

**THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012**  
**following the AGM**  
**in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall**

**Those Present**

George Erskine, Freda Seddon, Ian Collison, Sean Murray, Jenny Campbell.  
Local Councillors Peter Diggle, Stephen Thompson.  
PC John Cowan (Community Constable).

Members of the Public: from Dala, Low Road, Hightae - Debbie Reive (Manager) and Mattie.

**Apologies**

Anne Potts, Alan Pettigrew.

**Minutes of last Meeting**

Accepted as correct. Proposed by IB, seconded by GA.

**Matters arising**

Heating oil in RFT: IB has spoken to Wallace Johnson fuels and they have to get back with a price.

**Police Report**

No incidents of note.

Members of the public should report any potential drivers who may be under the influence of drink or drugs.

Anyone claiming to be a window cleaner must hold the relevant licence. Report anyone not doing so to the police.

The Olympic Torch passed through the region on 21/06/2012.

No major concerns or issues with Lochmaben Gala – held on 30/06/2012.

On 14/06/2012 a speed survey was carried out in Lochmaben on the A709 near Victory Park.

In total 99 cars were found to be exceeding the 30mph. Speed limit.

It is important to report any incidents of antisocial behaviour.

The Single Police Force comes into being on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. D& G will become a division of the Scottish Force.

Number of officers on the ground will not be affected and any cut backs will involve Chiefs and office staff.

Mattie added that there will also be a Single Fire Service in Scotland. Cllr.Stephen Thompson will find out more about this.

**Treasurer's Report**

As for the AGM.

**Local Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Peter Diggle said that issues were mostly covered in the press. The current administration is working well. (SNP / Conservative Alliance).

Any of the four local councillors can be contacted by residents at any time. There will always be a Local Councillor at CC meeting and they will share info about local issues etc.

Potholes are being dealt with promptly when reported by residents. They will be repaired properly although emergency ones will be repaired by the quick method.

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**Planning Applications**

Vine Cottage, Mossgrove – residential caravan for 3 years.

**Correspondence Received**

AP has forwarded emails as they arose.

**Reports from Other Meetings**

A & E Federation of Community Councils: next meeting to be on Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July. AP will attend and any other C Councillor welcome to go as well.

**Access Group**

Walk on June 17<sup>th</sup>: to Millriggs, Corsegreen, up through Tappit Hen plantation, Comanche, back via top road and past Rammerscales House and home. Enjoyed by 6 walkers.

Next walk: on July 29<sup>th</sup>: will be along the Annandale Way to Joe Grahams.

**Newsletter**

Deadline – end July.

**AOCB**

Community Council Elections: in October. AP has approached D & G council regarding a returning officer.

Parking problem at Dala: Debbie Reeve asked if anyone had ideas where 3 cars plus the manager plus visitors could park as there is not enough space at Dala..

Basketball hoop at the play park: Mattie reported that it is too high. GA will look into this.

Road cleaner: JC said that the van is a waste of time at the bottom of School Road due to the lack of kerbs. FS pointed out that the machine probably has to go to the end of School Road to turn. GA suggested asking the Local Councillors.

**Date of Next Meeting**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.30pm**  
**In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall**