set up these include Margam Village, Ystalefera , Bryncoch and Resolven.

### **Commissioners meeting**

The Chairman and Tony Briggs attended a recent Commissioners meeting. Under the new South Wales NHW. Opportunity to move forward to develop this. Lot of thanks number people round the table who contributed with the website.

### **4. Secretary's report**

Nothing to report.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Gwenda Smart reported on the business saver account which currently still has 1k in there. Gwenda hasn't received a new statement for the community account.

**Action:** Alun will send copy of Sponsorship invoice to Gwenda .

### **6. Police Report**

PCSO Dominic Edgell delivered a presentation on tackling speed issues in local communities. Dominic explained the types of speed cameras that are accessible to the Police, how they are used and their benefits.

Dominic explained feedback on a survey which has been carried out on the A474 in Rhos where concerns have been raised in relation to speeding. The survey was based over eight days for 24hrs a day. The average recorded speed in 40MPH zone was 33 MPH. The average recorded speed in 30MPH zone was recorded at 26 MPH. The results need to take into consideration emergency vehicles which would have triggered both. The presentation is available for members who would like further information.

Still awaiting data on Godregraig.

Tony Powe explained a new scheme which is being piloted in Cymmer in relation to Police Volunteers. Volunteers would have to be vetted and would have the opportunity to use hand held speed cameras themselves. Individuals who are clocked to be speeding will be sent a warning letter.

**Action:** Tony Powe to discuss scheme further with Alun in relation to NHW members to be involved.

There has been two incidents leading to deaths on the A474 in Rhos which were highlighted in the survey.



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**Action:** PCSO Dominic Edgell to look at Traffic data in relation to the incidents.

**Action:** Copy of the presentation to be sent to Mike Oliver.

### **7. Community Safety Team Report**

Sgt Tony Powe provided a report overview on the crimes throughout April/May across Neath, Port Talbot and Pontardawe.

#### **Neath Area**

201 crimes incidents April which decreased to 186 in May. There were 46 ASB incidents reported. 20 Burglaries in April reducing to 19 in May.

#### **Port Talbot Area**

188 crime incidents reported in April which increased to 197 in May.

There were 38 ASB incidents reported in May. 21 Burglaries in April reducing to 17 in May.

#### **Pontardawe Area**

38 crime incidents reported in April which decreased to 36 in May.

There were 10 ASB incidents reported in April increasing to 15 in May. 4 Burglaries in April reducing to 2 in May.

Sgt Powe explained the detection rates which overall are currently at 37% this percentage is above the national detection rate.

Tony Pain explained his role within the Police force and provided crime prevention advice to members on the topics as listed below.

**Bicycles** – Tony explained the process that used to be carried out on the old steal bicycles. The majority of bikes made now are made from aluminium. Marking bikes is critically important as making a bike identifiable reduces the chances of it being stolen and reduces the Value. Tony recommended individuals mark there bikes with a permanent marker pen with their postcode and house number so the property can be identified.

**Burglaries** – Tony explained Seasonable crime. It is vitally important that members of the community lock there windows and doors. 39% of the burglaries in Swansea have happened due to burglars gaining access to the properties through un locked windows and doors.

**Jewellery** – The value of Gold has increased dramatically over the last few years. It is critically important for individuals to get all jewellery place a 50p next to it then take photo of it.

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This way individual's will have evidence of what has been taken in event of a Burglary and it will help the Police enormously with what they are looking for.

**Garden Crime** –Tony Pain explained Garden Crime. Burglars have stopped carry things with them to gain access to properties but have started to use the things that are in peoples gardens (tools etc). Tony advised members to put all garden items away securely and urged them to have a good lock on their sheds.

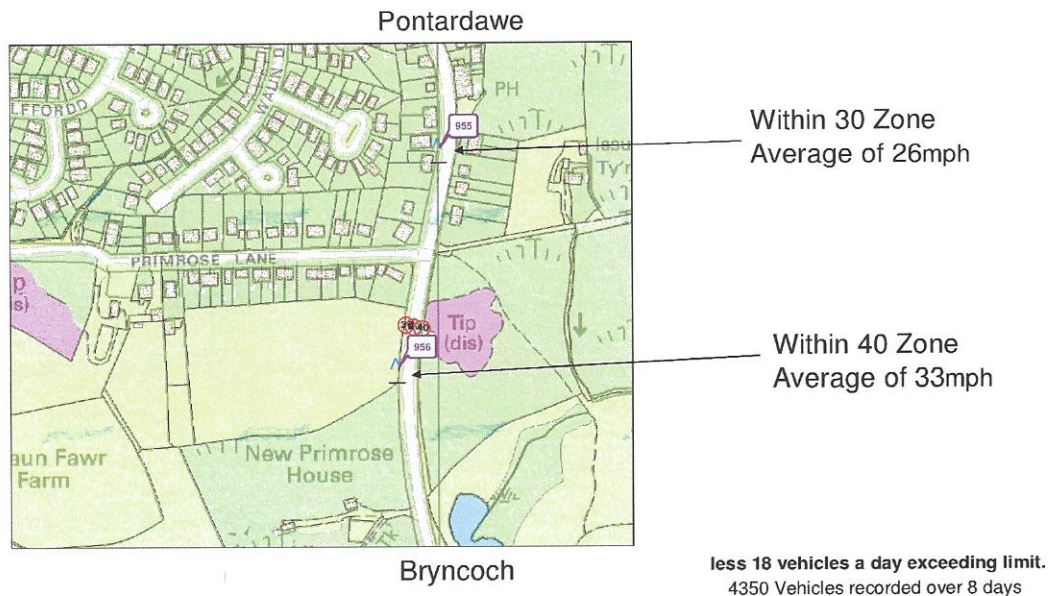
### **8. Any Other Business**

Tony Briggs explained a recent free course Drive for Life which he has recently attended. This is a full day course run by NPT Road Safety Team. The course raises drivers confidence and driving ability and may even attract a discount from insures. Those attending have a greater awareness of what is needed from them to drive safely and they in turn will help keep the roads of the county a safer place to use .Leaflets were distributed to members for information.

The Chairman expressed concern over the low numbers of attendance at the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Extract of data from Speed Presentation made by PCSO Dominic Edgell at Quarterly meeting



**We can only use cameras:**

**Where people have been killed or injured**

For full details of the collision criteria for placing cameras please see Welsh Government Guidance.

**Where there is a site of community concern.**

We do not believe in waiting for people to be injured before we take action so mobile cameras also operate in areas where communities have complained that speed is endangering lives and a survey confirms that there is a genuine speeding problem.

**Site Types**

There are 2 types of Site, Core and Exceptional

Core - Based on KSI and Speed Date

Exceptional - Would not fit the above, but do have several risk factors.

We have many ways of identifying and tackling speeding, these can vary from covert information gathering to high-visibility proactive enforcement action.

- Speed Visor
- Handheld Speed Camera
- Enforcement
  - Static Camera
  - Mobile Van