

**Royal Four Towns Community Council**  
**Minutes of a Meeting Held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm**  
**In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall**

**DRAFT**

**Those Present**

James Marshall (Chairman), (Treasurer), Freda Seddon (Minutes), David McEwan, Cath Robinson.  
PC Ian Leggett.

**Action  
By**

**Apologies**

Graham Anderson, Stuart Bowe,  
Cllr. Stephen Thompson.

**Minutes**

Approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising**

None.

**1. Police Report**

Hate Crime is a priority for Police Scotland and is taken very seriously. Paper £5 and £10 notes are now withdrawn and replaced by polymer notes. Paper notes will still be changed by banks. Vulnerable people are being targeted and defrauded of funds. Banks may be able to recognise what is happening, but it is important that the police are informed. DMcE reported that he had seen suspicious people in Hightae. Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious persons seen locally.

**2. Local Councillors' Report**

DGC has communicated with local farmers. They are obliged to sweep mud from roads (Section 95 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984), but on single track roads verge damage will be inevitable.

ST has reported other pothole issues and those that have not yet been repaired will be done when the DGC budget permits

The verge damage in Heck will be addressed, following contact by ST with SPIE and SPEN, with help from MSP.

**3. Treasurers Report**

None.

**4. Wind Farm Grants/ Footpaths**

Ashrood – Acorn Villa FP: ditching was not carried out due to bad weather and will probably be done in autumn.

FS reported that horses have used the above and the Meadow FPs., causing damage to the surfaces.

Strimmer: no progress.

**5. Correspondence**

Emails forwarded: situation reports from DGC re snow (end of Feb beg. March), draft newsletter, Road reports weekly, Budget News (DGC 01/03), Public Procession in Annan in June (06/03), A76 road improvements (DGC 09/03), Bank closures (DGC 12/03), Local Development Plan extended time for representation (DGC 09/03), The Big Lunch on 3<sup>rd</sup> June (also forwarded to PD and NB for RFT Hall), (03/04), Support Equal Right of Appeal to be inclusive in Planning Bill (from Shieldhill & California CC), (03/04). After discussion it was agreed that RFT CCs should respond individually to this issue.

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**Correspondence Contd.**

Received: Ian Collison – resignation, Evolis Radar Speed signs, Letter from Secy. RFT Hall re new key, Community Safety Poster (put in Bus shelter), Letter from Gill Fraser RFT Show and Gala requesting windfarm funding (passed to GA), Dates of Area Committee meetings 2018 - 28<sup>th</sup> Mar, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 26 sept, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**6. Reports from Other Meetings**

A&E Federation 21/03): FS attended. Data Protection – CCs advised to have ICO Certificate (we have). Mainly talked attendees through the Amended Scheme and advised to complete the form of Responses to Consultation. Done by FS on behalf of RFT CC.

**7. Planning Applications**

17/2236/FUL 28.02.2018. Site Adjacent To Primrose Cottage School Road Hightae erection of dwelling house. Address corrected to ‘site adjacent to Oakfield ‘(FS).

**8. Community Councils/ CCES**

Stuart Bowe has emailed a spreadsheet of reported roads issues to RFT CCs. Thanks expressed to Stuart for all his work.

Grit bins: more are required for RFT for next winter.

Ian Collison resignation: letter received from Ian and resignation accepted.

**9. Community Resilience Meeting**

There was a good turnout and FS has thanked Steven Wylie for his attendance and presentation.

The attendees who offered help were noted. DMcE has produced a form for the website asking for those willing to assist or provide equipment, and emailed this to RFT CCs. A similar questionnaire will be delivered to all households. Responses can be sent to the website (the form will also be available on the website) or the completed form sent to FS, or any community councillor can be contacted by telephone. Responses are to be sent in by 2 weeks after the delivery of the leaflet.

Next Resilience meeting to be at the AGM in June.

A map showing the location of grit bins will be put on the website.

CR agreed to be a contact to receive emails from the website.

**FS**

**10. Welcome Pack**

One delivered to the new residents at Three Trees, by David McEwan.

To be delivered to Netherfauld, Garage Cottage and Knowehead Cottage.

**FS**

**11. Newsletter**

This was delivered to all households. Thanks to all RFT CCs for delivering.

**12. AOCB**

Litter pick: because the lanes are kept litter-free by residents, RFT CCs will litter pick the B7020, which is the only road that needs clearing at present.

Data protection: FS wishes to check that all CCs have filled out the Data Protection form for DGC. Forms given to JM and DMcE and one to be given to StuartBowe.

Pots of paint dumped at Parkend crossroads: reported to DGC by JM and soon removed.

Bus shelter: FS obtained a quote from Gleam (window cleaners) for £15.00 to clean the bus shelter. Committee agreed that this was good price. FS to contact the firm.

**FS**

**Date of Next Meeting**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 7.30pm**  
**in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall**