

**THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2016, 7.30pm**  
**In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall**  
**DRAFT**

**Those Present**

James Marshall (Vice Chairman), Graham Anderson (Treasurer), Freda Seddon (Secretary), Ian Collison, David McEwan, Lisa Newbould.

Local Cllrs. Stephen Thompson and Peter Diggle.

**Action  
By**

**Apologies**

Stuart Bowe, Stuart Campbell, George Erskine.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice-chairman.

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Accepted as correct; proposed by Ian Collison, seconded by Lisa Newbould.

**2. Matters Arising**

None.

**3. Police Report**

None.

**4. Treasurers Report**

Balance in bank a/c: £5,411.29.

Cost of De-fibrillator to be paid to British Heart Foundation.

£400 received from Minsca Wind Farm grant via DGC.

**5. Wind Farm Grants**

Harestanes: ANCBC forms to be sent (should have been by 30<sup>th</sup> August but Chairman of ANCBC, Martin Brown, infd. that forms would be late.). A payment of £3,000.0 to CLLCT was approved. GA will deliver the cheque to FS for delivery to CLLCT.

De-fibrillator: Should be in place by end of next week. Graham has sent dates when hall is free for CPR training which is a condition of BHF supplying the de-fibrillator. Hall users to be invited to training sessions. FS to organise.

FS suggests that RFT CC use some wind farm money to pay someone to strim Hightae Meadow and Ashrood FPs in future. Estimates to be obtained by next meeting (it takes 2-3 hrs to strim the meadow). A horse has been taken along the Meadow FP and the section by the school is cut up by hooves.

A separate meeting to be arranged to discuss spending wind farm money. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October suggested.

**FS  
GA**

**AI**

**AI**

**6. Local Councillor's Report**

Dala: problems were dealt with quickly. ST suggested that Lilian Cringles and the Police should be consulted if there are problems in future.

Police: should be present at CC Meetings in future. Due to budget cuts, Police in D&G are currently reviewing the police estate and consultation with communities is planned. Sharing premises with council or similar departments has been suggested.

Potholes in roads and carriageways: should still be reported. There are bad potholes at Dormont, and although this is outwith the RFT area ST will report them.

Ward boundary changes: there will be little change to Annandale North but the number of councillors to be reduced by four over other wards.

**ST**

**THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2016, 7.30pm**  
**In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall**

<b>Action By</b>
----------------------

**7. Correspondence**

Chairman: letter of resignation from Stuart Campbell.

Resilience training: 5<sup>th</sup> Sept cancelled. See letter from DGC re seminars.

Area Committee: meeting 24<sup>th</sup> August Next dates are 28<sup>th</sup> September, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Minutes are on the DGC website.

Meeting with Derek Crichton Director of Communities: Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Nov: DMc and FS volunteered to attend.

**8. Reports from Other Meetings**

A&E Federation of Community Councils: FS attended the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September. A group is to be set up to reduce the size of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils as it is found to be ungainly and difficult to follow. See Local Councillors Report for other updates.

**9. Planning Applications**

Overhead power line: rebuild of 11 Kv overhead line, Corncockle to Hightae.

**10. Chairman**

Reminder that Stuart has resigned. New chairman not elected.

**11. Welcome Pack**

Corrections made.

Delivered to Birch Tree and Knowehead. Hjatland still to be delivered. – given to JM for delivery.

**JM**

**12. AOCB**

Day of the Region: this is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September in Victory Park, Lochmaben.

Dates of RFT CC meetings: all on Thursdays.- 27<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> June (AGM).

**Date of Next Meeting**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm**  
**In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall**