



Currie East Neighbourhood Watch AGM

Annual General Meeting, Gibson Craig Halls
Monday 22nd October 2018, 7.30–9pm

1. Welcome and thanks for attendance by CENW Committee Chair, Neil Dickson.
2. Apologies registered from Neil McEwan, David Eatock, Gill and John Burnside and Hamish Sutherland.
3. AGM 9th October 2017 Minutes approved by AGM membership attendees without issue.
4. 2017-8 Financial Report by CENW Finance Officer Neil McEwan, Audited Accounts by Hilary Leal, presented by Neil Dickson.
 - Subscriptions are slightly up this year, with a healthy balance for future expenses.
 - Thank you to both Neil McEwan (stepping down from CENW Finance and Committee this AGM) Hilary Leal for their volunteered time and efforts.
5. 2017-8 Chair's Report presented by Neil Dickson, CENW Committee Chair.
 - Stepping down as Chair after 3 years, Neil has tried to act upon all membership feedback.
 - Feedback on 'Sorry You Were Out' notes and envelopes for Distributors collecting subscriptions has led to a re-vamp for 2019 to further assist our volunteers.
 - Unfortunately CENW are unable to replace old Neighbourhood Watch lamppost signs, as Edinburgh Council is unable to undertake the work for existing signs.
 - Invitations to 2019 Thank You and Feedback session for Street Coordinators and Distributors will be sent soon. This includes the opportunity to update street allocations to be more geographically suited.
6. Election of Committee 2017-8

Andrew Craigie, Neil Dickson, Claire 'Dee' Johns, Gordon Laing, Margaret Michie, Sheila Boa, Marguerite Kitt-Fraser and Andrew Munro.
All approved by AGM membership attendees.
7. Election of Office Bearers 2016-7

Treasurer: Margaret Michie
Secretary: Claire 'Dee' Johns
Vice Chair: Neil Dickson
Chair: Andrew Munro
All approved by AGM membership attendees.
8. CENW annual membership subscription to continue at £1 for 2018-9.
Approved by AGM membership attendees.
9. 1st Guest Speaker:
 - "Your Watch Your Way" by Brian Connel, Manager Neighbourhood Watch Scotland
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 - A team of three, two of whom have a Police background, they have recently de-cluttered and updated Neighbourhood Watch Scotland from community feedback. With a community

collective approach as its new core value, the aim is to get the right information to the right people at the right time.

NWS now has 18000 registered users, 1750 registered community groups, and 176000 homes within the network.

'Rural Watch' is now helping to expand into outlying areas.

- Neighbourhood Watch Alert

A new function connecting the public to services which are becoming more inaccessible. Currently linked with Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, NFU, SEPA, MoD, BTP and Local Authorities.

Alerts are geographically targeted and you can reply directly to the messenger.

Information is provided for you to take preventative steps, and there are updates on the resulting actions taken back to the community, e.g. arrests.

Neighbourhood Watch Alerts has a high rating from user feedback.

Go to www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk to register.

2nd Guest Speaker

- Police update from PC Euan Chancellor, Police Scotland (presented by Neil Dickson)

- September report details residential house, shed and garage breakings all with theft; commercial Scotmid breaking no theft; theft pedal cycle from insecure garage; livestock worrying incident at Kirkgate; vandalism to window at Herriot Watt Uni. CENW members attending AGM also reported egging and vandalism in the area.

- Beats PS01 (Balerno and Ratho), PS02 (Currie) and PS55 (Clovenstone) are covered by Council Funded Officers PC E0514 Euan Chancellor and PC E0299 Ali Murdoch, with CPT Sergeant PS 11480 Dougal (all Oxfangs Police Station), and Community Policing Team Inspector Richardson (Wester Hailes Police Station).

- The Community Officers hold "Coffee with a Cop" on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays of each month 10:30am at Corner Café, and attend Currie Community Council meetings 1st Monday each month at Gibson Craig Halls.

9. Any Other Business.

- Request to ask residents in new houses by Currie Library in CENW area if they would like to join the Watch.

- Awareness that CENW would happily provide advice and assistance to any other potential Watches or residents associations in the surrounding areas.

10. Close and thanks to all those who attended and participated in the AGM.