

Royal Four Towns Community Council
Minutes of a Meeting held at
7.30pm on Thursday 1st March
In the Kitchen, RFT Hall

Those present

George Erskine, Anne Potts, Graham Anderson Freda Seddon, Jenny Campbell.
Junior member Jackie Burgess. New Junior member Sean Murray
Councillor Michael Dickie.
PC John Cowan.

Apologies

Ian Collison.

Minutes of last Meeting

Approved Proposed by Anne Potts, seconded by Jackie Burgess.

Matters arising

Grit bins: none yet supplied. AP spoke to Steven Wylie and completed a form to claim bins for Beechview, Dykehead and School Road.

Dog bin: AP has reminded Bryce Kelly about a dog bin on School Road.

Police Report

Crime detection rate for Lockerbie Section is 75%.

One reported crime in Hightae smashed car window on High Road.

Farm thefts: quad bikes etc., being stolen from farm buildings and farm stock from fields.

Members of the public are asked to report anything suspicious so that crime can be investigated.
Use 0845 6005701.

Bogus callers: Deterrent 'no cold caller zones' for certain streets etc.

Neighbourhood Watch: JC is trying to re-start the scheme but several areas have no co-ordinator.

The use of text alerts is being investigated. AP will ask PC Ian Brownrigg for further information.
MD reported that youngsters from Lochmaben and Lockerbie are going to Moffat to drink.

Treasurer's Report

The annual Council Grant of £574.25 has been received.

Bank a/c is now £7765.79 (include money for the bus shelter).

Bills to come:

John Peacock for cutting play park.

The play park needs rolling by the farmer concerned after his cattle trampled the field . GA will deal with this.

Plants for Greenhill and Hightae: £80 is usually donated but the committee agreed to make the grant £100.00 because the council will provide fewer flowers.

GA and others will help Joan Chadwick this year.

Hall donation in lieu of rent: approx. £80.00.

Local Councillor's Report

Council Budget:

£1million set aside for apprenticeships for young people.

D & G College is trying to reinstate training for youngsters e.g. building skills.

Roads: more money has been set aside for roads.

Local Community Initiatives: have to re-apply for funding.

Flowers: fewer to be planted this year.

Police and Fire Service single force: this will be a second rate service and will cost a lot to set up.

Lockerbie Master Plan: scheme to regenerate the town and businesses – to promote the town.

Castle Loch: SEPA has agreed to weed removal at Vallison Burn. This will lower the level of the Loch and allow water to flow out more freely.

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Planning Applications

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Correspondence Received

Independent Living Support: official launch on 4th April.

NHS D&G: information leaflet about plans for a new hospital.

A & E Community Customer Services: consultation launch on affordable rented housing (questionnaire).

D & G Road Safety Partnership: Executive summary of plan for 2011-2014.

Loreburn Housing Newsletter.

Empowering People Plus Project: to be left for the RFT Golden Years Club.

Harestanes Windfarm: GE received correspondence and RFT may be eligible for grant.

Administered by a Trust (Moffat and District Community Initiative) with £10 fee. MD advised RFT to sign up. Committee agreed and GE will sign the form and send with a cheque from the Treasurer.

Access Group

FS summarised future walks and gave an update on local footpaths.

Reports from Other Meetings

None

Bus Shelter

FS has received the invoice but the Council has VAT at 20% instead of the 17.5% promised (pre Jan 2011 rate). MD will take this up with the Council.

MD

Junior Members

Sean Murray was welcomed onto the Community Council as a new member.

AOCB

A& E Federation of Community Councils: next meeting is on 8th March, 7pm at the Richard Greenhowe Centre, Gretna.

Flood mitigation in Hightae: FS was asked about this by Malcolm Wade. FS emailed Paul Hendy and his reply and one from Brian Templeton have been forwarded to Malcolm. It appears that there is no Hightae Flood Prevention Scheme. 'Home owners should take responsibility for protecting their own properties against flooding'.

Re-cycling: JC queried D&G being second bottom regarding re-cycling. MD explained that the Eco Deco plant allows D&G Council to recycle 50% of refuse. Pellets go ScotGen plant at next Curries roundabout to be used as fuel. However, materials are not recycled per se.

B7020 at Millriggs: Margo Burns asked AP about state of the road and wishes to get up a petition. She is welcome to do so. MD will take the issue up with the council. AP will contact Mark Simpson.

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Date of Next Meeting
Thursday April 12th at 7.30pm
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall