

**CURRIE EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
GIBSON CRAIG HALL
MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2011
7.30PM TO 9.00PM**

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1. WELCOME

Bob Kerr, Chairman, welcomed those present to the Annual General Meeting. 30 of members of the Watch attended. Bob also welcomed the two guest speakers. Lisa Toon from the Association of Scottish Neighbourhood Watches and James Dee of Lothian & Borders Police.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Eleanor Anderson, Gill Burnside and Sally Heron.

3. MINUTES OF AGM 25TH OCTOBER 2010 AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the AGM held on 25th October 2010 were agreed as an accurate record and proposed by Margaret Michie. Seconded by Bob Kerr. No matters were arising from the Minutes.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

As acting Treasurer, Iain Proudfoot, gave a resume of the items contained within Income and Expenditure record provided to the meeting. Then questions were invited and Audrey Anderson requested information regarding an outstanding account. It was advised that the sum of £1200 was set aside to meet an invoice and if no item had been received by April 2012 this would be actively chased. No further questions were received.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Bob Kerr delivered his report which dealt with the following items:-

U.V. Pens 1 U.V.Pen delivered to each member household.

Cold Calling Zone This will not be undertaken due to the cost of signs provided by Edinburgh Council. It may be feasible to provide door-signs for members

New Residents An information pack is provided to each new resident household within the Watch area.

Drivers Test Centre Despite any disruption/irritation there does not appear to be anything illegal in the actions being undertaken by learner drivers within the Watch area.

Lanark Road Crossing This is not within the remit of the Watch and Bob Kerr contacted Currie Community Council but has received no response.

School Visit A school visit is to be arranged with Nether Currie Primary School which will probably be with P7. This group has been provided with Personal Attack Alarms from the Watch in relation to a project on personal safety.

AoSNHW AGM This was attended by Bob Kerr and Margaret Michie It was advised how the AoSNHW operates and affects all areas of Scotland.

Committee Despite several appeals, including an article in the C & B News, no response had been received and no new committee members were forthcoming.

6. GUEST SPEAKERS

Lisa Toon, National Development Officer, Association of Scottish Neighbourhood Watches (AoSNHW)

Lisa gave a brief history of AoSNHW and that the Association covered 1547 NHW's in Scotland. Going forward the Association would cover more diversity and community safety. Improved communications with e-mail rather than letter along with targeted crime alerts to other organisations. Building partnerships with Crimestoppers resulted from the Association being housed in the Scottish Business Crime Centre in Stirling. Lisa provided a booklet on different aspects of safety along with the current newsletter

James Dee, Lothian & Borders Police, Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

James gave a brief resumee of how the SNT was formed and its remit within the community dealing with vandalism, youth disorder and neighbour disputes. The SNT works with the Council to resolve issues. The hope is to re-engage with the community and to develop trust in order that the public will be willing to contact the police. The aims are to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Questions were invited and Archie Clark requested clarification of cars parking on pavements. The answer was that this was a Council Issue and that Wardens issue parking tickets. SNT have requested that wardens patrol Currie

Another question was regarding the use of mobile phones while driving. No reports had been received by the police of drivers using handsets while driving.

With no further questions Bob Kerr thanked both speakers.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

The names of the current committee were read out and the meeting was advised of the resignation of Alex Kane. With no further nominations the Committee members were re-elected.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Secretary. Iain Proudfoot re-elected as no other nominations

Treasurer Iain Proudfoot would continue as acting Treasurer as no other nomination

Vice-Chair Iain Proudfoot would take on Vice-Chair in place of Margaret Michie.

Chair Margaret Michie to become Chair in place of Bob Kerr who had completed his term in office.

Margaret then took over as Chair of the meeting and Bob Kerr was thanked for his time as Chair.

9. CONSTITUTION

Iain Proudfoot advised the meeting that a revised Constitution was being presented for the following reasons:

No provision for an Extraordinary General Meeting in existing constitution
Some terms were not consistent and this was an opportunity to provide this consistency.

One concern raised regarding Office Bearers being from the same household was withdrawn

Gordon Laing then referred to item 8 and offered his services as Treasurer given the Watch had only two office bearers. This offer was accepted by the meeting.

The Constitution was then accepted by the Meeting.

10. A O C B

Gordon Laing advised the meeting the Friends of Muir Wood Park had obtained a Green Flag Award for the park and that various events were being planned to mark this award. As this was within the Watch area members may wish to support this local organisation.

With no further items, Margaret Michie thanked those present for attending the meeting. The meeting was then closed and light refreshments were served.

Minutes compiled by Iain Proudfoot 6/11/2011