

**THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting held on**  
**Thursday April 14th 2016 at 7.30pm**  
**In the kitchen of the RFT Hall**  
**DRAFT**

**Those Present**

Stuart Campbell, Graham Anderson, Freda Seddon, Stuart Bowe, David McEwan.

**In Attendance**

Cllr. Stephen Thompson.

**Apologies**

Ian Collison, George Erskine, James Marshall, Lisa Newbould.

Cllr. Gail McGregor.

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Accepted as correct, proposed by GA, seconded by SB.

**2. Matters Arising**

Smart Water has now been delivered to those who ordered it at the AGM, and details added to the Welcome Pack.

The scheme for new larger electricity pylons has been postponed while SPEN re-assesses their requirement and consider underground cables as an alternative to pylons. Hightae Meadow footpath has been trimmed and SB offered to trim the section across the meadow when it is dry enough.

There was a discussion about the surplus RFT display cabinet. SB will consult residents of Heck for a suitable site.

**Action  
By**

**SB**

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**3. Police Report**

No PC present.

ST reported that the 8yr old boy reported missing from Lochmaben was quickly found.

**4. Treasurers Report**

Opening balance: £8634.70

Payments made: £1110.00 to Jim Marshall for ditching Ashrood FP.

317.55 for War Memorial materials.

Current balance: £7107.15

Data Protection Registration expires 3<sup>rd</sup> May. GA will renew.

**5. Local Councillor's Report ST**

BT Broadband: An apron has been made in front of the cabinet at Parkend Bridge. A new base has appeared at Rashiebriggs on the B7020. Faster broadband should be available in Hightae within a year.

Mobile signal: there are spots where 4G can be received in Hightae.

Potholes: Calflea Bridge to Greenhill has been patched. ST will report the state of roads in the area as in James Marshall's email. FS also to report on CCES.

Recycling Sites (HWRCs): opening hours are now 12-4pm every day (except Locharmoss which is open every day). See the DGC website for up to date hours of opening.

Refuse collection: the new system of multiple bins is still being assessed in Wigtownshire.

B7020: DGC is looking into the dangerous bends beside Castle Loch. CLLCT has applied to the George Hunter Trust for a grant to fence their side of the B7020.

**ST  
FS**

**6. Correspondence**

Emails sent to CCs before April meeting

Dumfries and Galloway Design Awards.

Digi CC workshop in Glasgow 22<sup>nd</sup> March .

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### Correspondence Contd.

#### Corresp. Recvd.

A&E Area Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March: the next meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Minutes and Agenda for A&E Fedn. Meeting: to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

ANCBC AGM: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016, at 7.00 p.m., at St George's Church Hall, 50 George Street, Dumfries, DG1 1EJ. RSVP by Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

FS to check with Martin Brown about forms to be filled out and who is eligible to attend the AGM.

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FS

### Reports from Other meetings

DGC Training session 4th April: the subject was Community engagement. GA and SC attended. SC will email the literature to CCs.

SC

### 7. Planning Applications

None relevant.

### 8. Broadband Update

No cabinet has been installed and the markings opposite Hightae Primary have gone.

Notices have been received by residents but the speed it claims are available on the website are not achieved.

MSP David Mundell is in contact with BT over faster broadband. Residents would like to know exactly what is happening.

### 9. Wind Farms

There was a discussion about whether to use funds from Harestanes wind farm (ANCBC) or apply to Minsca. The application from Hightae Primary is not eligible for the Harestanes grant, as it is a curricular project, and will go to Minsca. Others will be met from the Harestanes grant.

### 10. Access/Footpaths

See Matters Arising.

### 11. Resilience

RFT CC has a Resilience Plan but it must be updated. A sub-group of 3 or 4 CCs will be formed to achieve this.

Stephen Wylie has suggested that interested parties, vulnerable people etc. should be in the group. CCs to let SC know if they are interested, or know of others who may be.

All

### 12. Welcome Pack

Has been updated and sent to DM.

### 13. AOCB

Litter pick: JM has carried a litter pick on his route. FS suggested that equipment is given out to CCs so that they can litter pick as necessary.

All

Bus stance: FS suggested that an area is marked off to deter hall users from obstructing the bus stop. ST will ask DGC if this can be done.

ST

**Date of Next Meeting**  
**Thursday May 26th 2016 7.30pm**  
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall