

# Safer Neighbourhood Board – Annual General Meeting

## MINUTES

**Date:** 15 September 2016

**Time:** 16:30 -17:00

**Venue:** Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club – Boardroom

**Chair:** Matthew Cole

Divisional Director – Public Health

Cllr. Laila Butt

Cabinet Member for Crime and Enforcements

Stephen Thompson

Chair of Safer Neighbourhood Board

**Present:** Rita Giles MBE  
Prince Kumar

Dagenham Neighbourhood  
Barking Neighbourhood

Katherine Gilcreest

Antisocial Behaviour Manager

Keith Hutton

Chair of the IAG

Emma Jones

Victim Support

Dan Neville

Whalebone Neighbourhood

Jim Campe

Forum for the Elderly

Kanta Craigen-Straughn

Support Officer (**Minutes**)

**Apologies:** Erika Jenkins  
Diane Worbey  
Cheryl Deane  
Louise Choppy  
Erika Jenkins

Barking and Dagenham CVS  
Neighbourhood Watch Vice Chair  
Community Payback  
Victim Support  
Barking & Dagenham CVS

### 1. Introduction

1.1 The introductions and apologies were noted

### 2. Chair's report

2.1 Steve Thompson reported that the group began as the Community Engagement Group which then developed into the Safer Neighbourhood Board. This then allowed the group to engage with the

borough and the Mayors Office. Notable successes for the group have included:

- Holding the Borough Commander to account
- Challenging the police
- A memorial held for a young biker in Cross Keys raising money for the Air Ambulance Service
- Assisting the LBGT Community
- Funding from the Mayors Office
- A very success arts project
- Reassuring residents

Overall the Safer Neighbourhood Board had demonstrated a good success rate.

### **3. Election of Chair**

3.1 During the last Safer Neighbourhood Board, it was agreed to hold an election for Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

3.2 All board members were invited to stand if they wished to do so, however only one candidate decided to stand for Chair; Steve Thompson. Therefore, the safer Neighbourhood Board were asked to confirm their decision to retain Steve Thompson as the Chair of the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

**It was agreed that:**

**Steve Thompson should be retained as the current chair of the Safer Neighbourhood Board.**

### **4. Election of Vice Chair – Results**

4.1 This agenda item was presented by Matthew Cole. It was noted that two members of the group stood for the position of vice chair, the voting papers had been received and it was announced that Rita Giles had successfully been voted in as Vice Chair. The group wished Rita every success in her new role as Vice Chair.

4.2 Rita also extended her congratulations to Steve Thompson for remaining as the Chair of the group and for Charing the group so successfully in the past.

**5. Any Other Business**

5.1 No further business was discussed.

