



## Currie East Neighbourhood Watch AGM

10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Gibson Craig Halls  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 7.30–9pm

1. Welcome and thanks for attendance by CENW Committee Chair, Neil Dickson.
2. Apologies registered from Audrey Anderson, John Burnside and Iona McKinley. Also Alistair McKillop, Alan Murray, Archie Clark due to meeting clash with Currie Community Council.
3. AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 Minutes approved by AGM membership attendees without issue.
4. 2016-7 Financial Report and Audited Accounts presented by Neil McEwan, CENW Committee Finance.

Subscriptions this year are up £80, with a healthy balance for future expenses. We will receive free monthly paper bank statements going forward, to reduce the cost of end year accounts.

Thank you gifts were given to previous and current account auditors, Gordon Laing and Hilary Leal, in appreciation of their pro bono services.

A question was raised regarding the different dates for expenditure and income balances on the audited accounts. Hilary Leal Chartered Accountant subsequently clarified that this was all in order, citing her decades of professional experience auditing thousands of accounts, and even providing the example of an independent examiner's report for Currie Kirk accounts with the same format.

5. 2016-7 Chair's Report presented by Neil Dickson, CENW Committee Chair.

Subscriptions this year are up £80, which is likely due to new 'Sorry You Were Out' notes and envelopes for Distributors, which have received very good feedback.

Lookout magazine has been refreshed for 2017 introducing both colour and new articles, including a Police report, as requested at the 2016 AGM.

The Committee have also received requests to replace Neighbourhood Watch lamppost signs, which is being investigated and costed, as there must be liaison with Edinburgh Council for this, and a move to the new blue Neighbourhood Watch Scotland logo.

6. Election of Committee 2016-7

Andrew Craigie, Neil Dickson, Claire 'Dee' Johns, Gordon Laing, Margaret Michie, Sheila Boa, Neil McEwan and Andrew Munro all approved by AGM membership attendees.

- Thanks to Hamish Leal, Bob Kerr, Tim Shepherd and Iain Proudfoot for all their work on the committee over the years.

7. Update of CENW Constitution for 2017

Including updated formatting and additional content, as per Neighbourhood Watch Scotland template, plus update to length of service for Committee Chair.

Approved by AGM membership attendees majority.

8. Election of Office Bearers 2016-7

Treasurer - Neil McEwan; Secretary - Claire 'Dee' Johns; Vice Chair – Andrew Munro; Chair - Neil Dickson.

All approved by AGM membership attendees.

9. CENW annual membership subscription to continue at £1 for 2017-8.  
Approved by AGM membership attendees.

10. 1<sup>st</sup> Guest Speaker: PC Gareth Doran

A breakdown of recent crimes in the CENW area was given, including 3 counts of Housebreaking, 16 counts of Theft, and 6 counts of Anti-Social Behaviour. There has been a marked increase in bicycle thefts and attempted thefts. Preventative measures were to be covered by our second guest speaker. Further crime reports are now covered in Lookout magazine.

2<sup>nd</sup> Guest Speaker: PC Greig Stephen  
Crime Prevention Officer / 0131 221 2018 / [greig.stephen@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:greig.stephen@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

Be aware of your home environment, including your perimeter and out buildings.  
Make your property harder to access, including via internet and online.  
Don't leave valuables in plain sight, even cars and items in your cars.  
Don't advertise that you are not at home, e.g. social media and taxi drivers.  
Don't leave items unsecured which could help someone enter your house.  
Don't buy suspect items.  
Make sure your house and boundaries are secure, visible, and in good repair.  
Domestic properties can have CCTV if it only films your home.  
Ensure your neighbourhood is well maintained – be persistent with Council or Police about examples such as complaints, lack of service, broken street lights.  
Have alarms or security lighting, for example lights on timers in your house, or lights that mimic a TV to look like you are home.  
Telephone 101 or 999, even if you are unsure.  
Have personal alarms; bells or a lanyard on your purse/wallet; a Card Defender or tin foil wrapper for your credit/debit cards to stop cloning.  
Use UV pens or Smart Water to mark your property for recovery.

Useful online links:

[https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/pages/3507/1/Sign\\_up\\_for\\_alerts.html](https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/pages/3507/1/Sign_up_for_alerts.html)  
<https://www.trustedtrader.scot/>  
<https://en-gb.facebook.com/EdinburghPoliceDivision/>  
<http://www.soldsecure.com/>  
<http://www.securedbydesign.com/>  
[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20089/roads\\_and\\_pavements/1071/report\\_a\\_street\\_light\\_problem](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20089/roads_and_pavements/1071/report_a_street_light_problem)

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