

Royal Four Towns Community Council
Minutes of a Meeting Held on Thursday 17th May 2018 at 7.30pm
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall
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Those Present

James Marshall (Chairman), David McEwan (Vice Chairman), Graham Anderson (Treasurer), Freda Seddon (Secretary), Cath Robinson, George Erskine.

CLLr. Stephen Thompson.
PC Ian Leggett.

Apologies

None.

Minutes of last meeting

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

Matters Arising

Ditching Ashrood to Acorn Villa: has been done. The bill has not yet been received.

Strimmer: has been purchased by GA and used to strim the Meadow footpath.

Litter picking: done as agreed at the last meeting and is ongoing.

1. Police Report

No reported crime within the area since the last meeting.

Drivers are asked to be vigilant for large groups of motorbikes heading for Cairnryan.

Hate crime is an ongoing campaign and mainly targeted at young people aged 11 to 18 years.

Police Armed Response Vehicles (ARVs) will be deployed more frequently to a wider range of incidents, to support their colleagues and the public. They also possess enhanced medical skills.

Feedback on the scheme is appreciated.

SB reported scrap cars, including one with contents, on private but unused land in Heck. DGC will not take action because the vehicles are on private land. PC Leggett will look into the matter.

2. Local Councillors' Report

Roads in the area have been patched, except for the Parkend road which still requires repairs.

The Roads Scotland Act has been quoted to local farmers, regarding mud on roads.

Drains that were covered with tar during patching have been uncovered. This should not happen again as drains are to be covered before tar is spread.

FS will send map of the CC area to ST for marking road problems.

FS asked for more information about plastic bottle re-cycling, and Stephen will look into this.

3. Treasurers Report

The a/cs are with the auditors prior to the AGM in June..

Balance as on 23/04/2018 £2894.95.

Cheques since written:

SWRI £300.0

RFT Show and Gala £500.00

Golden Years £400

Current balance £1694.95

4. Wind Farm Grants/ Footpaths

Hightae School has requested £500 from Minsca for playground equipment and trips. We have £4000 still from Minsca and ditching the Ashrood-Acorn Villa FP will come from this.

Harestanes funding will cover the strimmer, notice boards and paving stones.

SB will strim Heck Loaning.

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Wind Farm Grants/ Footpaths Contd.

Bus shelter: GA will contact Swestrans to confirm that RFT residents own the shelter and maintain it. The shelter was paid for from Minsca grants,.

Next autumn the ditch by Hightae school will need to be cleared, the cost from windfarm money. James Marshall to be asked for his quote.

5. Correspondence

Emails forwarded

Weekly Road Reports.

Community Conversations meeting (01/05/2018). FS will go 29/05/2018).

Home Energy reminder (02/05/2018).

Community Council Research (02/05) Survey.

'Battle's Over' – a Nation's Tribute.

Flood Risk Management Planning – consultation (03/05).

SP Energy Stakeholder Bulletin (08/05).

Update on Removal of Mobile Library (08/05).

Scottish Community Development Centre workshops around Scotland (but not D&G!). (15/05)

Correspondence received

Area Committee meetings.

6. Reports from Other Meetings

None.

7. Planning Applications

Application from Mr Graham Wood Moss, Knowe Hightae Lockerbie DG11 1JQ

Change of use of agricultural land to form all-weather riding arena for private use.

8. Community Councils/ CCES

SB and Cllr Stephen Thompson have been reporting potholes and faults to DGC (see Local Councillor's Report).

Flooding: SB pointed out that DGC continues to provide a 50% grant for home owners to put in flood gates etc. to protect their own homes.

9. Community Resilience

Questionnaires: have been printed and distributed to CCs at this meeting. To be delivered by the end of May. Completed forms to be returned by 14/06 to any community councillor (listed on form).

DMcE has put the form on the website and he and CR will receive forms submitted via the website.

Community Resilience to be on the agenda for the AGM.

10. Welcome Pack

Delivered to Garage Cottage and Netherfauld.

11. AGM

Community Resilience to be on the agenda.

12. AOCB

New board in bus shelter: thanks to GA. There is now a notice on the telepole requesting that posters are put in the bus shelter.

Community shop: there was a discussion about this following a conversation with local residents.

Date of Next Meeting
AGM Thursday 28th June 2018, 7.30pm
in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall