

Attendance

Derek Rosamond (Chair)

Andy Fox (AF)

Graham Knox (GK)

Jayne Harmer (JH)

Apologies

Steve Brock

James Glancey

Ian Bartle

Sam Clarke

Sgt A Cross

Jim Wright's absence and no apologies submitted was noted

Action DR to write to JW to ascertain if he wishes to continue to be a board member of STP

DR stated that as three board members were present, the meeting could go ahead.

Minutes of last meeting dated 2nd September 2014

These were accepted as a true record and subsequently signed by the chair

Matters arising

Item 5.1 The minutes of the meeting dated 29th July 2014 had been amended and subsequently accepted as a true record of that meeting and signed by the chair.

Item 9.1 The venue for the Christmas party has been changed to the Tabernacle at 7pm
Thurs 4th December 2014

Project Managers Report

SB had previously circulated by email his project managers report

SB had written to all volunteers asking them to confirm their commitment to weekend patrols as recently there had been difficulties staffing. DR gave a brief history to JH. AF stated he was aware of volunteers stating that it was always quiet and this could prove to be demotivating for existing and new volunteers. In his view we had three options :

- 1 Move patrol times from midnight to 4am when it was more likely our services would be needed.
- 2 Move patrols to only one night per week
- 3 Move all operations to Yarm

A discussion took place on these proposals. GK suggested the unit could still be deployed at 10am with two volunteers so the presence is still there but no patrolling until midnight.

AF stated he was aware there was now little or no police presence in the town centre.

AF stated he had spoken to SB about 2 hour stints on the day known as Black Friday, traditionally the last Friday before Christmas which historically has been a very busy period with the emergency services

Action AF to discuss with SB

The conflict Management Course at Ladgate Lane took place on Wed 19th November and not December as stated in the report

GK enquired as to the 58 miles recorded for the mobile unit for "loan/hire" and whether we were covered for insurance.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is holding a celebration event at Police HQ Ladgate Lane on Thurs 27th November and a number of STP volunteers had been invited.

GK offered to calculate a "pseudo-cost" for patrolling at Yarm to present to Yarm Churches Together

Action G to work with SB to produce costing

Activity data. GK asked if SB could further break down the figures year on year to allow comparison.

Action SB to produce year on year activity data

Treasurers Report

GK presented his report to the meeting.

Col 1 should read April 2014- Nov 2014 (not Jun 2014)

The current reserve is £9K. We are currently running at a deficit of £4079.31. The vehicle is costing more than anticipated due to on-going servicing. The deficit is likely to reach £7K by the end of the financial year. Next year might prove to be a financial concern if no additional funding is found.

DR thanked GK for his report.

Action GK to provide a breakdown on vehicle expenditure and present to the board.

DR suggested we revisit the presentation to churches to underline our financial needs

The meeting agreed it was important to identify a volunteer fundraising co-ordinator.

AOB

DR reminded the meeting of his impending retirement but due to the illness of SB had decided to remain in post until Feb 2015. A discussion took place as to a potential successor. A mentioned Kevin Pitt who was heavily involved in community volunteering after retiring from the police

Action AF to approach Kevin Pitt