

MINUTES OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE MEETING
HELD ON 8th JANUARY 2013
AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CROESYCEILIOG

Present: Mr E J Harrhy (Chair)
Mr A Davies
Ms G Mason
Mrs V Dudley
Mrs L Buchanan-Smith
Councillor L Winnett (Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council)
Mr M Evans
Mr I Johnston – Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent
Superintendent N Russell
Inspector I Wilkinson
Sgt Maria Henry – Dog Section
Mrs Sian Curley, Scheme Administrator
Ms Michelle Vaisey-Baker, Assistant Scheme Administrator

Apologies: Councillor J Bevan (Caerphilly County Borough Council)
Councillor T Bond (Newport City Council)
Councillor D Blakebrough (Monmouthshire County Borough Council)
Mrs S Davies
Mr G Lucas
Inspector E Smith (RSPCA)

The meeting began at 5pm

1 Introduction to Police & Crime Commissioner ACTION

The Commissioner welcomed all visitors and thanked everyone for their hard work and involvement in the scheme. We were informed that the scheme had been highly recommended to him during his campaign by Councillor John Williams and Councillor Mike Bartlett and he can confirm that there is a formal commitment that the scheme will continue. We were informed that whilst the Commissioner will not be coming to every Animal Welfare meeting he will attend when available, however if there are any issues that visitors would like to raise with him please can they highlight their concerns to Mrs Curley who will ensure that the details are passed along for a response.

The Police & Crime Commissioner left the meeting

2 Appointment of Chair

We were informed that the main responsibility of whoever is appointed Chair is to run the meeting. However, the elected individual will be able to choose how involved they wish to make the role e.g. be a main point of contact for other scheme members for any concerns or attend / speak at events etc. It was agreed that the new Chair should be someone who has been on the scheme for some time so as to have a good overall understand. Mr Harry was nominated as Chair which was seconded and agreed.

3 Minutes of the last Meeting – 9th October 2012

The minutes were confirmed to be a true record. Mrs Curley highlighted that all ID badges issued to visitors have the Gwent Police Authority Logo on them, we were informed that these do not need to be replaced urgently as they are purely a form of ID and are not chipped to gain access to police premises. However for new badges visitors will need to contact either Mrs Curley or Ms Vaisey-Baker who can liaise with People Services at Vantage Point to arrange paperwork and a convenient time to attend.

4 Operational Update from Dog Section

The dog section reports for November and December were circulated by PS Henry. We were advised that the figure shown on the Bi-Monthly report for November against Drugs/Cash Seized was £501,400.

We were informed that the dog trials had been successful with all dogs performing well. PC Watkins and PD Jack won first prize and PC Porter and his search dog Buddy received a special recognition award for recovering over £600,000 worth of drugs and cash over the year. We were advised that due to PC Watkins attending an instructor's course, PC Porter will be taking his place at the Regional dog trials in February with PD Benny.

We were provided with an update on the death of Police Dog Rooney. A review had been carried out by Gwent Police and we were satisfied with the briefing provided.

5 Any Other Business

Mrs Curley requested that if any visitor is unable to make a visit for the month they are allocated and are unable to find a substitute please can they either let PS Henry or the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner know so that they can

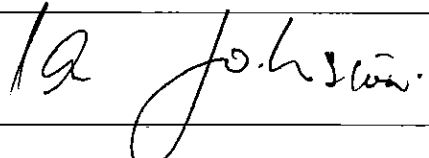
assist in finding another visitor to take their place. It was queried when the new rota from April 2013 would be circulated, Ms Vaisey-Baker advised she would post the rota out to all visitors later in the week together with confirmation of when the next meeting will take place.

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6 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th April 2013 at 4pm in Conference Room 1 at Police Headquarters. Please can all visitors note that they will be required to go to the main Police Headquarters reception to gain access to this meeting room. It was agreed that meetings would alternate between 4pm and 5pm starts in the future.

The meeting concluded at 5:50pm

Ian Johnston QPM, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent	
I have monitored the Animal Welfare Scheme minutes and am satisfied with progress.	
Signed 	Date 11.2.13
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