

**Informal meeting of RFT Community Council
following the First Meeting of the New Community Council
Thursday 29th October 2015
Draft**

Those Present

Stuart Campbell (Chairman), Graham Anderson (Treasurer), Freda Seddon (Secretary), David McEwan, James Marshall.

Cllr. Stephen Thompson.

Cllr. Peter Diggle.

PC. Ian Brownrigg.

Apologies

Ian Collison, George Erskine.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted as correct. Proposed by JM, seconded by SC. Signed by the Chairman.

Police Report

Welcomed the new Community Council. PC Brownrigg stressed that the Police are there to help. Not a lot of crime in this area but on 6th October some horses' manes were plaited and on 18th October there was damage to signage at the Mill Loch. A car driver with no licence has been seen locally. There are few house break-ins but residents advised to inform the police if going away. Police Scotland are running a 'Right to Tell' scheme for people to report domestic abuse. People urged to take care at Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night (N.B. it is illegal for those under 18 to purchase fireworks). GA informed PC Brownrigg about Remembrance Day at 1.45pm at Hightae War Memorial. Some people have not yet received their order of Smart Water and this is because Lockerbie ran out and a new batch has been ordered. Smart Water is still available for those who need it. SC reported that today a car had run into trees on the B7020 adjacent to Castle Loch, opposite the fence which was broken by a road accident. ST requested that people report incidents on these bends to DGC.

Matters Arising from September Meeting

Annual Survey of CCs: sent in by FS.

Community Empowerment – FS completed this as a CC.

Treasurers Report: £9,534.36 plus £2,000 received from ANCBC.

Website

All up to date and the Curling Club has been added.

DMc will check the security of the website.

Page with content for each of 4 towns to be added so that search engines will find them.

GA to check the cost of the website with Andrew Case.

Access/Footpaths

James Marshall (Barshill) to be asked to do the ditching etc. FS to Contact him and check that he has public liability insurance.

JM spoke to Malcolm Wade re clearing of ditch in his field and there is no problem. Andy Callander has explained that there is a drain which runs past Dykehead from Hightae Church and Ashrood. Andy Callander cleared this ditch and water stopped running down to Auchline, but must also go down the track.

N.B tape to be put round Japanese Knotweed. Check with Ross if it has been treated this year.

**Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 10th December 2015
7.30pm in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall**