

**THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting Held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm**  
**In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall**

**Those Present**

James Marshall (Vice Chairman), Freda Seddon (Secretary), Stuart Bowe, George Erskine.

**In Attendance**

Cllrs. Stephen Thompson and Adam Wilson.

Steven Wylie (Ward Worker).

**Apologies**

Graham Anderson, Stuart Campbell, David McEwan.

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

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

**2. Matters Arising**

None.

**3. Ward Worker (Steven Wylie)**

Ward Workers were established in January 2017 with the aim to support local communities, councillors and partners within a Council Electoral Ward – RFT CC is within the ward of Annandale North. Steven is based in Lockerbie and spends one day each week in Moffat. As well as community involvement (projects, Common Good Funds, Lockerbie Trust, etc.) Steven can help with DGC Asset Transfer but also covers community resilience. Steven can be consulted about CC affairs – Alison Fergusson is also available for this but is now in the Business Support Dept.

**4. Police Report**

No police officer in attendance.

**5. Treasurers Report.**

GA not present. Accounts are with the auditor.

**6. Wind Farm Grants**

Cheques have been issued to WRI, Golden years, Show & Gala and Hightae Primary School for the playground survey, as well as ordering 2 benches. We would need to submit extra forms for more as the total would be over £1000. If they were well received, we could consider purchasing a further 2 benches. AW suggested that paving slabs may be obtained from DGC (CES).

**7. Local Councillor's Report ST**

PO waste bin: is to be moved to the other side of the road (if not already moved).

Heck to Parkend lane: now clear, possibly due to the dry weather. Residents report that the bridge is structurally deteriorating but it has been surveyed by a DGC engineer and appears to be alright, although the road is in need of repair.

Core paths: DGC Access Team report that paths in the RFT area are ok. A footpath on the old railway line from Lochmaben to Lockerbie is aspirational, mainly because of the cost of a new bridge over the River Annan.

Potholes: being repaired as DGC budget permits. Work is due to start soon on B7020 near Millriggs Farm.

Grass cutting: ST will report to DGC that several RFT residents have complained about the patchy grass cutting.

**Adam Wilson**

An Area Committee has now been formed with ST as Chairman and AW Vice Chairman. Adam plans to hold doorstep surgeries in Hightae. Adam is keen to help with any issues.

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**8. DGC Assets**

List sent to CCs. Only the play park is relevant to RFT.

**9. Correspondence**

Emails sent: Transfer of Council Assets, Responses to Review of Scheme, road closures – N.B. - list of road numbers and Carers' Strategy Consultative Survey. Also 20mph restriction on certain roads (instead of 30mph) from MSP Mark Ruskell.

None received (except notices re elections which have been put on noticeboard in bus shelter).

**10. Reports from Other Meetings**

A&E Federation: FS attended meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Speakers from DGC wanted CCs to respond to the Review of the Scheme. FS sent an email giving response on behalf of RFTCC: 'that the Scheme itself is replaced by the shorter Scottish Government 'Model Scheme', which is shorter (9 pages instead of 14). The Schedules and Appendices could remain the same with the exception of the Code of Conduct which is covered in the 'Model Scheme'.  
Hospital Talk: GE attended. Site was chosen as it is best for access. Single rooms were queried but there is no valid reason for larger communal rooms.

**Community Action Plan**

FS has information from Dougie McGregor of Gretna and Rigg CC and Stephen will send a link for Community Action Plans.

There will be a meeting re CAPs at Lockerbie Town Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> June which Steven Bowe will attend.

**11. Planning Applications**

Holland Cottage, High Road: Erection of extension on NE elevation of house.  
Arla: installation of anaerobic digester.

**12. Chairman**

RFT CC still has no chairman. Community councillor Stuart Campbell has submitted his resignation (as he hopes to be moving soon).

**13. Welcome Pack**

One delivered by SB, to Kings at Parkend, Heck.

**14. Litter Pick**

This was a success with 10 people participating. 11 bags of litter were collected from the lanes in the Four Towns.

**15. AOCB**

AGM: we need to involve the local community more and get them interested in the community council and the reason for its existence. Steven Wylie invited to give a talk on Community Resilience. N.B Posters (FS).

Hightae Meadow: GA has cut back the trees across the meadow and also the briars nearer the school. He will strim the footpath to see how long it takes. We have one estimate but require one or two more.

**Date of Next Meeting**  
**AGM**  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm**  
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