

THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on
Thursday 27th September 2012 at 7.30pm
in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall

Those Present

George Erskine, Freda Seddon, Jenny Campbell, Ian Collison, Sean Murray.
Community Sergeant Alison Moir (on behalf of Ian Brownrigg).

Member of public – Lisa Newbould.

Apologies

Anne Potts, Stephen Thompson, Peter Diggle.

Minutes of last Meeting

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

Matters arising

Oil supply: this was publicised in the newsletter and 17 people responded. The minimum of participants is 14. IC will continue to organise this, now named Hightae Top-up Group, and he will liaise with Johnstone Wallace. He gave out information sheets with forms attached for people to sign and return to IC. These have also been given to all respondents.

Nomination forms for Community Councillors: IC omitted to send his nomination form to remain a community councillor, so will contact the council. He will also find out whether Lisa can become a full CClr. All other CClrs have submitted their forms.

Police Report

Sergeant Moir informed the meeting that there is another new Sergeant in Lockerbie – Sergeant Jackson.

The new Chief Constable for the single police force in Scotland has been selected. Sadly, a resident of Kildale died suddenly last week.

Charity canvassing: a male was reported for canvassing for Marie Curie but was found to be genuine. Nevertheless, the police like to hear of these cases.

Crime detection: the current rate is 72%. Alarmed padlocks and sensor alarms for sheds, garages etc. are available from the police for £12.

Operation Lepus: to tackle hare coursing is ongoing.

Bogus workmen: still be on the lookout for these. Trading Standards will also check out if substandard work has been carried out.

Bogus clothing collections: the operators sell the goods for their own benefit. They may also be inspecting a property for future burglary.

FS reported that someone claiming to be from Windows (computer operating system) had phoned to say that someone had hacked in to her computer and he had phoned to sort it out. GE has also had a similar call and concern was expressed that people could be taken in by the caller and could give out information that could be used to hack into the computer. People should be aware that Windows do not contact people by phone and such phone calls should be terminated asap. Sergeant Moir will report these incidents.

Local Councillor's Report

None present. An election will be held on Nov 14th to replace Ted Brown.

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Treasurer's Report

None.

Planning Applications

None.

Correspondence Received

A & E CVS newsletter.

Scottish Business Diversity Awards (D & G Council).

Dates of Ward Forums.

Annan TV – flier.

Home Energy Fair – flier.

Windfarm Community Benefit. New Contributions Officer is Peter Roberts.

Reports from Other Meetings

None.

Access Group

A meeting was arranged for Thurs 11th October at 7.30pm at Mossgrove, Hightae Moss *. Walks to be arranged from November. The last walk which should have been on 9th September was cancelled. IC suggested that the route should be followed in November.

Newsletter

This was generally appreciated. The meeting considered that it may be worth producing the newsletter once or twice each year.

AOCB

The community councillors expressed their sadness at the sudden recent passing of Ted Brown. He had been instrumental in the installation of the bus shelter and following the last council elections had pledged to attend community council meetings as much as possible.

Millriggs corner has been patched but the farmer needs to sort out the drainage before the council can re-surface the road..

Lane by the play park is muddy again and the hedge is damaged and the bank liable to collapse – all caused by a tractor. FS to contact Councillor Peter Diggle.

**Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 8th November 2012 at 7.30pm
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall**

*** This date has since been changed to Monday 19th November, 7.30pm at Moss**