

LOOK-OUT

Currie East Neighbourhood Watch
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The Annual General Meeting
of the CENW

will be held at 7.30 pm on

TUESDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 2009

In the Gibson Craig Halls

(Please note venue)

**Please try to attend to support your
committee.**

*Chairman's Corner**Tim Shepherd*

I hope that you have enjoyed the Scottish Summer that we have endured. This will be my last article for Look Out as I will relinquish my post at the AGM in October.

We are still progressing a number of projects. The planned overhaul of the street signs has come up against a slight obstacle. We have ordered 85 signs from the Council which will replace existing signs and increase sign coverage in new locations. The Council has rejected our order on the grounds that signs should only be located at the entrance to neighbourhood watch areas, that it will increase sign clutter and that the cost of the signs is heavily subsidised. The CENW are now considering how to progress this initiative - see summary of CENW September meeting for an update.

The information packs that I informed you about in my last article have now been printed and are being put together for distribution in September/October. These will be hand delivered by your Street Distributor or a Committee member. I hope that you find them both useful and interesting reading.

At the start of the Trades fortnight we received notification that Cala Management Limited had applied for outline planning permission for the Riccarton Garden Centre site. This was only two years since their last application which was successfully opposed. Even during this holiday period we managed to print and distribute newsletters and template opposition letters to all our members. Thanks go to Currie Community Council for their donation to cover printing costs. We will keep you informed of how the application proceeds.

We are pleased to inform you that CENW has been successful in procuring funding from Halifax Bank of Scotland and City of Edinburgh Community Grants Fund to support our current and future projects.

Finally I informed you last time that we urgently required a Vice Chairman to take up post in October. I am pleased to inform you that we now have a nomination for that post. Also my appeal for committee members was successful but we still require more volunteers for both the committee and to be street distributors.

Summary of Minutes of the CENW Committee on 7th September

Attendance: 12 Committee members attended.

Treasurer: Brian Latto's report shows a balance of £4625 in the bank.

Committee members: Gordon McFadzean to contact existing Committee members to confirm that they are willing to continue on the Committee.

Information Packs: All assembled and ready for distribution.

Street Signs: (See Chairman's report). It was suggested that the Council may not appreciate the size of the Watch area (typical Watches are very much smaller). It was agreed not to accept the Council's decision and to:

- Request clarification of the Council's signage policy in relation to area
- Invite a Council representative to walk round the area
- Contact our local Councillors for assistance and support.

Cala application: Thanks to all those who helped in any way with letters. More than 100 letters of complaint were sent.

"No cold call" zone (NCCZ): Concerns raised that this may prevent Charity collectors from operating. Trading Standards suggested that residents might choose on an individual basis. Agreed that members' views must be sought. An article will be produced for a future Look-out to explain the NCCZ concept and to canvass opinion.

Suspicious telephone calls: There has been a spate of calls to people asking if they have a security system and trying to arrange a security survey.

Date of next meeting: AGM on 27th October, 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Gibson Craig Halls.

Prevention of Terrorism

Many of you will have recently returned from summer holidays and may have used Edinburgh Airport, taking advantage of its close proximity to the Currie East Neighbourhood Watch area.

There is a drawback, though, as the airport and the arriving and departing aviation present an obvious target for terrorist activities. CENW has been selected as a community that can assist in the prevention of terrorist activities. Lothian and Borders Police's Community Engagement Officer, DC Allan Walker, will be attending the AGM on Tuesday 27th October at 7.30pm in the Gibson Craig Halls where he will provide more information and answer questions on how CENW can assist in this initiative.

Police Reports

Normally Look-Out provides our members with a list of crime incidents that have affected our Neighbourhood Watch Area. Unfortunately we are unable to do so for this issue of Look-Out as the Police have not issued their crime reports for a number of months. We are told that these are awaiting police internal review to ensure they meet “equality standards”. We hope to provide an update in the next Look-Out.

Phone scam

Beware of a current scam in which the caller attempts to get your bank or credit card details, pretending to be a representative from BT calling you about arrears on your account. The caller demands immediate payment of a supposed unpaid bill, telling you that otherwise a hefty reconnection charge will apply. In order to convince you he's genuine, he supposedly demonstrates he can disconnect your line, achieving this by simply muting and staying on the line when you hang up, thus making your line appear dead. If you receive such a call, just hang up. Do not give out any details.

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