

THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on
Thursday 31st January at 7.30pm
in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall

Those Present

George Erskine, Freda Seddon, Graham Anderson.
PC John Cowan.
Cllr. Peter Diggle.

Apologies

Ian Collison, Anne Potts, Jenny Campbell, Lisa Newbould.
Cllr. Stephen Thompson.

Minutes of last Meeting 13/12/2012

Correction. GA was not present at the meeting.
Minutes of the meeting not adopted as no two members present were at this meeting.
To be adopted at the next RFT CC meeting.

Action
By

Matters arising

None.

Police Report

Heating oil thefts from Mossburn and Rashiebriggs area. Heating oil, diesel and power tools are being targeted by thieves. GE pointed out that the local top-up scheme means that people have full tanks. Police request that the public are vigilant and report strange car numbers etc. Local detection rate 73%.
Fatal road accident at Beattock.
Fatal farm accident at Moffat.
Fatal accident on A709 near Lochmaben.

Local Councillor's Report

Recycling: D & G Council would be breaking the law if it does not comply with legislation from the Scottish Government, which was initiated in European law..
Playpark equipment: Peter Diggle will check on the situation, which in Hightae (among other play parks) was reported in the local press as unsafe and will be removed.

PD

Treasurer's Report

No change to amount in the bank accounts.
GA has submitted the CC grant application to D & G Council.

Planning Applications

None.

Correspondence Received

Letter from Alison Fergusson re adoption of CC Constitution: this has been dealt with.
4th Periodic Review of CCs begins in Jan 2013. Notices of Public consultations will be in local press.

Re-cycling: letter of reply to request from RFT CC for more information. Annandale will not be affected until 2015, when multiple re-cycling bins will be allocated to each household. See also Cllr. Diggle's report above.

Scottish Water meeting: now to be held on Weds 14th March, 5.30pm Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries. The meeting is to discuss SW performance and future plans.

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Correspondence Received (contd).

Emails forwarded to RFT C Cllrs: consultations on Criminal Justice, Draft Strategic Police Plan and Local Development Plan.

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All**

Adoption of CC Constitution

FS to send minutes of this meeting to Alison Fergusson to confirm that the CC Constitution was unanimously adopted at the meeting on 8th October (1st after election). This was not made clear in the minutes of that meeting.

FS

Reports from Other Meetings

CC Information evenings: FS and GE attended and found the evenings useful.

Planning Training by Planning Aid (Wednesday 30th Jan): FS attended and found the training useful and informative.

4th Periodic Review

This is to be included as a standing item on the Agenda for next 12 months. (Request from Alison Fergusson).

Community Councillors should read the documents – Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils and Code of Conduct and let RFT CC know of any issues. Let FS know if you do not have these documents.

All

Access Group

Next walk: Sunday 3rd Feb, 1.30pm. Calflea Bridge, Kinninghill, Castle mains, Marlake and return via Hightae Moss.

Windfarm Community Fund

RFT Website: IC has received a price of £1500.00 from web builder Andrew Case, who owns a business called Tourism Doctor. He built the website for the Southern Upland Way. IC suggests that we need to develop ideas for content, including young peoples' input. Four members, including the junior member, to receive training on updating the site. This will be included in the total cost.

**IC +
other
Cllrs**

AOCB

Street lights: Peter Diggle will investigate why they are on day and night. GA and FS have also reported them.

Proposed community purchase of Castle Loch: Hightae Mill Loch has been sold but local organisations have shown interest in a community bid for Casle Loch.

Potholes between Calflea Bridge and Greenhill: Peter Diggle will report this and others in this area.

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Display cabinets: these are in need of repair. GA will look at them.

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GA