

Royal Four Towns Community Council
Meeting Held on Thursday 12th October 2017 at 7.30pm
In the Kitchen of the RFT Hall
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Those Present

James Marshall (Vice Chairman), Graham Anderson (Treasurer), Freda Seddon (Minutes), Stuart Bowe (CCES), David McEwan, George Erskine.

Apologies

Megan McCullough.

In attendance

Cllr. Stephen Thompson.

PC David Irons.

Cathy Robinson.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice-chairman.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted with one correction; George Erskine was not present but had given his apologies.

Proposed by Stuart Bowe, seconded by Graham Anderson and signed by the Vice chairman.

**Action
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Matters Arising

None

2. Police Report

There were only three recent incidents in this police area.

New legislation regarding child seat belts: police are concerned that parents are not using the correct restraints. The website www.goodeggsafety.com gives good information.

Action 'Counter terrorism': 'Run hide and tell' is advice to everyone, esp. youngsters.

Report incidents, do not stay to film them. Parents should listen to their children's fears/reports and contact the police if necessary.

3. Local Councillors' Report (Stephen Thompson)

Water running onto School Road at Blackknowe: the ditch has been cleaned and a new pipe inserted.

On the B7020 at Dormont a blocked culvert is causing water to run onto the road. This, and mud left on roads by farmers will be reported by Cllr. Thompson and also by SB to the CCES, although this facility does not always work. Issues can also be reported on the DGC website.

Lochmaben Hospital has had improvements and there is to be an Open Day – ST will send the details when available.

ST, SB

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4. Co-option of New Community Councillor

Cathy Robinson, Appletree Cottage, High Road, Hightae, DG11 1JN.

Proposed by CCr Freda Seddon, Hill-Bryde, Hightae, DG11 1JN.

Elected unanimously – Cathy will provide her electoral roll number.

CR

5. Care Home

As agreed at the last meeting, RFT CC sent a letter to Radical Services, Care Inspectorate, Chief Social Work Officer, Local Councillors and owner of Dala. FS also took the letter to the Manager of the Care Home.

David McEwan received correspondence from the Care Inspectorate regarding his complaint, which was upheld. Apparently the staff at Dala have been misled about the background of some children and Radical Services must make sure only children suitable for this area are housed there. FS also received letters from the Care Inspectorate, and a leaflet with information in case of future complaints.

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6. Treasurers Report

A/c Balance: £1832.66.

Receipts: £470.60 Discretionary Grant from DGC.

New balance: £2303.26.

£100 for attending A&E Federation meetings not yet received. GA will send in Minutes of Federation meetings attended by FS.

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7. Wind Farm Grants/ Footpaths

Thanks to John Robson for cutting the Meadow FP.

Margo Burns suggests we use some windfarm money to keep the FP from Calflea Bridge to the river clear but it was agreed that this is the responsibility of the RFT Fishing Commissioners.

There was a discussion about strimming the footpath across Hightae Meadow and the Acorn Villa footpath. To be progressed at the next meeting.

8. Correspondence

Emails sent: weekly road reports including closure of the A709 from 14th to 20th October; Community Safety Team Day of Action – + second email with details of venues.

Received: Dates of Area Committees.

9. Reports from Other Meetings

Community Engagement Evening: attended by GA and FS. Sparsely attended. Gave the opportunity for discussions with DGC officers.

10. Planning Applications

None relevant.

11. Community Councils/ CCES

Thanks to SB for reporting potholes and other issues, including the bin removed from Calflea Bridge. FS has put a sign asking people to put rubbish in nearest bins in Hightae or Greenhill.

DGC has undertaken to replace the bin.

12. Resilience Plan

Some updates completed and more progress to be made at the next meeting.

13. Chairman

James Marshall, currently Vice Chairman, agreed to become Chairman and was unanimously elected.

A Vice-chairperson will be appointed at the next meeting.

14. Welcome Pack

Holland Bush Cottage will soon have new residents.

FS

15. AOCB

Bus shelter – windows scratched again – no obscenities, just ‘love heart’ etc.

Danny Key will shortly start to build on land opposite Hill-Bryde. Parking there is not advisable in case access is required by owner/builder.

A bench beside the well is rotten and will be removed by GA. The plaque will be re-mounted nearby.

GA

Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 30th November 2017
7.30pm in the Kitchen of the RFT Hall