

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
Held on 23 May 2016 in Silloth Community Hall

Present:- Cllrs. A.J. Markley, J. Cook, A. Emmerson, C. Graham, D. Graham, O. Martin, G. Wilkinson & D. Pattinson. Also present: Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

42.	Apologies Cllrs. I. Baty & M. Orchard.	
43.	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 26 May 2015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
44.	Annual Town Report The Town Clerk was thanked for putting the document together. It was questioned why the amount included for salaries and wages in the 2017/18 budget had been reduced compared to the previous year. The Silloth Green project has come to an end and therefore the Community Engagement Officer and Park Warden contracts have also come to an end. £10,000 was included in the budget for Silloth Green to cover any further improvements and increase in costs.	
45.	Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2016 The Accounts were received and noted.	
46.	Matters of Interest A referendum is being held in a month to decide whether Britain should leave or remain in the European Union. It was questioned whether a meeting could be arranged to explain the pros and cons for being in the EU. The Town Council are non-political and this is not something we can really get involved with. It would be difficult to get the relevant people together at such a late stage. The decision on how to vote is down to each individual. It was questioned if there was any further information about the future of the Skinburness Hotel. It is a private company who owns the building. It was to be auctioned but heard that it had been withdrawn. Silloth Tigers should be congratulated for staying up and the new lighting on the Green is excellent. Pavement near the telephone box next to the Community Garden is in need of attention as the pavement is uneven and lifting possibly due to roots. Every time Cumbria County Council want to do work to trees they have to apply to Allerdale Borough Council as it is a conservation area. A letter has gone from the Town Council to ask Allerdale for the conservation area to be reviewed. Bus shelters – Eden Street bus shelter is a disgrace and needs painted. Item to be included on the next Agenda as it could be wrapped or painted by the schools. Weeds along the edge of the footpath to Barracks Bridge need sprayed. New paving opposite the Good Companions needs cleaned. Pagoda – new security is going to be put in place. Camera is to be installed and also a mosquito device. Weeds outside the Community Hall need cleared and the tarmac pressure washed. It was questioned what the public’s perception is of Britain in Bloom. There has been a good response from local businesses, with 76 baskets and tubs ordered which are being delivered in June. Only 3 representatives from Cumbria are in the Britain in Bloom finals. Dalston – Small Village, Kendal – Small Town and Silloth – Small coastal town. Pagoda needs cleaned up. Playing field wall is in need of attention. Trees at the corner of the playing field opposite the Albion – some branches are hanging	

	<p>over the footpath and looks untidy.</p> <p>The work done to the corner opposite the Albion by Stanwix is a great improvement.</p> <p>The work to the shelter up Skinburness has been finished and now needs to be painted.</p> <p>Grounds maintenance team will paint the building and the windows will then be glazed.</p> <p>Signs have been ordered for 'No overnight parking' for the car park up Skinburness.</p> <p>Bathing water sign at Skinburness looks as though it needs replaced. Cllr. Martin will pass it on to Joe Broomfield.</p>	
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