

THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting Held on Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7.30pm
At Hill-Bryde, Hightae
Draft

Those Present

James Marshall (Chair), Graham Anderson (Treasurer), Freda Seddon (Secretary), Stuart Bowe, Stuart Campbell, David McEwan,

Local Councillors Stephen Thompson and Douglas Fairbairn.

Community PC John Cowan.

Megan McCulloch (Manager) and Naomi Smith (Assistant Manager), Dala, Children's Home, Hightae.

Apologies

Ian Collison, George Erskine.

Local Cllrs. Gail MacGregor, Peter Diggle.

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

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted as correct. Proposed by SC, seconded by FS and signed by the Vice Chairman.

2. Matters Arising

De-fibrillator Training: Helen gave excellent training (for 2 nights). Good feedback was received from residents. Flowers sent to thank Helen Coles.

3. Police Report John Cowan

Logs stolen from play park: no one apprehended.

Dala: staff are doing their best with difficult children. Nearby neighbours are mainly affected. Police should be informed of incidents.

Not in RFT area but locally: In December a 14 year old was charged with vandalism, threatening behaviour and assault, there was an attempted house-breaking near Sibbaldbie and 10 sheep have been stolen from near Applegarth School. A commercial garage was destroyed by fire in Castle Street, Lochmaben, there were no injuries but police investigation continues. Several persons have been charged with the possession of controlled drugs following stop/searches in Lockerbie area. Over the festive period, in Dumfries and Galloway there were 13 cases drink driving (625 in Scotland).

CitizenAID app: this is a free app suitable for all smart phones which provides clear and simple actions for shooting, stabbing or bomb incidents, and how to give life-saving first aid to the injured. Free training online and a paper pocket guide will soon be available.

YouTube film: published by Leicestershire Police and called 'Kayleigh's Love Story' this is a difficult watch for parents and older children, but gives a very important message regarding online safety and Child Exploitation.

4. Treasurers Report

Balance 21/11/2016: £4058.26

Payments: £25.00 to Linnprint for questionnaires.

17.98 to FS for flowers.

30.0 to Mr Peacock for hedge-cutting.

Current balance: £3985.28

Payments due: £100 to hall, £100 to RFT flowers. FS to claim for stationery.

5. Dala (Megan McCulloch and Naomi Smith)

Megan accepted that there have been issues with residents and children but now the home is under new management and there will be experienced staff, with 3 children, ages 8 – 16 years of age, selected as suitable for a village environment. They will have 24 hr support and may be long-term placements. Megan and Naomi are keen to communicate with residents.

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Dala Contd.

An Open House Day will be arranged so that local residents can see the Home. Publicity will be posters in Hightae, and the managers will inform RFT CC when the Open House is arranged.

The car parking problem should soon be resolved.

6. Wind Farm Grants/Questionnaire

Thank you to SC for producing a spreadsheet of the responses. This was emailed to CCs but an updated version will be prepared.

GA will arrange a meeting to discuss responses.

7. Local Councillor's Report (ST)

ST appreciated the attendance of staff from Dala.

Potholes: keep reporting. Some repairs have been done on the Greenhill Road but are not always being sealed so they may not last.

BT Cabinet: DGC is aware of the obstructing apron but waiting to hear from BT. High speed broadband is still not always available.

B7020 white lines: have been repainted.

Local Councillor's Report (DF)

Douglas Fairbairn introduced himself as the recently elected Councillor and is available for any council issues.

8. Correspondence

Emails sent: email from ST re Broadband. (13/12/2016)

Road works reports weekly.

Consultation on Future of Scottish Planning System(16/01/2017)

Consultation on Call Boxes (17/01.2017)

Hard Copy: Area Committee - dates of meetings and Agenda for 25th Jan.

9. Reports from Other Meetings

None.

9. Planning Applications

None relevant to RFT area.

10. Chairman

No nominations or volunteers – post not filled.

11. Welcome Pack

Deliveries required to Knowehead Cottage, Corsegreen and Primrose Cottage.

SB will deliver a pack to new tenants in Heck.

12. AOCB

Castle Loch footpath: the new section is now complete and avoids walking along the B7020. The Official Opening was performed on Tuesday 17th January.

Website: DMcE will update the RFT website.

Call boxes: a notice was put on the telephone kiosk regarding its proposed removal but there was no response from local residents.

This meeting was held at Hill-Bryde because of a double booking of the RFT Hall kitchen.

Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 7.30pm
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall