

THE ROYAL FOUR TOWNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on
Thursday 14th March 2013, at 7.30pm
in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall**

Those Present

Ian Collison, Anne Potts, Freda Seddon, Jenny Campbell, George Erskine, Lisa Newbould,
Junior member Sean Murray.

David Gemmel, representing Barry Woods, has been invited to attend to give information
about Hightae Mill Loch.

Apologies

Graham Anderson.
Cllr. Peter Diggle

Minutes of last Meeting

Accepted as correct, proposed by GE, seconded by FS.
Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2012 adopted (proposed by IC,
seconded by AP) and signed by IC.

**Action
By**

Matters arising

Street lights on Low Road still on. To be reported and Cllr. PD to be informed.

FS

Hightae Mill Loch

Recently bought by Barry Woods who lives in California but has a long term
association with this area, including fishing on Hightae Mill Loch.. BW will be in
this area on 22/03/2013.

Boat shed to be demolished and replaced.

Owner has started to construct a road to remove the boat shed but has had to apply
for planning permission to continue with the construction.

Pedestrian access will be maintained to loch – N.B Scottish Access law.

B W wishes to eventually connect the path to the Castle Loch path.

The Sulwath project, funded by the Heritage Lottery, saw an area of trees cleared and
replanted but ash trees which have been planted may be susceptible to die-back (note
that young trees are not considered vulnerable). Some conifers have been retained
for red squirrels.

AP to email the owner to thank him for providing the information.

AP

Police Report

None.

JC expressed concern about oil thefts (reported in police rep at last meeting) Everyone to be
vigilant.

Local Councillor's Report

None.

Treasurer's Report

None.

Planning Applications

Hightae Mill Loch forest maintenance track.

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Correspondence Received

Emails received by secretary have been forwarded to CCs.

Data protection: we have previously registered for this and D&G Council have paid the fee of £35.00 and deducted it from the grant, but now CCs must do it themselves. AP to fill in forms and apply for current year.

Community resilience training: Mon 25th (IC will attend), Weds 27th (GE and FS will attend).

Annandale North Ward Forum: to be held by elected members on Tues 24th May. Send issues before date of meeting.

Local surgeries: letter from MP David Mundell.

Winter resilience (grit bins): our application of Jan 2012 was overlooked. AP will contact the council and suggest that those requiring grit bins should apply for themselves (5 people must 'adopt' each bin).

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Reports from Other Meetings

None.

4th Periodic Review

All changes approved by RFT community councillors.

Access Group

Next walk: Sunday 17th March, 3.30pm from RFT Hall CP to Thai Orchid, Dalton.

Last walk: 6 walkers.

Ashrood to Acorn Villa: Andy Callander has offered to clear ditches but has yet to give a quote.

Windfarm Community Fund

IC and FS completed forms. IC gave CCs copies of ideas for headings.

The application has to be in by mid April. IC is still awaiting a quote to accompany the forms.

AOCB

Anne Key has enquired about seats on village green. FS to ask hall committee about new seats.

FS explained about the Community bid for Castle Loch. No objections were raised. IC has complaints about the work recently done by Scottish Water, e.g. signage, water cut off, road left in muddy state. Hedge at Beechview was destroyed. IC to write letter of complaint from RFT CC.

Dates of next meetings: all on Thursdays.

April 25th June 13th July 25th (AGM)

September 5th October 17th November 28th

January 9th 2014.

FS

IC

Next Meeting
Thursday 25th April, 7.30pm
In the kitchen of the RFT Hall.