

Royal Four Towns Community Council
Meeting to be Held on Thursday 22nd February, 2018 at 7.30pm
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall

Those Present

James Marshall (Chairman), Graham Anderson (Treasurer), Freda Seddon (Minutes), Stuart Bowe, David McEwan, Cath Robinson.

PC Ewan Fraser.
Cllr. Stephen Thompson.

**Action
By**

Member of the Public

Robert Burgess.

Apologies

George Erskine.

Minutes

Accepted as correct. Proposed by Stuart Bowe, seconded by Cath Robinson.

Matters Arising

Boathouse at Hightae Mill Loch: see Local Councillor's report.

1. Police Report

Reported theft of sandstone ridges at Heck, between 09/02/2018 and 12/02/2018.

Police have a campaign to prevent livestock worrying by domestic dogs. The peak occurs between February and May – the lambing season.

Police also have a campaign to make people aware of Fraud. People are encouraged to use strong passwords for personal and business accounts and be wary of accessing public or open Wi-Fi. Never give personal information to callers.

2. Local Councillors' Report

Flooding: Robert Burgess attended in order to enquire about flooding, which is an issue in this area. ST will make enquiries with DGC.

Boathouse at Hightae Mill Loch: the Planning Officer has inspected the building and it seems to be built according to the approved plans.

Road markings: have been reported and should be repainted in April (new budget and drier weather).

Potholes: patching squads have been active on various roads.

Heck loaning dog fouling: the Environment Officer has attended and with the new signs there is some improvement.

Verges in Heck damaged by Scottish Power: ST will take up the issue.

3. Treasurers Report

Current balance £1816.35 after payments made:-

£100 to Greenhill

£100 to RFT Hall

£100 for Hightae flowers

£213 for noticeboards

£ 43.13 for slabs for the new playpark seat.

Cheque from ANCBC: not yet received (approximately £2000) as RFT CC has to sign a form to make our annual application official. Form signed and approved at this meeting.

Secretary's expenses submitted and paid.

Change of bank to BOS: new signatories will be required – GA, FS and JM. GA will open two accounts – one for current use and one for wind farm money.

GA

Notice board for bus shelter: it was agreed to go for an open board that can have posters pinned to a cork backing. This will be easier for members of the public to use, as well as being cheaper than a bought version.

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4. Wind Farm Grants/ Footpaths

Ashrood path ditch: J Marshall has looked at the ditch – it needs cleaning, plus a pipe to carry water across the track. £650 quoted. (Minsca). FS to contact JM to do the ditching.

Brushcutter: hire cost is £50 +VAT but it was agreed to purchase a strimmer for the CC so that the Meadow can be cut regularly 3 times a year.

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GA, SB

5. Correspondence

Emails sent

Weekly roads reports.

Local Development Plan

Dangers of Overhead Powerlines

Dual the A75 – response from RFT CC?

Review of the Scheme for Establishment of CCs.

New Data Regulations – update completed by FS.

Road closure – A709 on 14th and 15th March for bridge repairs.

Participation Requests 20/02/18

Corres. Recd.

Letter from SHAP (Safe and Healthy Action Partnership)

Review of the Scheme – to be discussed at the next Fedn Meeting on 21st March.

Thank you letter from Brian Smith, for work done by GA and SB on the green at Greenhill.

6. Reports from Other Meetings

A&E Fedn. meeting 23rd Jan: FS will send her report to CCs.

7. Planning Applications

6a Bruce St, Lochmaben. Change of use from shop to tearoom. 18/0157/FUL

RBS, High St Lochmaben. Removal of ATM. 18/01/59/LBC

8. Community Councils/ CCES

SB has kept CCs informed of his emails to and from CCES. Problems are reported but little remedial work results.

9. Resilience Plan

Community assets to be added to the RP. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting in March, if possible on a Monday, to update the plan. FS to book RFT hall.

FS

10. Welcome Pack

To be delivered to Three Trees, High Road and Garage Cottage.

FS

11. Newsletter

FS has made some progress and will email the newsletter to CCs for their comments etc.

Cath Robinson has offered her help.

FS,CR

12. AOCB

SEPA to be invited to speak at AGM.

Refuse collected by a resident and left in bags at Calflea Bridge.

GA and SB have cut back branches on School Road.

Thanks to GA and SB for notice boards and seats.

GA investigated the “I Dig Trees” project run by TCV (Trust for Conservation Volunteers). 50 whips could be supplied for free although they have all been allocated for this year.

FS

Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 5th April 2018 7.30pm
in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall