

Royal Four Towns Community Council
Minutes of a Meeting Held on Thursday 11th January, 2017 at 7.30pm
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall
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Those Present

James Marshall (Chairman), Graham Anderson (Treasurer), Freda Seddon (Minutes), Stuart Bowe, George Erskine, Cath Robinson.

Cllr. Stephen Thompson.
PC John Cowan.

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BY**

Minutes

Accepted as correct. Proposed by GA, seconded by CR and signed by the Chairman.

Apologies

RFT CCs Ian Collison and David McEwan.
Megan McCullough (Dala).

Matters Arising

Hightae Mill Loch: Cllr. Steven Thompson has checked the planning application and at the request of RFT CC will ask for a site visit by a building/planning inspector.

Greenhill village green: GA has been working on the shrubs, trimming and burning branches. Brian Smith will let him know if more needs doing. RFT CC may be able provide some funds.

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1. Police Report PC. John Cowan.

Serious incident at Carrutherstown: resulted in the death of a 52 year old female and serious injury to a 49 year old male. A 35year old male was subsequently charged with murder and attempted murder.

The "Herbert Protocol" has been introduced. This a Missing Vulnerable Person incident form giving the police important information about a missing person, as quickly as possible. The form is completed by an individual who is most familiar with the person named in the document and updated as necessary. It is then kept in a prominent place where relatives and carers have easy access to it. When an incident occurs the police are contacted by 999 and information on the form passed to them. Information is not shared with anyone else. The form can be downloaded or printed from the Police and NHS websites: www.nhs.uk/Departments-and-Services/IDEAS/IDEAS

Tasers: in order to keep communities and police officers safe, selected uniformed officers are to be trained in the use of Tasers. They will be known as Specially Trained Officers (STOs).

Armed Police: because of the increased threat from organised crime and terrorism, Police Scotland will increase the use of Armed Response Vehicles (ARVs). Communities are welcome to provide feedback.

2. Local Councillors' Report

Dalton Road B7060: DGC has carried out some work but Dormont Estates need to carry out further work.

Lochmaben Initiative: are keen for RFT CC to be involved in projects, e.g. Lochmaben Castle.

2018 is the Year of Young People: A Lantern Procession is to held in Annan on 12th Jan.

Youth club: now held in the Portacabin and youth from RFTCC are welcome.

The poor condition of the A709 between Lochmaben and Lockerbie was raised by the meeting. White lines are not visible making night driving hazardous.

3. Treasurers Report

Current balance: £2373.26.

£30 has been paid for cutting hedges at the playpark.

Claims for expenses should be submitted.

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4. Wind Farm Grants/ Footpaths

GA will write cheques for local claims in May.

Jim Marshall to be asked to dig out the Ashrood path ditch. FS to contact James.

Cost of brushcutter to be found for cutting local footpaths.

5. Correspondence

Emails sent: Public Procession – Year of Young People. Lantern Procession in Annan 6-7.30pm.

CCES letter and leaflet: Development Plan 6/12/17 and update 14/12/17: A& E Sports Award nominations 05/01/18: Weekly Road reports.

None received.

6. Reports from Other Meetings

None attended.

7. Planning Applications

Extension at Kowhai has been approved.

New telecommunications cabinet: opposite side of Border View, Hightae - approved.

17/2183/UTL.

8. Community Councils/ CCES

SB has reported the state of the road from Parkend Bridge to church to CCES and will continue to email his reports to RFT CCs.

New Regulations for Data Protection – to be discussed at next A&E Fedn. meeting on 23rd Jan.

9. Resilience Plan

FS suggested a meeting to discuss this. Existing Plan to be emailed to CCs.

10. Welcome Pack

Delivered to Old Mill Cottage.

To go Millriggs Farm once new residents move in.

11. Newsletter

Articles required for March Newsletter. Copy to be sent to CR.

PC John Cowan will write an article for the newsletter.

12. AOCB

New BT cabinet at foot of School Road: BT Openreach had blocked water channels - cleared by CR, Stuart Robinson FS and there is now no water on the road.

Notice boards: required for Heck CC notices and for Hightae opposite the RFT Hall, for posters currently pinned to a Scottish Power pole opposite the War Memorial.

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Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 22nd February 2018 7.30pm
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