

Royal Four Towns Community Council
Meeting held at
7.30pm on Thursday 12th April 2012
In the Kitchen, RFT Hall

Those present

George Erskine, Anne Potts, Freda Seddon, Jenny Campbell, Sean Murray.
Local Councillors Ted Brown and Michael Dickie.

Candidate Local Councillors

Hugh Young (Lib. Dem), Peter Diggle (Conservative).

Apologies

Graham Anderson.

Minutes of last Meeting

Accepted as correct. Proposed by AP, seconded by JC.

Matters arising

Potholes at Millriggs: there is a delay in repairing the road because water is running off an adjacent field onto the road, which means a more serious repair is required.

Police Report

A person was reported for handing out leaflets to a resident in Greenhill. Leaflets involved have been forwarded to Trading Standards.

Detection rate is down (from 75% to 62.6%).

Alarmed padlocks can be purchased from Lockerbie Police Station for £12.00 and motion sensor alarms for sheds for £10.00.

A Young Citizens' Scheme ran during the first week of the Easter holidays for children from Lockerbie, Moffat and Langholm Academy.

Bogus workmen are still in the area and any suspects should be reported to the police.

Treasurer's Report

Community Council bank a/c £1261.39 (all outstanding bills paid).

Book a/c 803.06

Bus Shelter

The bill has been paid with VAT at 20%, as there is no sign of the council agreeing to the 17.5% originally stated. GA has asked for a receipt which will be forwarded to the administrators of the Community Windfall Grant.

Local Councillor's Report

A75 closures: diverted traffic goes on B7020, which is not wide enough. MD has taken this up with the council.

The recent RTAs on the A75 were all due to driver error.

Potholes: at a recent Roads meeting it was decided that pothole mending not currently satisfactory, resulting in greater expense in the long term.

Area Committee: schools attendance up, exclusions down.

Castle and Hightae Lochs meeting: GE will attend the meeting on Friday 13th April.

Forthcoming local elections: Moffat Community Council will hold a husting on Tues 17th April.

All 7 candidates will be present.

Planning Applications

Development at Smallholm Farm.

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Correspondence Received

Report on seminar held in Castle Douglas on community councils (attended by AP).

Reports from Other Meetings

Letter from Bob Callander regarding Calflea Burn tunnel: Bob and Adrian Newbold ave replaced the gate again. The old floodgate will be repaired and replaced.

Moffat Flood Action Group (organiser Bob Oprey) is now set up and MD thought that a similar scheme could be set up in RFT.

Funding is available from D & G Council for monitoring equipment (provided by SEPA). Alistair Speedie is the contact.

Federation of Community Councils: attended by AP. Insurance is available to protect against ID theft. The next meeting is on 10th May in Ecclefechan.

Beacons for the Jubilee Celebration: Repentance Tower is the site for this area.

Access Group

6 people enjoyed the last walk which went past the sawmill, Cockethill and Hartwood, then round the path to join the Annadale Way. Due to the wet and muddy paths the walk was cut short and went down to Woodfoot Farm and back to Hightae via Rashiebriggs. The next walk is on 22nd April and is part of the Annadale Way from Millhousebridge to Blackburn (St. Anne's).

MD commented that the Lockerbie part of the Annandale Way crosses the A709 at Cemetery Brae at a dangerous bend. The numbers of road vehicles at the crossing is being monitored.

AOCB

Councillor Michael Dickie will retire just before the local elections. He gave thanks for support over last years.

GE gave thanks to MD on behalf of the RFT Community Council and wished him a happy retirement.

Date of Next Meeting
Thursday May 24th at 7.30pm
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall