

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5 December 2016 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present: A. J. Markley (AJM) – Chairman

Councillors

J. Cook (JC), W. Jefferson (WJ), O. Martin (OM), C. Graham (CG), D. Graham (DG), A. Emmerson (AE),
 I. Baty (IB), D. Pattinson (DP), S. Graham (SG) & G. Wilkinson (GW).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ) & Ken Wannop – Park Manager (KW) & PCSO Nichol.

208.	Apologies Cllr. M. Orchard	
209.	Declarations of Interest As recorded. Cllrs. Wilkinson & Markley also declared an interest in relation to Workington Transport Heritage Trust.	
210.	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for items 25, 27, 28 & 16 on the Agenda.	
211.	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman gave a report on the various events he had attended over the last month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance Day service at Christ Church • Civic Service at Carlisle Cathedral • Ken Bowe's funeral, who was a former Mayor of Silloth • Prize Giving at Solway Community Technology College • Christmas Lights Switch On event The Mayor received notification that the Maryport/Silloth bus service will be coming to an end on 28 January due to a lack of use. Cumbria County Council are currently liaising with other operators to see if there is any interest.	
212.	Minutes After some minor amendments, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 November 2016 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
213.	Police Report PCSO Peter Nichol gave a report on recent incidents of crime. A full report will be emailed and circulated to members of the Council when received. Silloth will be getting a second PCSO shortly which is welcome news.	
214.	Adjournment of Meeting There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
215.	Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) CALC - Copy of letter sent on behalf of Cumbrian parish councils regarding the revised time frame of the formal consultation on the North West Coast Connections project. A lot of consultations have taken place but CALC are seeking an extension to the deadline. The pylons will follow the existing route and will not really affect Silloth. b) Email from David Lawson regarding the lack of any proper cycle parking facilities in the town. Philip Groom at Cumbria County Council had offered to provide the Council with some cycle racks but the funding has been reallocated and used to install some dropped kerbs instead. The cycle route will be extended between Allonby & Silloth as part of the Coastal Community 	

	<p>bid, at which point cycle racks will be installed. Reply to be sent to Mr Lawson.</p> <p>c) Email from Tracey Wood asking if the road down to the allotments can be levelled off with gravel/hard core. Ken to look into it to see what can be done.</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>KW</p>
216.	<p>Planning Applications The Town Council have approved the following:- Ref No: 2/2016/0675 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Wickham Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing detached garage and outhouse, new detached timber framed lodge building to provide granny annex Location: The Anville, Blitterlees, Silloth Ref No: 2/2016/0688 Applicant: Mr C Root Proposal: Outline application for residential development of 9 dwellings (resubmission application 2/2016/0018) Location: Chichester Hall, Dicktrod Lane, Skinburness, Silloth Ref No: 2/2016/0713 Applicant: The Co-operative Food Proposal: Advertisement consent for 2 x illuminated fascia signs, an illuminated hanging sign and small vinyl Location: Co-operative Retail Services Ltd, Caldew Street, Silloth</p> <p>Allerdale Borough Council have approved the following:- Ref No: HOU/2016/0022 Applicant: Mr F Scott Proposal: Front extension Location: Beech House, Blitterlees, Silloth Ref No: 2/2016/0581 Applicant: Richard Story Proposal: Three bedroom dwelling Location: Proposed dwelling – Rear of Skinburness Road, Silloth</p> <p>It was questioned whether the Town Council's comments were taken into consideration by Allerdale when the decision was made to approve the application by Mr Story. The height of the building was a concern. There has been a lot of top soil brought to the site to raise the level of the ground. Letter to be sent to Allerdale to clarify the number of buildings that are to be built, as it looks as though drainage is being put in for four properties rather than three. The distance of the nearest building to East Cote Cottage which is a Grade II Listed building was a concern. Allerdale are aware of the need to protect Listed buildings and Cllr Jefferson confirmed that Allerdale's officer has said the distance away from East Cote Cottage was sufficient.</p>	<p>WEJ</p>
217.	<p>Committee Reports The Town Council considered and noted the minutes of the Allotment committee meeting held on 22 November 2016.</p>	
218.	<p>Licences None.</p>	
219.	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted. Primary School – Cllr. Markley is no longer a school governor. Cllr. Martin is to be the Council's representative, as he is going to become a governor. Joint Advisory Body – Annual joint meeting with the Solway Firth Partnership has taken place which was well attended, with 130 people there. Interested in supporting the Solway Military Trail plans. STAG – Helped with the Christmas Lights Switch On event. Thanks were given to Ken and the lads for helping put the lights. Kids had been up on the roof of the toilets within hours of putting the lights up but anti-vandal paint has been used to deter them. Sea Dyke Charity – no meeting. Longcake Education Foundation – no meeting. Solway Community Technology College – OFSTED report is not out officially yet. Peter McCall the Police & Crime Commissioner attended the prize giving ceremony and commented on how friendly the school was. Sports Hall – no report. Friends of the Green – no meeting.</p>	

	<p>Sports Association – no meeting.</p> <p>Silloth Coastal Community Team – Brian Irving has been working hard to put the bid in for funding and has met the deadline. £10k funding has been put in by Cllr. Jefferson to help with the bid.</p> <p>Cumbria in Bloom – The Council will talk about whether to host the awards ceremony and take part in the Cumbria in Bloom competition when considering the budget. Cllr. C. Graham has spoken to Mr Cueto at the Golf Hotel, who would be happy to host the event and is willing to come to some sort of deal on costs. The new port manager is keen to help in the future.</p>	
220.	<p>Allerdale & County Council Reports</p> <p>RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Allerdale and County Councillors be noted.</p> <p>Allerdale – Cllr. Cook thanked Cllr. Jefferson for putting funding into Coastal Community bid. The new Heritage Strategy has not gone out to all Allerdale Cllrs. The priority was to get the Coastal Community bid together for 5 December which Brian has been working on.</p> <p>County Council – Success regime is still under consultation. County Council are currently considering the budget. Tony Travers from London School of Economics has been up to advise. The County Council has lost its case against Amey which could potentially cost £12-14m. Tony has spoken to a guy who is wanting to do canoeing across the Solway which may be interesting.</p>	
221.	<p>Park Manager’s Report</p> <p>A written report was provided by the Park Manager on work done over the last month. A gate has been put across the bottom entrance to the allotments and a fence will be put down the bank following the shortest route. Play area – undercoating has been done but the weather has prevented the painting of the play equipment. Ken was thanked for salting the pavements when the weather turned frosty.</p>	
222.	<p>Town Clerk’s Report</p> <p>The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting.</p>	
223.	<p>Applications for financial assistance</p> <p>Workington Transport Heritage Trust – Application received to support the provision of a free 2 hourly bus on Boxing Day. It was questioned whether it would be worth it in light of the lack of usage of the regular bus service. It will be advertised locally and would be well used. Passengers can give a donation, as they can’t charge as it is not a registered service. RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be provided.</p>	
224.	<p>Applications for events</p> <p>No applications received.</p>	
225.	<p>Memorial</p> <p>Following an email from Pamela Spooner, the Town Council considered a request for some sort of memorial in Silloth for the 4 men who lost their lives 60 years ago. A memorial service is to take place on Saturday 10th December which has been organised by the RNLI. There is a national memorial down in Poole. The Town Council are in favour of a permanent memorial which could be some sort of statue, cairn or lectern perhaps sited near the Lifeboat Station. The families would need to be consulted on such memorial. Email to be sent to Pamela Spooner to ask for her thoughts on the matter.</p>	WEJ
226.	<p>Youth Shelter</p> <p>A meeting took place on 21 November with Clare Stabler from the Friday night club, Town Cllrs., Jennifer Rowlands from the school and PCSO Nichol to discuss the provision of a youth shelter. It was suggested that a shelter could be sited near the RNLI station which would be accessible, visible to the Police, multipurpose and could be lit from the toilet block. This location may be too remote and the BMX track could be an alternative. There are different kids coming up now. There needs to be a further meeting with Clare, as there are reservations about a youth shelter. Email to be sent to</p>	WEJ

	Clare and bring it back to a future meeting.	
227.	Charging Points for Electric Cars Cllr. Emmerson is waiting for someone to come back to him with information.	AE
228.	Review of Suppliers Cllr. Martin suggested that the Council consider a review of the current suppliers, due to the current financial climate, to see what savings can be made. The Clerk provided a list of suppliers which was considered by the Council. Three estimates are obtained for expenditure over £1,000. The Clerk and Park Manager always seek the best prices for ongoing costs. Electricity suppliers have recently been reviewed and changed to save money. Water is being deregulated in April of next year which could mean potential savings of up to 30%. Suppliers will be constantly reviewed.	
	<i>RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and that were instructed to withdraw.</i>	
229.	Payment of Accounts Vivian Russell has submitted a claim for expenses in relation to the Bee garden of £1781.80 and Britain in Bloom of £496.89, for items she has purchased over the last 12 months which was not anticipated by the Council. The Town Council feel that it is good value for money in terms of the awards that have been gained for the town but this cannot happen again. It was agreed that everything needs to be purchased through the Town Clerk and that no further payments will be refunded which needs to be made clear to Vivian. RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register report to 5 December 2016 which includes the expenses claim by Vivian Russell, be approved for payment.	
230.	Public Conveniences Costs for cleaning the public conveniences have been provided by David Bryden at Allerdale. From April next year the Town Council will be responsible for the cleaning, with Allerdale contributing to 50% of the costs (based on the costs from 2016/17). The Council may be able to employ someone locally to do the job and possibly take on additional work from elsewhere, to bring in additional income. RESOLVED that further consideration be given to it in the New Year.	
231.	2017/18 Budget The Clerk had produced a draft budget for 2017/18, together with a list of suggestions made at previous meetings, of items to be included in the budget which was considered by the Town Council. It was questioned whether provision of £2,500 would be included for STAG/Tourism. Members of the Council to look at the budget and bring it back in January for final consideration and setting of the Precept. The Council considered whether to continue in the Cumbria in Bloom competition. It is good for the Town and for Allerdale but it is important that everyone works as a team. There were a lot of positive comments last year and it was agreed that it is important to keep it going. RESOLVED that the town be entered in the Cumbria in Bloom competition and Cllr. Jefferson is authorised to go back to Colin Cheyne (Chair of Cumbria in Bloom) to see if we can still go for Britain in Bloom in 2017. There was also agreement from the Council for the town to host the Cumbria in Bloom Awards Ceremony in September which will be a privilege for the town.	WJ
232.	Community Asset Transfers & Sports Club Leases Email received from the solicitor to say that approval is required by Cabinet for the transfer of the extra piece of land and will be taken to the next meeting at which Community Asset Transfers are to be considered which will be 2 February 2017. This adds extra time to the process but will save on paperwork.	

233.	<p>Councillors Matters</p> <p>Playing field wall – Action still required.</p> <p>Harvest Park Estate – It looks as though one of the houses is occupied but the footpath has not been constructed which is contrary to the S106 agreement. Clerk to clarify the situation.</p> <p>Cllr. Cook attended the meeting at the Children’s Centre for the setting up of a working group to look at improving the healthy weight of children in the Silloth area.</p> <p>Memorial statue/seat to be included on the next Agenda – Cllr. Cook.</p>	WEJ
234.	<p>Quotations</p> <p>Security provision for the grounds maintenance yard</p> <p>A quotation of £2,598 + VAT was received from Shaun Bell Electrical for the provision of electrics to the new shed, led security light on PIR and the supply & install 2 x HD camera with recorder.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the quotation be accepted.</p>	WEJ
235.	<p>Amounts owing to the Town Council</p> <p>None.</p>	

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