

THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (OGM)
held on Thursday 8th January 2015 at 7.30pm
In the kitchen of the RFT Hall.

Elections of Co-opted Community Councillors

Gill Duncan, Corsegreen, Hightae, DG11 1 JQ. Proposer Alan Pettigrew. 2 votes for, 2 against. Not elected.

Gill Korszanski, Vine Cottage, Hightae, DG11 3JQ. Proposer George Erskine. 2 votes for, 2 against. Not elected.

Stuart Campbell, Blackknowe Lodge, Hightae, DG11 1JN. Proposer Freda Seddon. 4 votes for, none against. Co-opted onto RFT CC. (Electoral Roll No.12B3/34).

Gill Duncan protested and was supported by Pierro Vetta. Claiming that CC is not representing the residents and suggested that RFT CC should dissolve.

SC pointed out that the elections, including his own, were democratic, and FS referred to the (Amended) Scheme For the Establishment of Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway, rules from which had been followed.

FS stated concern that the sudden interest in the Community Council is only because of the proposed wind farm at Hartwood Hill, but this was denied. CC meetings are advertised as required, dates given in newsletter, which is delivered to every household. Posters asking for new members have been on display around RFT for the last 2 years or so.

Gill K pointed out that she is now keen to join the CC and serve the community.

Correspondence

Budget Development Consultations: FS passed documents to GE, to be circulated to other CCs. The local consultation is in Annan Town Hall, 21st January, 6.30pm. FS can attend. Newsletter from Harestanes, including application process (the latter reported in the RFTCC newsletter).

Reports from Other meetings

None.

Planning Applications

None relevant to this area.

Wind Farms

Harestanes: newsletter (see Correspondence).

Minsca: spend for 2015 to be decided. A defibrillator, FP from Ashrood to Acorn Villa, equipment for Community Resilience were discussed.

Hartwood Hill: public meeting to determine feeling of RFT community. See below. An Action Group has been formed.

Public Meeting re Hartwood Hill Wind Farm 7.30pm Friday 9th January

Only residents of RFT to vote, one vote each. GE has some letters of objection, to be included.

Pierro asked if CC would make a decision on 'vote' of those present and was assured that this would be so. 40 letters of protest to be presented but not to be counted again in vote.

Main reasons for and against to be recorded but the meeting is not meant to be confrontational.

MV pointed out that Airvolution had not had a consultation in Hightae. Cllr. Peter Diggle will take this up with the appropriate body.

PA and hearing loop to be set up.

Access Group

No progress.

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Produced and delivered to all households, although a member of the public present at the meeting said they had not received one.

AOCB

Bank a/c: change of signatory GA to arrange this.

Website: GA suggested a resident may wish to take the website on.

Bus shelter: a resident was concerned that a new panel has been damaged, but it is a lower panel which was not replaced when others were done.

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Royal Four Towns Community Council

Extraordinary Meeting held After the Ordinary Meeting
on 8th January 2015

To Adopt the Constitution of the Royal Four Towns Community Council

Those Present

As at the OGM

Apologies

As at the OGM

The Constitution and Comparison has been circulated to all Community Councillors and approved by all.

The Constitution was duly signed by the Chairman, George Erskine and the Secretary, Freda Seddon.

To be returned to Council's Area Framework Staff by 30th January 2015 for ratification and will then be returned to the Secretary.

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Next Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 19th February 2015 at 7.30pm
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall