

Royal Four Towns Community Council
Minutes of a Meeting Held on Thursday 7th September 2017 at 7.30pm
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall
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Those Present

James Marshall (Vice Chairman), Graham Anderson (Treasurer), Freda Seddon (Minutes), Stuart Bowe, George Erskine, David McEwan.

Apologies

George Erskine, Ian Collison.
Cllr. Stephen Thompson.

In attendance

Brian Smith.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted as correct. Proposed by D McE and seconded by James Marshall. Signed by the Vice Chairman.

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Matters Arising

None.

2. Police Report (PC John Cowan)

Dala Care Home: police have been involved in a couple of incidents. An extremely vulnerable girl has damaged property within and has also absconded from the home. Police will continue to work closely with the facility and to provide support and assistance.

Local concern: in relation to the above incident, PC Cowan was told that local residents have also witnessed and been made anxious by incidents involving young residents of the Care Home and the community council was informed that a young girl has been charged and is no longer resident at Dala.

After discussion, the consensus of the community council is that Hightae is probably not the right place to hold such vulnerable children, as several incidents have occurred. Neighbours of the Care Home are apprehensive and concerned that further incidents will occur. Inappropriate staff parking near Dala also causes problems.

It was agreed that the owner should be informed of the problems and the concerns of neighbours. The council and Radical Services should also be contacted.

FS

Other significant Police items: new legislation in relation to child seats and restraints was introduced in March, since when the Police have been made aware of a number of concerns regarding child seats and restraints currently in use. Police and Fire Officers have received training and are now available to answer any questions the public may have. Another good source of information is www.goodeggsafety.com

'No Cold Calling Zones' (NCCZs): This is an initiative for communities to group together to prevent Cold Callers, for example through Neighbourhood Watch. Street signage and door stickers would identify such zones.

One Punch: Police have put up posters showing the effect that 'one punch can have on 2 lives'. A poster to be put on the CC noticeboard.

FS

Reported to PC Cowan:

Mud on lanes: especially between Smallholm and Smallholmburn and on the Heck Road. This should be brushed up by farmers as it can cause skidding – police can be informed of these incidents when they occur.

Vehicles being dumped: on ground near Danny Key's house DGC have been infd. There has also been a theft in Heck – reported to police at the time.

Dog dirt on lane to Heck – to be reported to Environmental Officer via CCES.

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3. Local Councillors' Reports

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4. Treasurers Report

Balance at last meeting: £1334.44

Receipts: £29.22 Scottish Power annual payment for Telegraph pole.

To be received: ££936.00 Minsca Wind Farm

Payments: £ 48.30 sand and cement

£382.80 new bench seat

£26.50 Hightae Show (raffle)

To be paid: £10 A & E Federation Subs.

5. Wind Farm Grants

Suggestion: FS suggested a notice board for public use to replace the Telegraph pole opposite the War Memorial. Bus shelter suggested, prices to be explored.

Greenhill green: Brian Smith was in attendance to discuss possible funding to have the shrubs pruned by a contractor. However, it was decided that volunteers from RFT CC would carry out the work and any materials used to upgrade the green could be purchased using wind farm money.

All

GA, SB

6. Scottish Power Line upgrade

All work now completed in this area although SB has complained to Scottish Power about the mess left in Heck and Scottish Power have undertaken to put this right.

7. Correspondence

Emails forwarded:

Road works reports weekly, Scottish Fire & Rescue Draft Plan (13/07/17), Dumgal against Pylons update (26/07/17), Review of the Scheme (26/07/17 and 08/8/17)

CC Engagement Evening 12th Sept (21/08/17) FS to attend, Community Learning Needs Assessment – survey online (24/08/17), Community Empowerment Common Good Property (24/07/17), Climate Change Bill (24/07/17), Tesco Bags of Help (24/07/17)

Correspondence Received:

Scottish Power: line upgrade 06/07/17.

Dates of Area Committee meetings: 30th Aug, 27th Sept, 25th Oct, 29th Nov, 13th Dec.

8. Reports from Other Meetings

SP meeting: re upgrade of powerline and possible power 'outings'. FS attended.

A&E Fedn. 05/09/2017: FS attended. Talk by Julie White re NHS. The new hospital should open between 8th-11th December – all households will be informed by letter. Community Hospitals are not to close but are being re-assessed as to their use. Health and Social Care Strategy is government policy, and there is an Integration Joint Board comprised of voting members professionals, 3rd and Independent sector, Carers (paid and unpaid) and service users. More information can be found on www.dg-change.org.uk.

Amended Scheme: Tony Hancock suggested some amendments.

Community Action Plan : SB attended a meeting in Lockerbie but formed the conclusion that RFT CC would not benefit from employing a consultant. RFT CC agreed.

9. Planning Applications

Approved: Telecommunications cabinet, 65m west of Acorn Villa, School Road, Hightae. 17/1608/FUL. No others relevant to RFT.

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10. Community Councils

Review of Scheme for the Establishment of CCs - Phase 2 of Consultation: FS to complete the survey form on behalf of RFT CC.

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CCES contact: DGC has highlighted that they wish one community councillor to be the person to report issues such as potholes. SB volunteered to be the CC contact.

SB

SP: we have joined the network for quarterly updates.

Newsletter: it was agreed the RFT CC should resume producing a newsletter for March and September. FS will produce it with articles from other community councillors or members of the public.

FS +

11. Resilience Plan

No progress but this item is to be covered in the Community Engagement Evening on 12th September which FS will attend.

FS

12. Chairman

No progress.

13. Welcome Pack

There are new residents in Heck and in Hightae. SB and DMc will deliver.

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14. AOCB

Bin near the old post office has been moved to the other side of the High Road.

Hightae Meadow path: John Robson (Farthings) has volunteered to cut the path and it was agreed that he should be asked to do this.

FS

Cath Robinson wishes to join RFT CC and all present agreed. To be advertised on the agenda for the next meeting.

FS

The litter bin at Calflea Bridge has been vandalised. SB will report.

SB

Dates of Community Council meetings: 12th October, 30th November, 11th January, 22nd February, 5th April, 17th May, 28th June (AGM). Dates to be confirmed with RFT Hall bookings secretary.

Date of Next Meeting
12th October
7.30pm in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall