

# **CURRIE EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

## **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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### **GIBSON CRAIG HALL**

**MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010 AT 7.15PM**

#### **1. WELCOME**

Bob Kerr, Chairman, welcomed those present to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Currie East Neighbourhood Watch. 28 members of the Watch attended the meeting.

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Jim Clarkson, Madge Hutchinson, Gordon Laing, Robin & Judith McColl, Richard McFadden, Gordon McFadzean, David Oxenham, Ann Proudfoot, Irene Reid and Hamish Sutherland.

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF A.G.M. 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

No matters were raised from the Minutes of the A.G.M. 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 and the Minutes were accepted.

#### **4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The report was presented by Brian Latto, Treasurer, who provided copies of the Income and Expenditure for the year 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Brian gave an explanation about each item appearing on the Income & Expenditure. He then advised the meeting that there were still Grant Monies to be spent and if not spent the providers of the Grants could reclaim these monies.

Subscriptions had not been collected and there was a shortfall of £101. However there had been an effort to collect missing subscriptions and this had resulted in a further £50 being received. The Watch would have to accept collecting the remaining £51 may not be worth the time and effort.

Brian then recommended that the Audited Accounts be accepted by the meeting, with his recommendation that the subs remain at £1.

PROPOSER DAVID EATOCK

SECONDER ANDREW CRAIGIE

The accounts were accepted by the Meeting with no further questions to the Treasurer.

The report covered many aspects of the work undertaken and is as follows:

#### Street Distributors & Co-Ordinators Network

A major task carried out this year has been the reorganisation of the Distribution Network. With the amalgamation of the three original Watches in 2007, the Network had become unwieldy. I wish on behalf of the Watch to convey thanks to Archie Clark, Ian Smith and Tim Shepherd for the amount of effort they put into the revised structure. Many thanks also to the current and previous distributors for their efforts over the year. One minor hiccup concerned the collection of subscriptions. This is still a once a year activity normally undertaken in April.

#### Street Signs

At last the saga of the new and replacement Street Signs has been completed. The Council have erected all the signs and we await the final Bill.

#### Information Packs

All homes in the Watch area have received an Information Pack. We are currently in the process of identifying homes that have changed hands and ensuring new owners are given an Information Pack. It is planned to update the Packs in 2011.

#### Co-op Licence

We were requested by Watch Members to send a letter of objection to the Co-op application for an alcohol licence at the petrol station on Lanark Road West. This was undertaken in conjunction with Currie Community Council and resulted in the rejection of the application.

#### Cold Calling

We are still pursuing an acceptable size of label. This is being progressed in conjunction with LBP Safer Communities Group.

#### Muir Wood Park

In May the committee set up and manned a stand at the Friends of Muir Wood Park Summer Event, as part of our policy of supporting other local groups.

#### School Visit

The Watch represented by Gordon McFadzean and Margaret Michie visited Currie Primary School. This proved a great success and the intention is to follow this up with visits to both primary schools on a biennial basis.

## Association of Scottish Neighbourhood Watches (AoSNW)

In September Bob Kerr represented the Watch at the AGM of AoSNW. There are now over 600 Watches throughout Scotland registered with AoSNW. The Association website can be accessed through the CENW site.

### **6. POLICE REPORT**

Due to changes within the Community Policing in the 10 days prior to the AGM no representative of the Police was available to attend the Meeting. The previous Officer, Mike Smith, has been transferred to Corstorphine with 4 new officers being based at Balerno. These officers will cover Currie, Balerno, Juniper Green and Ratho. Contact will be made by the Chairman in order that a report can appear in the next issue of the Lookout.

### **7. GUEST SPEAKER.**

This was to have been P.C. Mike Smith who was not able to attend and no other Police Officer was available to attend.

### **8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.**

The following resignations had been received during the year to the AGM. Ian Campbell, David Eatock, Elizabeth Wightman, Gordon McFadzean, Gwynneth Ross and David Henderson.

4 people had indicated that they may join the Committee when the task of dealing with the Distribution Network was undertaken. The Chairman will now write to these people in order to ascertain if they will now be willing to join the Committee.

Should Committee Members continue to resign, and not be replaced, then the situation may arise when a Quorum may not be available to conduct a meeting. This matter is to be discussed at the next Committee Meeting and will be placed on the Agenda at the next AGM.

As no further resignations had been received and no person from the meeting intimated that they wished to join the committee, the names of the Committee Members were read out to the meeting. Alex Kane, George Ballantyne, Gordon Laing, Duncan Law, Gill Burnside, Douglas Scrimger, Andrew Craigie, Tim Shepherd, Neil Dickson, Archie Clark, Ian Smith and David Oxenham.

PROPOSED DAVID EATOCK

SECONDED GWYNNETH ROSS

All were elected to the Committee.

The Chairman recorded his thanks for the work undertaken by the Committee, past and present.

## **9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

The names of the Office Bearers were read out to the Meeting:

Chairman    Bob Kerr  
Vice Chair   Margaret Michie  
Treasurer   Brian Latto  
Secretary    Iain Proudfoot

All Office Bearers had intimated that they would continue in Office, if elected.

There were no other nominations.

May Jenkins proposed re-election of the Office Bearers

David Eatock seconded the proposal.

No objections received. The proposal was carried and the current Office Bearers were re-elected.

Gordon Laing intimated that he would continue in the office of Auditor and this was agreed by the Meeting.

## **10. A.O.C.B.**

A. George Ballantyne raised the matter of travelling folk within the Kinleith Mill site and that no preventative measures had been put in place to prevent other travelling folk using the area. At the time of the AGM travelling folk were encamped on the Park and Ride at Hermiston.

Brian Latto advised the meeting that Councillor Paisley had been advised of the situation.

Archie Clark informed the meeting that an Injunction is required to move these people off the site and that takes 28 days. Mr Clark then gave the opinion that this matter is really a Scottish Government Problem that the Scottish Government requires to resolve. There are only 24/28 pitches in Edinburgh. One course of action may be to lobby Association of Scottish Neighbourhood Watches, MSP's and Scottish Government in order to achieve an outcome to this situation regarding the Travelling People.

Bob Kerr has agreed to undertake to write to the Association of Scottish Neighbourhood Watches and the appropriate MSP.

Another point raised in this matter is the ability of the travelling folk to stay in the Park & Ride while other members of the general public would be removed. No answer was forthcoming regarding this point.

B. Garden Project.

This is a new project outwith the boundary of the Watch Area being undertaken by Murray Estates for a 600 acre site to the West of Edinburgh. Contained within the Green Belt Development are a sports stadium, offices and houses. The items which have been produced are not a planning application, per se, but an application may be submitted. The timescales are uncertain but this may take several years and might result in an increase in road use and possibly crime.

Presentations will be taking place with a Scottish Government minister as the opening speaker. The intimation of the presentations was contained in an 8 page newsletter which had only been issued in the week prior to the AGM.

One question raised was what are the local councillors doing regarding this matter as this appears to be a large development that may be undertaken on our doorstep.

The Developer may be talking to the Scottish Government and not the Council given the size of the project. This project may be viewed as the start of the development of the Green Belt.

Currie East Neighbourhood Watch and Currie Community Council may have to present their feeling jointly to the debate.

C. Curriehill School

A meeting to discuss the development of this site is being undertaken on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

With no further questions or matters to be undertaken Bob Kerr then closed the meeting and those present then availed themselves of the light refreshments provided.

Minutes compiled by Iain Proudfoot, Secretary, 13th November 2010.