

HOLMES CHAPEL AND DISTRICT FIRST RESPONDERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

HELD ON FRIDAY, 28 MAY 2010
AT GOOSTREY PLAYING FIELDS

Present:

Dion Cross, Sally Ball, Sarah Wright (nee Bennion), Sue Arkwright, Michael Ball, Danny Craig.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Heather Williams and Nigel Coppenhall.

Chairman's Report:

I am pleased to present the 2nd years Holmes Chapel and District Community First Responders Annual reports and accounts for 2009-2010.

Over the last 12 months the Committee has come up against the need to make changes, not only to operations, but Committee Restructuring. This has sadly taken up time away from physical responding.

However, I am now confident that we are in a position to move forward at a fast rate and become fully operational across all projects.

The Committee has set out three main objectives for 2010-2011, which will see not only performance boosted, but major development across the board.

The next 12 months ahead will be very exciting and I am confident to say this time next year we will be in a much stronger position.

Dion Cross, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report:

It should be noted that these accounts are presented unaudited. The accounts show that last year our major expense was the insurance for the car and this year we have managed to reduce this figure significantly. We also incurred much less mileage this year than last.

Donations were also increased this year.

A copy of the full accounts is attached to these Minutes.

Sally Ball.

Community First Responders Report

The Community First Responder project initiative sadly has seen a reduction in operational calls compared to last year.

This has been down to a reduction in time members have had to be available and to the Committee restructuring. As I said in my Chairman's Report, I am confident that over the next 12 months the profile and number of calls we attend will significantly rise.

The team vehicle sadly has seen some down time over the last 12 months due to insufficient funds to cover insurance and road tax. I am pleased to say that for the last month we have had the vehicle back operational and active due to successfully securing funding from events.

The group will hopefully have more operational members active cover the next 12 months, due to NWAS running a training course for new members.

Dion Cross, Co-ordinator.

Defibrillator Placements.

I have only recently taken over with the Defib Project but since that time we have moved on.

We now have everything in place to go ahead with a new Defibrillator to be placed in the Co-Op in Holmes Chapel, all as we need now is the Defib! Hopefully this will be with us within the next few months. This will be

advertised in local papers which will then hopefully encourage more companies to get “on board” with us to help all our local communities. My plan is to get as many companies interested as possible which will then lead to possible placements of Defibrillators within a radius of an 8 minute walk. I am currently gathering address’s to send a letter, describing what we as First Responders are about and how we help and support our community and also what the company themselves can do to support us and to raise funds for possible Defibrillators.

Tesco in Middlewich are very interested in getting a Defib and are also willing to support and raise money for us to help in any way possible for the community. Middlewich High School are also very interested - although they already have a Defib in place with thanks to a Parent’s generous donation after losing their child, they are very interested in all their year groups developing their individual skills by training on the Heart Start Course.

Sarah Wright.

Heartstart UK Report

The Heartstart Project is now up and running successfully and I am pleased to say that we have trained more than 20 scouts for Goostrey and we are currently training Goostrey Cubs.

I would like to take this opportunity say thank you to Tom Lee who initially put a lot of hard work into the development of this project who now, sadly, has moved on.

As Interim Co-ordinator for this project, I will try to ensure that over the next 12 months more community groups and the general public, are trained from around our coverage area.

Dion Cross, Interim Co-ordinator.

Election of the Executive Committee 2010/2011

All members currently holding executive positions on the Committee expressed an interest in maintaining those positions – namely:

Dion Cross – Chairman, CFR Co-ordinator, and Interim Heartstart Co-ordinator

Sally Ball – Treasurer

Sue Arkwright – Secretary

Sarah Wright (nee Bennion) – Defib Officer

There were no objections to these position and it was agreed that the above members should remain in their current places.

Any Other Business

Amendments to our constitution section 3.1 relating to treating patients age 0 was amended to age 12.

Section 14.1 was also amended – to take out 15 days notice and replace it with to be handed to Secretary of the Committee.

A revised copy of the constitution is attached to these Minutes.

Questions

Main objectives for this year are:

1. Make sure that our current trained members are made fully operational as soon as possible.
2. Increase our members – including support staff.
3. Gain Charitable Status.