

Currie East Neighbourhood Watch

CONSTITUTION

1. Name of the Scheme

The Scheme: shall be known as the **Currie East Neighbourhood Watch** Scheme

2. Area of Responsibility

The geographical limits of the Scheme shall be those agreed at the inaugural meeting plus subsequent approved extensions.

(At 29th October 2007 the southern boundary is the south side of Lanark Road West from the west side of Muir Wood Road to the east side of Curriehill Road including Provost Haugh. The northern boundary is the north side of Neither Currie Crescent/Corslet Crescent to the east of Riccarton Mains Road, and including Riccarton Mains Road, and the north side of Weavers Knowe Crescent to the west of Riccarton Mains Road).

Extensions to the existing Scheme shall only be agreed by a majority vote at a General Meeting.

3. Objectives of the Scheme

The Currie East Neighbourhood Watch Scheme shall carry out certain crime prevention measures and community initiatives aimed at improving:

- The security of homes
- Reducing crime and the fear of crime, and
- Increasing the awareness of environment issues within the Watch area

4. Qualification of Membership

Membership of the Scheme shall be open to all residents within the Scheme's area of responsibility and include the supervisory police officers.

5. Committee

The Scheme shall be administered by a committee consisting of the following:

Area Co-ordinator who shall be the Chairman	Vice Chairman
Secretary	Treasurer
Up to 24 elected members	

All committee members shall be elected annually at the AGM and be eligible for re-election except that the Chairman (who may be male or female) may not serve consecutively for more than two years and, at the end of the appropriate period, will be replaced by the Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chairman will be elected annually on the understanding he or she will follow into the Chair at the appropriate time.

The Committee will have the power to co-opt to fill any vacancies which may arise between Annual General Meetings and may appoint such sub-committees as may be required to carry out the activities of the Watch.

6. Finance

A dedicated bank account will be opened and all moneys raised will be credited to this account. The signatures of any two of the following three will be required for withdrawals from this account - Treasurer, Chairman, Vice Chairman. A properly audited set of accounts shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting each year.

7. Financial Year

The financial year for the Scheme will end on 30th September each year,

8. Membership Fees

All members shall pay an Annual Membership fee which shall be paid by 30th April following the Annual General Meeting. Such membership fee shall be fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

9. Frequency of Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be held within six weeks of the end of the financial year. The Committee should meet on at least three occasions per annum. A quorum for the Committee shall consist of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and not less than six remaining Committee members.

10. Dissolution of the Scheme

In the event of a proposal to wind up the Scheme, all members shall be notified in writing, giving twenty-eight days notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting. The Scheme may be dissolved only with a majority vote from all members attending. In the event of the Scheme being wound up, any funds remaining shall be dispersed equally among the extant membership or donated to a charity or charities nominated by the Committee.

11. Alteration to the Constitution

Proposals to amend the Constitution should be notified to the Secretary at least twenty-eight days prior to the Annual General Meeting, this being the only meeting at which any alterations may be approved.

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