

THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Held on Thursday 30th October 2014 at 7.30pm
In the kitchen of the RFT Hall.

Those Present

George Erskine, Freda Seddon, Alan Pettigrew.

Members of the public - present to voice concerns about the proposed wind farm at Rammerscales.

Gill Duncan, Gill and Roman Korszanski, Gill Pettigrew, Margaret Vaughan, Piero Vetta. Malcolm Bell-McDonald from Rammerscales was also present to explain about the project

Apologies

Ian Collison, Graham Anderson, Anne Potts.
Cllr. Peter Diggle.

George Erskine took the Chair in the absence of Ian Collison.

Windfarm

Malcolm Bell-McDonald explained that:

- Airvolution came up with the idea and he is 99% sure that the project will not succeed. He showed the new sites of the turbines. Some felling mitigation to replace sitka trees. A substation will be situated near the existing hydro dam.
- There will be a long run-in period before anything happens.

Comments from members of the public:

- A consultation session was not arranged in Royal Four Towns, and the fact that consultation is only in the afternoon.
- All encouraged to attend consultations at Torthorwald and Lochmaben on 5th November, 1-5pm.
- The wind farm adds to the industrialisation of the area (Cheese Factory, wind farms at Minsca, Harestanes, Dalswinton etc.).
- Concern about disruption to the area during the 18 months of installation.

Other outcomes:

- Airvolution to be asked to have evening consultation(s).
- Public meeting to be arranged for people to protest about the project. Stephen Thompson to be asked for advice.
- To be brought up at next Federation Meeting.

Members of the public left the meeting.

Minutes of last Meeting (postponed from 16th Oct)

Approved prop by GE sec by FS. Signed by chairman.

Matters arising

Upgrade of local broadband (IC) through Minsca Grant. No progress.

Local Councillor's Report

None.

Treasurer's Report

None.

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Correspondence

None.

Other meetings

A&E Federation of CCs 11th Sept.: a member of D&G Council explained about the Data Protection Act and what it entails. The current treasurer is not effective and there will be an investigation into the situation.

Planning Applications

None.

Wind Farms

Bus shelter (Minsca): GA is in the process of replacing windows. FS to check if they can be paid out of the 2014 payment.

Harestanes: no further updates.

Rammerscales (proposed):

Access Group

No report.

RFT website (www.royalfourtowns.com)

GA is dealing with this with assistance from Andrew Case.

AOCB

None.

Next Meeting

Thursday 27th November 2014, at 7.30pm

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