



Currie East Neighbourhood Watch 2015 AGM Minutes

8th Annual General Meeting, Gibson Craig Hall
Monday 26th October 2015, 7.30–9pm

1. Welcome and thanks for attendance by Chair, with introduction of current Office Bearers.
2. Apologies registered from Ann Proudfoot, Duncan Law, Nan Henderson, Mhairi Duncan, Iona Mackinlay, Elizabeth Wightman, Madge Hutcheson, Sheila and Peter Gordon, and John Burnside.
3. AGM 27th October 2014 Minutes - no matters arising.
True record proposed by Bob Kerr and seconded by George Ballantyne.
4. Annual accounts auditor Gordon Laing presented CENW 2014-5 Financial Report. Subscriptions were slightly up on last year. All cheques now cashed with no amounts outstanding.
Proposed accurate Gill Burnside and seconded Hamish Leal.
5. 2014-5 Chair's Report by Iain Proudfoot.
6. Guest Speaker Graeme Wilson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, White Watch Sighthill
Accompanied by James Gordon, Paul Thomson, and Brian Woodie (all On Call)
<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/forms/contact-us.aspx>
Edinburgh HQ 0131 228 2401

Introduction

On 1st April 2013, 8 legacy fire brigades covering all Scotland merged into one Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. This includes 9,000 fire fighters and telephone staff, dealing with 100,000 incidents every year (second only to London), covering 5 million citizens, with 350 stations.

Work is split into proactive community work "Prevention and Protection", and reaction to incidents "Response and Resilience".

Response and Resilience

Fires; road traffic collisions; animal and humanitarian services; air, rail and sea incidents; rope rescue; USAR (urban search and rescue); international rescue; CBRN (chemical, biological, radiation, or nuclear attack); flooding; water rescue.

Prevention and Protection

- Free Home Fire Safety Check

Arrange for yourself, a family member, or refer someone else:

Complete an online form <http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/hfsv-form.aspx>

Call 0800 0731 999 or the Site Hill fire station

Text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

This includes a risk assessment, free smoke alarms fitted and guaranteed for 10 years, they will always have ID, and answer all your questions.

- British Heart Foundation

30 minute life saving training courses are available to all, in all fire stations.

Defibrillators are now carried on all fire engines, to aid as first response to incidents before ambulances.

- School Visits

- Community Events

- Fire Station Open Days

- Youth Engagement Projects (e.g. Pull Down Crew and Phoenix Crew)

- Identifying At Risk Individuals (Young, elderly, drug users, hoarders, etc. Here to help -please get in touch.)

- Partnership Working (Previously with other emergency services, now more commonly with social workers.)

7. Election of Committee 2015-6, proposed Neil McEwan, seconded Alan Murray, passed by unanimous vote.

George Ballantyne, Andrew Craigie, Neil Dickson, Claire Johns, Bob Kerr, Gordon Laing, Hamish Leal, Margaret Michie, Iain Proudfoot, Douglas Scrimger, Tim Shepherd and Elizabeth Wightman.

- Thanks to Gill Burnside and Archie Clark for their work on the committee and for continuing as distributors.

8. Election of Office Bearers passed by unanimous vote:

Treasurer remained Elizabeth Wightman for more 1 year only (proposed Bob Kerr, seconded George Ballantyne)

Secretary remained Claire Johns (proposed Gill Burnside, seconded Archie Clark)

Vice Chair now Claire Johns for 1 year only, not progressing to Chair (proposed Gill Burnside, seconded Hamish Leal)

Chair now Neil Dickson for 2 years (proposed Neil McEwan, seconded Margaret Michie).

9. CENW annual membership subscription to continue at £1 for 2015-6.

Proposed Gordon Laing, seconded Hamish Leal, and passed by unanimous vote.

10. AOCB

- Thanks to Iain from Currie Community Council Chair.

- Thanks to Archie from South West Communities Forum.

- Awareness that Co-Op in the CENW area will be changing to Sainsbury's, opening later in the evening. CENW will work with them regarding any off-license application.

- Awareness that the flower beds outside the Post Office will now have organised upkeep going forward.

- Distributors (to be raised an agenda item at next Committee Meeting)

Issues collecting money raised, e.g. making several visits to houses.

Suggestion for space on Lookouts for a note / contact details from individual distributors.

Suggestion for article on March/April Lookout regarding subscription collectors.

Awareness distributors should not pay £1 themselves for other houses.

Suggestion of ID badges.

11. Feedback forms available for all attendees. Results will be raised for any actions at next Committee Meeting.

12. Close and Refreshments, with thanks to all those who attended and participated in the AGM.

CHAIR REPORT 2015

Thank you and this is my second report as Chair of Currie East Neighbourhood Watch.

I have to thank the Committee members for their support during the last year and it is greatly appreciated. Also thanks to the Office Bearers for the work that they do.

There is a lot of work done behind the scenes and specific mention should be made to Tim Shepherd who is Distribution Secretary for the Lookout, Andrew Craigie the Webmaster, Gordon Laing the Auditor and Archivist. There is also the Editorial team for Lookout of Neil Dickson and Andrew Craigie. We as a Watch would be stuck if it was not for all the people who distribute the Lookout, our newsletter. A big thank you to all these people.

As an organisation we attend the Currie Community Council monthly meetings. A committee member attends the meeting as an observer and can provide the Watch view on appropriate items. The Community Council has welcomed our attendance at their meeting.

Our Constitution allows us to deal with environmental issues and to this end we have contacted Edinburgh Council regarding the new Local Development Plan. We can now only wait developments and see what Edinburgh Council decide regarding proposed housing developments in the area.

The Lookout editorial team will accept contributions for inclusion in the newsletter. The Lookout is distributed 3 times a year in March/April, September and December. Distributors for the Lookout are always required and if you are not a distributor, and would like to help, please let us know.

People who move into the Watch area are provided with our Information Pack which is distributed by Committee members. 59 packs have been distributed between December 2014 and September 2015. The contents of the Packs are subject to review to ensure that they are up-to-date. Any ideas for items to be included in the Pack are welcome.

Our Wheelie-bin stickers are a visible sign of our presence as are the lamppost signs. The fridge magnets and key-rings are a closer reminder of the Watch.

All households within the Watch area were provided with a 'We don't buy at the door' sticker. Members were free to choose if they displayed this sign, or not. Going round the Watch area many have chosen to display this sign.

At a security meeting arranged by the Police and Currie Community Council two pamphlets were provided. All houses in the Watch were given these items to add to their information packs. Given the information contained in these booklets was very useful, the Watch ensured that these brochures were also provided to Currie, Balerno and Colinton libraries, Balerno, Currie and Juniper Green Kirks, Baberton Golf Club and Pentlands Medical Centre. A supply was made available at the Health & Wellbeing event organised by Currie Community Council.

The Safer Communities Safer Scotland booklet produced by Neighbourhood Watch Scotland has now been reprinted and is available in PDF format. A print version is now available for those who wish it.

A meeting for our Distributors was held in the Corner Cafe. This was a thank you to them for the work they undertake for the Watch. Comments received were favourable and those present enjoyed the event along with the scones, jam, cakes, tea and coffee. Certainly something to think of repeating in the future.

Those who have access to the World Wide Web, have you viewed our website? I have mentioned, previously, about the alerts you can receive and hopefully more people will now take the opportunity to receive this information regarding incidents that have taken place locally.

I conclude my report, some will now say thank goodness, by letting you know that our committee meetings are open to all members of the Watch. The next meeting is on 7th December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Scout Hall on Lanark Road West.

If you wish to join the Committee, we will be happy to welcome you.

Thank you.

CURRIE EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

1ST OCTOBER 2014 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

OPENING BALANCE 2588.67

CHEQUES NOT CASHED IN 2014 45.00

2543.67

INCOME

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1118.70 3662.37

EXPENDITURE

CURRIE KIRK RENTAL 90.00

LOOKOUT 189.00

AGM REFRESHMENTS 27.70

E WIGHTMAN – INK CART., 8.99

CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL STICKERS 150.00

IAIN PROUDFOOT – INK/PAPER 21.50

IAIN PROUDFOOT – CURRIE FAIR DONATION 16.00

COPYMADE – SECURITY GUIDES 595.00

RENEWAL OF WEBSITE 50.40

31ST PENTLAND SCOUTS – HALL RENTAL 25.00 1173.59

2488.78

ADJUSTMENTS FOR CHEQUES NOT CASHED IN 2015 80.40

CLOSING BANK BALANCE 2569.18

TREASURER:

Elizabeth Wightman

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AUDITOR:

Gordon Laing

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15.10.2015.