

THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting held on
Thursday January 21st at 7.30pm
At Blackknowe Lodge, School Road, Hightae
DRAFT

Those Present

Stuart Campbell (Chairman), Freda Seddon (Secretary), George Erskine, David McEwan, James Marshall.

Cllr. Stephen Thompson.

PC. Ian Collison, Insp Gordon McKnight.

The meeting was held at Blackknowe Lodge due to the kitchen of the RFT Hall being double booked. Thank you to Stuart and Jenny for holding the meeting at their home.

The Community Council was sad to hear of the death of Anne Potts, Meadowview, Hightae.. Anne was a long-standing Community Councillor and was Secretary from October 2006 to October 2015.

Apologies

Graham Anderson, Ian Collison, Lisa Newbould,
Cllrs. Peter Diggle and Gail MacGregor.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted as correct. Proposed by DMc, seconded by JM and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising

B7020: letter received in response to RFT CC letter re bends, from and John Howell.

Road through village to Millriggs: hedge overgrown.

Potholes: letter received in response to RFT CC enquiry (163117), from Matthew Crossan.
Overgrown hedge Millriggs to Netherfrange: reported by Cllr.ST.

3. Police Report

There was a report of a suspicious light at rear of Fieldside, Hightae. A search was carried out but no trace found of any persons.

The Police ran a festive drinks/drugs campaign. The Police can give recorded warning notices. There have been a number of housebreakings in the Lockerbie area. Residents are urged to report suspicious persons/vehicles. There have been a number of reports of persons going round trying to sell power washers, generators etc.

Call 101 to report any suspicious incidents.

4. Treasurers Report

Balance in a/c: £9,504.36.

Website: two cheques to be paid to Andrew Case, £180 + £50 but still waiting for work requested to be carried out as requested.

Xmas lights: cost £147.42 (from windfarm grant). GA has paid this but will write a cheque to reimburse himself.

5. Local Councillor's Report

Potholes: more are appearing on B7020 and on lanes. Cllr.ST will report these.

Broadband: The Fibre cabinet for the community is now live. It appears however that many residents will not be able to receive the anticipated fast broadband. Cllr ST will liaise with Cllr Gail McGregor who has reported to RFT CC that she will raise the issue with MP David Mundell. David McEwan will write to Gail McGregor ,on behalf of the CC, to explain the situation

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6. Correspondence

Emails forwarded to CCs:

New Hospital Newsletter: forwarded 16/12/2015 (hard copies available).

Acknowledgement of response form from Sheila Dressler 18/12/2015.

Queen's Birthday Beacons: info. 14/01/2016. Also letter received by Sec.

Scottish Civic Trust 'My Place' awards: 18/01/2016.

Review of Planning: online discussion forum 20/01/2016.

Crisis Grants after flooding: not forwarded as not relevant to RFT.

Letters/emails received.

Training Requirements: invitation for CCs to sign up for sessions.

CCs to sign up individually and let others know which they will attend..

Dates of Area Committee Meetings in 2016: 27 Jan, 24 Feb, 23 Mar, 27 Apr, 25 May, 22 Jun, 24 Aug, 28 Sep, 26 Oct, 23 Nov, 14 Dec.

Keep Scotland Beautiful Awards.

7. Reports from Other meetings

None

8. Planning Applications

16/P/4/0004. Mr and Mrs Clements, West Calflea, Greenhill. Erection of extension to rear elevation of dwellinghouse.

9. Wind Farms

Xmas Lights for RFT Hall: £147.42 (GA).

De fibrillator: suggested by Brian Smith for use of wind farm grant. Other suggestions welcome at the Awareness Event (see 11).

10. Access/Footpaths

James Marshall (Barshill) has trimmed the vegetation on the FP between Ashrood and Acorn Villa. FS will contact JM regarding the ditching work he has still to do.

11. Raising CC Profile (Awareness Event)

It was agreed that the themes would include Resilience and Fibre Broadband coverage. Possible speaker from BT if possible (following action through Gail McGregor) and SC will also speak to Steven Wylie re speaker from DGCC about local flooding. Ideas from residents on these subjects invited.

The idea of a defibrillator could be discussed. Each subject restricted to 15 mins plus Q and As. A date in March was suggested.

12. Flooding De-briefing

This was cancelled. No properties were flooded in the Four Towns, although some roads were closed due to flooding.

13. AOCB

None.

Date of Next Meeting
Thursday March 3rd 2016
7.30pm in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall