

THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Held on Thursday 13th April 2017 at 7.30pm
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall
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Those Present

James Marshall (Vice Chairman), Freda Seddon (Secretary), Stuart Bowe, Stuart Campbell, George Erskine.

In Attendance

PC John Cowan, Cllr. Stephen Thompson.

Apologies

Graham Anderson, Ian Collison, David McEwan.

Cllr. Peter Diggle.

Ward Worker Steven Wylie. Steven has been invited to the next RFT CC meeting.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice-chairman, James Marshall.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted as correct.

2. Matters Arising

3. Police Report John Cowan

No local issues although the parking problem for Dala was mentioned.

Motorcycle Safety Campaign: Friday 14th to Monday 17th April.

Policing 2026 strategy consultation: will run for 12 weeks to 8th May.

Key areas are: prevention, protection, communities, knowledge and innovation.

4. Treasurers Report.

£3847.04 in account.

5. Wind Farm Grants

JM has a quote for £386.80 for a plastic bench to replace the old one at the bottom of School Road. This includes £20 for a plaque, which could show how the bench was paid for from the Minsca Wind Farm grant. Approved.

Other acceptable suggestions were increased parking for RFT Hall and strimming of footpaths.

ST suggested that we employ a consultant to produce a Community Action Plan, which can be grant funded by a government scheme (Care Scheme). The consultant would find out residents' thoughts on the future of the Royal Four Towns. The idea was approved by the meeting and will be taken forward.

6. Local Councillor's Report (ST)

BT cabinet at Parkend bridge: BT are not keen to alter the installation.

Dala open day/ coffee morning: ST (and FS) attended and the Open Day was a success.

Road between Kinninghill and Vallison Burn: SB reported that work has been carried out on the road. The farmer has removed the blockage under the bridge but has left a mess, and has also removed a plantation of young trees.

A New Act requires every council to publish its assets, and communities can apply to buy such assets - land / property.

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Local Councillor's Report contd.

Drainage at Blackknowe Cottage: water runs across the road from field, freezing and causing a hazard in winter. There is also a blocked grid near Hightae school

Potholes: JM pointed out that the B7020 still has potholes especially near Walnut Cottage.

Pond at corner of field: possibly caused by collapsed drain under School Road. The water floods over road after heavy rain.

ST will make a report on the above items to DGC.

7. Correspondence

Emails forwarded: Village of the Year. The concensus of the meeting was that this is not suitable for RFT.

Cllr.Peter Diggle will not stand for re-election.

Received by Post: Consultation on review of Scheme of the Establishment of CCs. Area Committee meeting dates.

8. Reports from Other Meetings

Wind farm meeting: report required from GA.

The next meeting of the Federation of CCs: 16/05/17, at Stormont Hall Gretna Green.

9. Planning Applications

None.

10. Dala

Kenzie's Coffee morning held in March, and Criffel Walk raised £755 for Cancer Research.

Parking problems: neighbours have been inconvenienced by Dala staff parking on driveways and restricting car access on the Low Road. The manager has apologised and is seeking a solution, but there is little parking space in the area.

11. Chairman

No nominations or volunteers – post not filled.

12. Welcome Pack

Not yet delivered to Knowehead Cottage.

13. AOCB

Hall gardens: FS asked if anyone can help and SB should be available next Friday, 9am.

Local Elections: Thursday 4th May.

Litter pick: to be held on Sun 7th May at 1.30. FS will make posters.

Notice board for Heck: SB will make a noticeboard for the corner at Heck.

Tree charter: SB will email a Tree charter to community councillors, for their opinions.

Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 25th May 2017 at 7.30pm
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