

THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of an EGM held on
Thursday 10th December 2015 at 7.30pm
In the kitchen of the RFT Hall.**

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1. Those present

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

2. Apologies

Ian Collison, George Erskine, Lisa Newbould.

Councillor Peter Diggle.

3. Adoption of the Constitution for Community Councils

Adopted unanimously by those present. Signed by Chairman and Vice Chairman.
ST took the signed form and will return it to Alison Fergusson.

4. Drawing up Standing Orders in terms of Section 3 of the Scheme.

Unanimously agreed that no change required to present arrangements, but please note that items on the agenda are now numbered.

5. AOCB

None.

Meeting closed.

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held on
Thursday 10th December 2015 following the EGM
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1. Minutes of last Meetings

First Meeting following the Election: minutes accepted as correct, proposed by GA, seconded by DM and signed by the chairman.

Informal meeting: minutes accepted as correct, proposed by DM, seconded by GA and signed by the chairman.

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2. Matters Arising

Cllr. ST has emailed details of DGC insurance for community councils.

3. Treasurers Report

Bank a/c: £9,504.36.

Cheque signatories: to remain the same – GA, GE, and FS.

Website costs: £180 annually + £50 for work to alternate annually with £50 for hosting (i.e. £230 annually). Invoices from Andrew Case will be required for DGC administration.

4. Police Report

None.

5. Local Councillor's Report (ST)

Bad weather: DGC community resilience team was happy with response from CC resilience contacts.

B7020: the sign at foot of School Road was obscured but has been re-sited.

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Local Councillor's Report Contd.

Accidents on B7020 at Castle Loch bends: there have been no casualties but there have been 10/11 incidents of cars going into the field or Castle Loch land. The police and DGC will address problem, which should be a priority case regarding DGC finance.

FS and SC will write to the Chief Executive of DGC for a solution, and let other CCs see the letter before it is sent.

School Road drainage: water runs over the road at Blackknowe. Remedial work will be added to the DGC programme.

Pylons: Scottish Power have to justify need for bigger pylons; undergrounding and crossing Solway Firth (Unersea?) to be considered as alternatives.

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6. Role of Community Council (SC)

Presently the CC uses the website, newsletters, and the Welcome Pack to raise awareness in the local community.

An Awareness Event was suggested by DM and there was unanimous approval. JM suggested knocking on doors to let people know about the event.

DM will inform those CCs not at the meeting, by email, and a date to be arranged early in 2016. FS suggested that an illustrated talk on Castle Loch would attract residents, as RFT is a member settlement in the Community Buy-out.

DM

7. Correspondence

Received: Amendments to Scheme – 2 copies received with a response form which FS will complete and return, with the only comment that imposed sanction/suspension should be at the discretion of the community council, as the seriousness of the complaint needs to be considered.

Emails sent:

Area Committee meeting: next on Weds 21st Oct.

Community Empowerment: FS completed this as an RFT CC.

Safety Survey from Community Safety Team: Survey Monkey completed by FS (ends December 2015). =.

SEPA Flood Warning registration: FS registered on behalf of RFT CC.

FS

8. Reports from Other meetings

A&E Fedn meeting 26/11/2015: FM attended and her report is available on request.

9. Planning Applications

Moss Knowe, Hightae: new stable block. 15/P/4/0245

Telecommunications Cabinet on B7020: 15/C/4/0081. The meeting noted that this is sited in a vulnerable site. ST will report to the planning dept..

Mossgrove: retrospective application for temporary siting of residential caravan associated with dwelling house (planning approved). 15/P/4/0241.

ST

10. Wind Farms

Hartwood Hill: Airvolution have withdrawn their application.

11. Access/Footpaths

A site meeting was held on 06/09/2015, attended by JM, DMc, SC, FS. James Marshall (Barshill) will carry out the work at the end of 2015 or early 2016, weather permitting.

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12. AOCB

Flooding: Steven Wyllie would like to hold a de-briefing meeting with CCs
It was agreed that representatives should attend an evening meeting, which can
be in the DGC 'bunker'. FS to arrange with SW.

National Resilience Centre: ST reported that this is to be established at the
Crichton.

War Memorial garden: GA has planted bulbs and will supply grass seed etc. GA
to be re-imbursed when he has costed his materials.

Smallholmburn Farm: a new livestock building with underground slurry pit has
been erected and there is concern whether planning permission has been
obtained. DM to check with Laura Anderson and enquire through CES.

Road through village to Millriggs: the hedge is overgrown, causing a narrowing
of the road. The tenant is responsible. ST will consult DGC about the issue.

Potholes: these are opening up again and the channel on Greenhill Road is getting
worse. ST will report and FS will report to CES.

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Date of Next Meeting
January 21st 2016
7.30pm in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall