



Currie East Neighbourhood Watch AGM

Annual General Meeting, Gibson Craig Halls
Monday 7th October 2019, 7.30–9pm

1. Welcome and thanks for attendance by CENW Committee Chair, Andrew Munro.
2. Apologies registered from Hamish Sutherland, Archie Clark and Irene Collier.
3. AGM 20th October 2018 Minutes approved by AGM membership attendees with one update.
4. 2018-9 Financial Report by CENW Finance Officer Margaret Michie
 - Subscriptions are still being returned after the AGM audited accounts each year.
 - Thank you to Hilary Leal for her volunteered time and effort to audit the CENW accounts.
5. 2018-9 Chair's Report presented by Andrew Munro, CENW Committee Chair.
 - Appeal for new Committee members and Office Bearers to keep CENW running. Looking for secretary, financial planning, editorial, social media, etc.
 - This year's Distributor Thank You session from 2pm (for 2.30pm start) on Sunday 27th October at 40 Nether Currie Road (on the corner with Thomson Road).
 - Suggestions welcome on how to spend CENW funds, as liaison with Edinburgh Council regarding refreshing lamppost signs with new logo continues, and replacing wheelie bin stickers is well within what current funds allow.
6. Election of Committee 2018-9

Andrew Munro, Neil Dickson, Margaret Michie, Andrew Craigie, Sheila Boa and Marguerite Kitt-Fraser.
All approved by AGM membership attendees.
Thanks to Gordon Laing and Claire Noble stepping down after their years on the Committee.
7. Election of Office Bearers 2018-9

Treasurer: Margaret Michie
Secretary: n/a
Vice Chair: Neil Dickson
Chair: Andrew Munroe
All approved by AGM membership attendees.
8. CENW annual membership subscription to continue at £1 for 2019-2020.
Approved by AGM membership attendees.
9. Guest Speaker:
 - "Friends Against Scams" by Samantha Mooney
Community Banker for Mid and East Lothian Royal Bank of Scotland
 - The talk is from an initiative with National Trading Standards Scams Team
<https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/>
Their website provides information on scams, where to get help, how you can help, application for a free call blocker, how to sign up for their scam alerts, online training, and where to find face-to-face awareness sessions.

Scammers

- Scammers are criminals and scamming can happen to anyone.
- There is a cycle of victimization whereby if you respond to a scam they are then more likely to be targeted again, as they now have your details on the "suckers list".
- Scammers use befriending and grooming techniques, building up trust to exploit you, or becoming threatening and aggressive if you become reluctant.
- Scammers are now asking for smaller amounts by more realistic approaches.

Types of Scams

- Postal scams: lottery, prize draws, inheritance, clairvoyant, catalogue.
- Telephone scams: telephone, text message, investment, pension, computer.
- Doorsteps scams: rogue traders, distraction burglary.
- Online scams: email phishing, bogus websites, romance, impersonation of UK officials (e.g. HMRC or TV Licensing).
- Younger people scams: identity theft, money mules (money laundering), fake job adverts.

Top Tips

- Never disclose your security information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine.
- Don't let anyone rush or panic you into action.
- Listen to your instincts.
- Stay in control.
- Talk about it, report it, contact your bank, seek further help.

Look out for others

- Is anyone close to you receiving lots of mail, emails or telephone calls? Are they receiving "free gifts" which may not be free? Do they have traders doing unnecessary or prolonged work?

Get help

- www.citizensadvice.org.uk or call Citizens Advice on 0808 164 6000
- www.actionfraud.police.uk or call Action Fraud on 0300 123 20 40
- www.mpsonline.org.uk or call Mailing Preference Service on 0207 291 3310
- www.tpsonline.org.uk or call Telephone Preference Service on 0345 070 0707
- www.police.uk or call your local police force on 101
- www.ageuk.org.uk or call Age UK on 0800 055 6112

9. Any Other Business.

- None.

10. Close and thanks to all those who attended and participated in the AGM.