

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 1 February 2016 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present A.J. Markley (AJM) – Chairman

Councillors

W. Jefferson (WJ), J. Cook (JC), I. Baty (IB), G. Wilkinson (GW), O. Martin (OM),
D. Pattinson (DP), A. Emmerson (AE).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), Anna Malina – Community Engagement Officer (AM),
Ken Wannop (Park Manager) & PCSO. Peter Nichol.

501	Apologies Cllrs. C. Graham, D. Graham, S. Graham & M. Orchard.	
502	Declarations of Interest As recorded.	
503	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for items 22, 23 & 24 on the Agenda.	
504	Chairman's Announcements The Mayor attended the Rotary Charter Night where there was an interesting discussion by the nation's dullest man about drains. He also attended the Wigton civic service and the Britain in Bloom seminar at Birmingham which was very informative.	
505	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11 January 2016 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
506	Police Report The Police Report was circulated to members of the Council and taken as read. There have been a few incidents of vandalism recently and anti-social behaviour. Kids need to take ownership which will reduce the number of incidents. PSCO Nichol is working with the school. The problem needs to be nipped in the bud early and kids spoken to, as well as their parents. The allotments have been broken into again. The Police will be monitoring the situation.	
507	Adjournment of Meeting There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
508	Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silloth-on-Solway Coastal Community Team – Copy of draft economic plan. The revised plan has now gone forward to Central Government and expect to hear from them in a month, with a general response. Looking to get funding of £1m for Silloth and a minimum of £1m for Maryport. Optimistic of positive results. There could also be a possibility of funding from FLAG. • Cumbria Highways – re: Speed of vehicles around Silloth. Letter from Philip Groom regarding issues raised about the speed of vehicles. Speed monitoring devices will be put in the Crofts and on Criffel Street in due course. • Emails from Bill James raising various points regarding the road closure at Dubmill point etc. Bill has attended various meetings with the MP and Karl Melville. Safety in paramount. Tony is now a co-ordinating point which has helped to speed things up. Allerdale and the County Council need to be working together on this, as Allerdale are 	

	<p>responsible for the sea defences and the County Council for the road. The biggest concern is keeping the road open. An unofficial Facebook page has been set up but information can be misleading. The sign at Blitterlees is faulty but is getting fixed. Further email to be sent to Karl Melville regarding arranging meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Paul Blake seeking permission to run a land train on both sides of the Green. The Town Council are happy for Mr Blake to run the land train across the Green. The route will be varied to avoid any damage. A copy of the Public liability insurance and risk assessment relating to the operation of the train will be required prior to commencement. Mr Blake will need to liaise with event organisers with regard to operating the train when there is an event on. • Email from Jimmy Lettice regarding the Rugby Club water supply. The rugby club pay rent for the ground on which the club is located and built the club building themselves. The Town Council are not responsible for the rugby club bills etc. RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the rugby club informing them of how the lease is set up and their responsibilities. It was questioned what Mr Lettice's role is within the rugby club and whether the committee are aware of the emails sent to the Council. Letter to be addressed to the Chairman, with copies of emails received. • Email from Amy Hoodless about the serious problem of dog fouling in front of her property and around the town. Allerdale to be asked to deal with the matter but they don't have the staff to deal with the issue. The responsibility to issue fixed penalties for dog fouling and littering is being delegated to local councils. RESOLVED that the public be asked for their views on the Town Council employing someone to undertake the role and look for funding. Also to ask for suggestions from the community on how to deal with the problem. Police can now take action. In some areas the mess is circled with fluorescent paint to highlight the issue but this wouldn't be advisable during the busy season. 	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>
509	Planning Applications None.	
510	Committee Reports a) Parks Committee held on 25 January 2016 – Minutes were circulated and noted. b) Allotment Committee held on 26 January 2016 – The Town Council agreed to the recommendations made by the allotment committee. Letters to be sent out to various allotment holders requesting that action be taken by 29 February, with NTQ to be issued to those who do not take action despite having previously received letters.	
511	Licences None.	
512	Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted.	
513	Allerdale & County Council Reports RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Allerdale and County Councillors be noted.	
514	Park Manager's Report The Park manager provided a list of work undertaken by the grounds maintenance team over the last month. Ken had looked at the fence running alongside the path behind the Station Road industrial estate which is in need of repair. The path is 90m long and to replace it with posts and wire will cost £350. It was agreed that the fence be replaced. The Clerk had received a call from Christine at the Youth Club asking if the Council had any funding available to enable them to repair damage to the Youth Club. There are no funds available until the next financial year but the Clerk suggested that the grounds maintenance team could undertake the repairs	

	and also paint the building in the Spring, when the weather permits which would help the Youth Club and would be minimal cost in terms of materials. The Town Council agreed to the suggestion.	
515	<p>Community Engagement Officer's Report</p> <p>a) Britain in Bloom Seminar – The seminar was really good. Silloth is 1 of 45 finalists out of 4000 towns and villages etc, so it is a huge accolade to have been chosen. Press release will go out next week. It was suggested that a Silloth in Bloom team be set up to take it forward and an action plan be put together. Silloth is late in getting started compared to other towns. The community and business community need to get involved. RESOLVED that a Parks Committee meeting be arranged for Monday 8 February to specifically discuss BiB.</p> <p>b) Interpretation – Pagoda panels have been redone with various amendments made following the last Parks committee meeting. The text on the panels will be 1 inch high. The panels were considered, discussed and agreed. Large printouts of the Bee/Rose Garden lecterns were available at the meeting. Vivian is in India at the moment but Anna is confident that no further amendments would be required.</p> <p>c) Education Section of Website – Anna is to write up something about sunsets and photography and will be writing up some lesson plans.</p> <p>d) eNewsletter – The eNewsletter is almost ready to go out.</p> <p>Anna and Cllr. Jefferson left the meeting.</p>	
516	<p>Town Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting. As soon as details of the location of services etc on the Green is obtained, a site meeting will be arranged to look at the location of the Victorian style lights. It was agreed to participate in the Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth on 14 March, with invitations to be sent to both schools. A new 'Community Hall' sign is to be obtained. Clerk to speak to Cllr. Jefferson to enquire whether the Silloth Airfield project plane cockpit and model can be stored at the Discovery Centre rather than in the Community Hall.</p>	
517	<p>Payment of Accounts</p> <p>RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register report to 1 February 2016 be approved for payment. A total refund of £3,850 has been received from Zurich Insurance for the damage to the hedge cutter, after the Clerk strongly objected to the initial offer of £636.62.</p>	
518	<p>Applications for financial assistance</p> <p>None.</p>	
519	<p>Applications for events</p> <p>The Town Council agreed to allow permission for the Football tours – kid's tournament which is to take place on Saturday April 30th and Sunday May 1st 2016. Application form has been submitted, along with a risk assessment. Up to date public liability insurance is required.</p>	
520	<p>Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons – 21st April 2016.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Queen's Birthday Beacons may be something the Rotary Club could progress with, as the club already has a beacon from a previous celebration. Information to be forwarded on to the Rotary Club.</p>	
521	<p>Memorial Bench</p> <p>A request has been received from Brenda Little from Carlisle for a memorial bench on the sea front. The Town Council agreed to allow permission for a bench.</p>	
	RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was	

	<i>advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and that were instructed to withdraw.</i>	
522	<p>Grass Cutting</p> <p>Allonby Parish Council requested a quotation from the Town Council for grass cutting. Ken and the Clerk had been through to Allonby to find out what was required. After some consideration it was decided not to submit a quotation due to the travelling involved and the potential damage to equipment caused by the large number of mole hills. It is hoped that the Council get the chance to do the grass cutting at the local schools again. There is also a possibility of submitting a price for grounds maintenance at the Fire station and the Children's Centre.</p>	
523	<p>Community Asset Transfers & Sports Club Lease</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
524	<p>Amounts owing to the Town Council</p> <p>Reminders have been sent to the Sports clubs for the annual rents. Rent is owing by the Rugby Club, Tennis Club and half of the Fitness Centre rent. Also rent owed by Fletchers Amusements.</p>	

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