

MUIR WOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
(INCORPORATING Thomson & Easter Currie Neighbourhood Watch)
18th Annual General Meeting
Nether Currie Primary School
Monday 29th October 2007 7.30pm

1. Welcome

David Eatock welcomed 34 members of the Watch to the meeting. The meeting had been amended from the usual Wednesday to Monday due to other bookings at Nether Currie Primary School

2. Apologies

9 apologies received. Gillian Burnside, Dr Gordon, Mrs Gordon, Jim Herbert, George Peggie, Ann Proudfoot, Gwynneth Ross, Ann Sherlaw and P.C. Mike Smith.

3. Police Report

This report was to be presented by P.C. Mike Smith but he was unable to attend the AGM. A written report was to be provided and presented on his behalf, but the report was not received.

4. Presentation by Raymond Hicks on the 'Role of the Community Safety Officers and Environmental Wardens'

Mr Hicks did not attend the AGM and the presentation was not available to be undertaken in his absence.

5. Chairman's Report

This item is available from the website but can be provided in paper format, on request.

Questions arising from report.

Teague Site. No information available regarding this development

Distributor of Lookout. It may be difficult that should a distributor not be in a position to carry on that a replacement cannot be found and the onus should not be placed on the distributor. Answer: This matter is a subject dealt with by sub-committee and is due for discussion at the committee meeting on 3rd December 2007

Police Report. Should a full Police Report be printed in Lookout or merely an abridged version covering items in the Watch area alone. This item will be dealt with under AOCB.

6. Financial Report

This was presented by Brian Latto (Treasurer).

Subscriptions: Over the whole of the Watch area £147 remains unpaid and this is due to people not being at home when the distributor called or people just refuse to pay. It is intended that the subscription remain at £1 for the coming year but that this will require to be reviewed. (Proposed Alex Kane seconded Muriel Orr) No objections

Printing: Cost will increase if the Lookout is continued in its present format but these can be curtailed as a possible downsize of the Lookout is envisaged.

The accounts as presented are available from the Website but can be provided in paper format, on request.

7. Proposed changes to Constitution.

Gordon McFadzean presented this item. 11 sections to the constitution and each had to be proposed, seconded and voted on by the members attending the AGM. The main changes revolved around;

- a) Change of name to 'Currie East Neighbourhood Watch'
- b) Committee and Office Bearers to be elected instead of appointed
- c) Change in Banking Arrangements to have 2 from 3 signatories.

All amendments proposed by Gordon McFadzean

Section 1 Name of the Scheme Seconded George Ballanyne Vote All in Favour

Section 2 Area of Responsibility No Change

Section 3 Objectives of the Scheme No change except name change of Watch
Seconded Bob Kerr Vote All in Favour

Section 4 Qualification of Membership No change

Section 5 Committee

1st Version Regarding annual elections of committee members gave the impression that the Chairman was elected annually.

No mention made of appointment of sub-committee

Amendment Seconded by Bob Kerr Vote All in Favour

2nd Version Insertion of the words 'except that' regarding the Chairman's election.

Insertion of wording regarding appointment of sub-committees

Amendment Seconded by Bill Gordon Vote All in Favour.

Matter arising. Objection raised by Audrey Anderson regarding the use of the term 'Chairman'. The term used should be either 'Chair-Person' or 'Chair' A discussion then followed and the matter was placed to the AGM with a majority being in favour of the term 'Chairman' being used.

Section 6 Finance Amendment of Signatories to any 2 from 3 with the signatories being Treasurer, Chairman and Vice Chairman. Agreed

Section 7 Financial Year No change

Section 8 Membership Fees No change

Section 9 Frequency of Meetings No change

Section 10 Dissolution of the Scheme No change

Section 11 Alteration to the Constitution Version 2 amendment that any alterations to the Constitution may be approved only at the AGM
Seconded George Ballantyne Vote All in Favour

8 Election of Committee

21 members names read out. There can be 24 committee members and if anyone wished to add their name for one of the 3 vacant spaces then they can do so. No volunteers were forthcoming and as no notice of resignation of committee member had been received it was proposed by David Eatock that all 21 were elected to the committee. Seconded by Gordon McFadzean Vote All in Favour.

9. Election of Office Bearers

Nominations

Chairman	Tim Shepherd
Vice Chairman	Bob Kerr
Secretary	Iain Proudfoot
Treasurer	Brian Latto

As no further nominations and no objections the Office Bearers were presented to the meeting and the meeting voted All in favour with the individuals duly elected.

10. Any Other Competent Business

Tannery Development at 371 Lanark Road West. The AGM was advised that there is a public meeting to discuss this matter at the Gibson Craig Hall on Monday 12th November 2007. A discussion then followed as to whether this fell under the remit of the Watch as the development was outwith the Watch area and did not have a boundary with the Watch. This may fall under the remit of the Currie Community Council.

Due to time constraints the matter of the Police Report (Item 5) was not raised.

11. Thanks

David Eatock then thanked everyone for their support and attending the AGM

Gordon Laing then requested the attention of the meeting and thanked David Eatock for presiding over the AGM. As David Eatock was standing down Gordon then presented a gift, on behalf of the Watch, for all he had done over the years. Gordon then paid thanks to Duncan Law and David Oxenham for the work that they had undertaken in the Thomson Watch and Easter Currie Watch and presented each with a gift.

The meeting then closed.

**Chairman's Report to the AGM
Of
Muir Wood Neighbourhood Watch
(incorporating Thomson & Easter Currie Watches)
Monday 29th October 2007
In Nether Currie Primary School**

Thank you all for coming tonight.

I must apologise for the late change in date, we had always meant to have this meeting on Wednesday next but for some reason we were unable to secure a booking for that night. Anyway there are no football distractions on a Monday so here we are.

The committee met on 4 occasions last year:

Monday 4th December 2006

Monday 5th February 2007

Tuesday 1st May 2007 and

Monday 3rd September 2007

There was an average of 14 committee members at each of these meetings and I am sure that any of the committee members will tell you that the meetings are quite informal and not an onerous imposition on anyone's time.

If there is anyone who would like to join the committee then please do not be afraid or embarrassed to allow your name to go forward. We are always looking for new blood.

As in previous years we were struggling during the year to find someone to take on the job of Secretary and managed to survive by using the rota system that we had used in previous years. This matter has thankfully now been resolved as you will hear later on during the meeting.

I continued as Chairman during the year and Gordon Laing

continued to act as Vice Chairman.

Having been Chairman for 8 years and Vice chairman for 2 before that, I felt that at this AGM I really must step down.

I therefore intimated to the Committee that I felt that I could not continue as Chairman after this AGM.

To this end a small sub committee was set up and after a lot of soul searching were successful in finding a Chairman, Secretary and Vice Chairman for the coming year.

You will be asked to vote on these nominations later in the meeting.

As in previous years it has been a relatively quiet year as far as crime in our area is concerned with vandalism a continuing problem. The Riccarton end of the Watch seems to be the main problem area but that should not let the residents of the rest of our area become complacent

Items which your committee considered during the year were as follows:

Printing of 'Look Out':

We had for many years (16) used the good offices of Currie High School but for some reason the Council decided that the price should be raised and it was going to cost us something in the region of in excess of £325 per issue. We therefore had to find an alternative source and Dave Oxenham was able to secure the services of St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church in Colinton at a very competitive price.

Distribution of 'Look Out'

Whilst everything is working very well at the moment none of us are getting any younger and there is a feeling that

some of our distributors/Collectors are beginning to feel a little tired / jaded.

A small sub committee has been set up to explore how 'Look Out' should be distributed and by whom.

Traffic Forum

Were invited to join the Traffic Forum to see whether it could be saved but unfortunately it was too late, and it was ultimately decided that all local traffic issues should be dealt with by the relative Community Council.

Meeting of Street Co -coordinators

It had been the intention to hold this meeting in the spring but I was remiss in not progressing that matter like I should have done.

It has therefore been decided by the Committee that a meeting with the Street Co -coordinators should be held sometime in the near future but after the turn of the year.

I hope the meeting will be in the Gibson Craig with light refreshments provided but then I cannot commit they new committee, so time will tell.

I must apologise to you all because believe me we do appreciate all the work you do in distributing the 'Look Out' and collecting the subscriptions.

The Planning issues which have been the focus of our attention during the year are as follows:

Somerfield Petrol Station -

We do not appear to be any further forward on this matter than we were last year except that we understand that test

bores have been done and that there was a rumour that with the exception of this site Somerfield had sold off all its Petrol Stations. In fact a trawl of the web confirmed that Somerfield had sold of 76 sites and raised well over £2million to fund other activities.

Kinlieth Mill -

Again we do not appear to have any progress on this development, except that road construction details have now been submitted. The development is therefore still alive and kicking.

The main complaint about this site was the use of the site by travelling folk to live and then dump their waste/garden cuttings before moving on. Fortunately this did not last very long and had cleared itself before we got round to raising the matter with the Council. We do know that the Police were very much aware of the problem and were keeping a vigilant eye on them during their stay.

All we can say is thank you to the Police as I suspect that as a result of their daily attendance the travelling folk moved on sooner rather than later.

CALA & Riccarton Mains Road -

following a concerted effort by your committee and a circulation of all members, there were in excess of 450 objections lodged with the Planning Authority to the proposed development by CALA of the site off Riccarton Mains Road and involving the Garden Centre. The result was that the Planning Committee reject the proposal to develop this site. We will continue to be vigilant here as the developers will no doubt submit an appeal given time. Thank you all for your support in this matter.

40 mph Speed Limit - Riccarton Mains Road -

Oh how the wheels of officialdom grind slowly.

The last intimation we have had indicates that this should have been finished at the beginning of October !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Of course one of the problems was that whilst there had been no objections to the proposal which apparently cleared its last hurdle in July they then had to find power to light the signs. The Council just don't seem to be able to co-ordinate anything properly.

WEB site:

As you will no doubt have seen from the last issue of 'Look Out' Andrew Craigie (our webmaster) is in the process of building up a website for the Currie Neighbourhood Watch.

There was considerable discussion following agreement to set up this site as to whether we would need to continue with the issue of the 'Look Out'. The outcome of this was that it was agreed that the paper copy was a means of keeping in touch with our members and making them feel that they belonged to an organisation, and should continue.

There was however an unresolved topic which was "Do members still wish the Police Report to be included within Look Out?" bearing in mind that the report is included monthly in the C&B News and hopefully will also be included within our web site.

CAN I HAVE YOUR VIEWS PLEASE!

We have continued to develop the use of Emails as a means of communicating between committee members. I don't know whether the new committee will wish to develop this further to include members but we are trying to drag

ourselves slowly into the 21st Century.

In conclusion:

A special thanks goes once again to our 'Look Out' editor Mr Jim Herbert who despite not being too well during the year managed to get the Look Out done. Please remember that he is the editor and not a contributor and if anyone feels they have something to contribute he will only be too please to hear from you. His Email address is jimherbert@blueyonder.co.uk

A small sub committee has been set up to look at ways of improving the distribution network and we await their report in due course.

I must thank the Committee for their support and contributions during the year and I must say that I am very grateful to the Street Co-ordinators for all their efforts in distributing the 'Look Out' and collecting the subscriptions

My final thanks go to the Committee members who have attended to the light refreshments which are now available.

Please feel free to help yourself and as they say these days in younger circles - go and network.

What they mean is circulate, mingle and have a chat.

Would anyone who has not yet signed the attendance sheet please ensure that they do so before they leave.

Thank you all very much

MUIR WOOD HEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1/10/06 TO 30/9/07

BANK BALANCE C/FWD FROM 1/10/06 £1195.13

INCOME	£	
SUBSCRIPTION	1090	
2 WATCHES BANK		
BALANCE TRANSFERRED	332.93	
ATTACK ALARMS SALE	4.00	
BANK INTEREST	<u>12.32</u>	<u>£1439.25</u>
		£2634.38

EXPENDITURE	935.80	
ROOM LETS	54.10	
AGM DRINKS	27.82	
SIGNS ERECTION	46.40	
WEBSITE SET-UP	<u>28.19</u>	<u>£1092.31</u>
		£1542.07

BANK BALANCE (AS ADJUSTED) AS AT 30/9/07 £1542.07

Brian H Latto
Treasurer
10.10.07

Gordon Laing
Auditor
18/10/07