

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 11 January 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), C. Graham (CG),
D. Graham (DG), S. Graham (SG), D. Pattinson (DP), A. Emmerson (AE) & M. Orchard (MO).

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

455	Apologies PCSO. Peter Nichol.	
456	Declarations of Interest As recorded. Cllr. J. Cook declared an interest in relation to the work to be done in the Pagoda.	
457	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for items 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28 on the Agenda.	
458	Chairman's Announcements The Mayor attended the Santa run before Christmas and visited various homes and kids. Flood sacks were received from Allerdale which were distributed to the town. Silloth was lucky to escape the flooding but sympathy goes to those who suffered. The town collected a lot of clothes and goods etc which were sent to those affected. Rotary Club and Inner Wheel raised between £3,000-£3,500 for flood victims. The Mayor attended a meeting on Saturday with MP Sue Hayman regarding a speed limit in the Crofts and received a certificate for the Guinness World Record for the largest human image of a bicycle. There are issues regarding the road being closed at Dubmill Point. The Mayor attended a meeting at the school with kids and had a presentation on paint balling. Kids were positive and were asked to form into groups. £500 has been given from the CCC pot via STAG to fund it. The Mayor will be attending a meeting tomorrow in London with Northern Rail as Cumbria is currently cut off.	
459	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 14 December 2015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
460	Police Report The Police Report was circulated to members of the Council and taken as read. It has been suggested that there is a need for a 20mph speed limit in the Crofts. RESOLVED that a request be sent to CCC for speed monitors to be put in the Crofts and around the town, to monitor the speed which has the support of MP Sue Hayman.	WEJ
461	Adjournment of Meeting There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	

462	<p>Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications</p> <p>RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbria County Council – Consultation on new Council plan, Budget Savings and new ways of working. All the savings proposals and further background are available at www.cumbria.gov.uk/budgetconsultation. Consultation will run until 22 January 2016. RESOLVED Cllrs. to send individual responses in. • Allerdale Borough Council – Consultation on its draft budget for 2016/17. Comments to be submitted before 14 January 2016. Online consultation can be accessed at https://cumbria.citizenspace.com/allerdale-borough-council/corporate-improvement-team-1/budget-consultation-2016-17. RESOLVED Cllrs. to send individual responses in. • Allerdale Borough Council – Proposal to remove Silloth (West Beach) from the list of designated bathing waters. Comments required by 20 January 2016. STAG and the business community etc are trying to get a meeting arranged to get a consensus together to respond. If de-designated there would be no further investments at meeting the requirements and trying to improve the water. The main issue is the safety of bathers due to the shifting sands etc. The water will not be sampled which runs the risk of other things being put into the water. Standards have been raised due to EU legislation with the main problems being due to run off from the land. It was felt that de-designation was the most appropriate solution. It was questioned how it fits in with the improvements proposed for access to the beach etc. If de-designated the work may be put back. If signs are put up it was suggested that United Utilities may be more inclined to get the work done to improve water quality. Cllrs. Markley, Cook and Jefferson received an assurance from the Chief Executive at Allerdale that pressure would still be put on to improve standards. 10 other beaches have been de-designated which includes Blackpool. A vote was taken to have the beach de-designated. Vote: 7 for, 4 against and 1 abstention. RESOLVED that a recommendation be sent from the Town Council for the West Beach to be removed from the list of designated bathing waters. • Email from Bruno Peek re: Cumbria and The Queen’s 90th Birthday Beacons – 21 April 2016. Also attached to the email is a guide to taking part which can be viewed at http://www.brunopeek.co.uk/Queens-90th-birthday-beacons.pdf RESOLVED that the Council would like to be involved and the Clerk obtain more information. 	<p>All Cllrs.</p> <p>All Cllrs.</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>
463	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Allerdale Borough Council have approved the following:-</p> <p>Ref No: 2/2015/0672 Proposal: Installation of a 250 kw solar array and associated inverters Location: Silloth Docks, Station Road, Silloth Applicant: Associated British Ports, Silloth</p> <p>Ref No: 2/2015/0662 Proposal: Listed building consent to fit garage door Location: 2 Park Terrace, Silloth Applicant: Mr John Morgan</p> <p>The Town Council have approved the following:-</p> <p>Ref No: 2/2015/0742 Proposal: Demolition of three silos and the erection of 6 new replacement silos with associated works Location: Caltech, Lawn Terrace, Silloth Applicant: Mr Kenneth Gay, Caltech Biotechnology</p>	
464	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>None.</p>	
465	<p>Licences</p> <p>None.</p>	
466	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</p> <p>RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted.</p>	
467	<p>Allerdale & County Council Reports</p>	

	RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Allerdale and County Councillors be noted.	
468	<p>Park Manager's Report</p> <p>The Park manager provided a list of work undertaken by the grounds maintenance team over the last month. A load of bark is needed to top up the levels in the play areas. Also a supply of paint to re-paint the play equipment. RMT Roofing will be attending to the repairs to the flashing on the roof of the Pagoda. Play area at West Silloth needs a tidy up. West Side Stories group is currently putting ideas together and getting prices. Mini digger to be hired to clear the Stiles footpath.</p>	
469	<p>Community Engagement Officer's Report</p> <p>a. Interpretation</p> <p>i) Pagoda Panels – vinyl panels are to be put on each side, above the recesses to depict what can be seen. Some small versions of the panels were shown to members of the Council.</p> <p>ii) Bee Garden Lecterns – the designer has just sent the first proof and the actual structures are being made.</p> <p>b. Education Section on Website – Article has been in the Cumberland News about the Heritage archive. Information has been added about Solway Woodcarvers and the storytelling chair. Lesson plans are being drawn up on bugs and butterflies and also photography over the Solway. Anna has kept Jane at HLF up to date.</p> <p>c. Education Flash Cards (Bees, Bugs and Butterflies) – Vivian has put together a lot of information about bugs and butterflies for the flash cards.</p> <p>d. Newsletter for Educational establishments – There are 380 schools and educational establishments. A structure is being put together for an electronic newsletter. Anna gave an outline of what will be included. The Newsletter was to be sent out by email but the information could be added to a portal where schools can access the information. Some could be printed in colour to put in the Tourist Information Centre.</p> <p>e. End of project – celebratory event – There is £1800 available in the budget for an end of project celebratory event which could be hosted in the school hall, with pop ups showing the project from start to finish. It would be good to combine the event with Green Day.</p>	
470	<p>Town Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting. Silloth First Responders have asked to use the Community Hall for training, meetings and as a base. Home Group is going to be holding fortnightly drop in sessions on a Friday starting this week. Meetings to be arranged for the Allotments Committee and Parks Committee.</p>	
471	<p>Payment of Accounts</p> <p>RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register report to 11 January 2016 be approved for payment.</p>	
472	<p>Applications for financial assistance</p> <p>The Town Council received a request for funding from the Wigton Baths Trust but were unable to support it due to a lack of funding.</p>	
473	<p>Applications for events</p> <p>The Town Council agreed to allow permission for the following events:-</p> <p>a) Silloth Green Day - 28th and 29th May 2016</p> <p>b) Carnival Day - 27th to 29th August 2016</p>	
474	<p>Closure of the coast road</p> <p>Following concerns raised by Mr Bill James at Bank Mill, Beckfoot, the Council considered what action could be taken regarding the closure of the coast road during periods of bad weather and high tides which is adversely affecting local businesses as a result. Cllr. Markley is now kept</p>	

	<p>informed as to when the road is to be closed and re-opened. If there is debris on the road it has to be closed and particularly when the tide is over the road, as a number of cars have been stuck. There are concerns about the effect on local businesses but safety has to be a priority. The main issue is when the lights are being left on when the road is passable. RESOLVED that a meeting be arranged with Karl Melville to see if the lights can be utilised more efficiently, to see what can be done and if the Town Council can assist in some way. To report back to the Town Council.</p>	<p>WEJ & AJM</p>
<p>475</p>	<p>Rose Garden – Costs According to the minutes from 1st December 2014 (minute 029), the cost of plants for the Rose Garden was going to be approximately £700 but the overall costs now amount to £6,778.90, with additional bills received today. It was questioned what further investment is going to be needed. A lot of materials have been stock piled to cover next year and therefore costs should be minimal. Silloth has been put forward for a national award for Britain in Bloom. 75% of the costs for the garden are covered by the HLF funding but costs need to be kept an eye on. The Bee Garden has put Silloth on the map and brings a whole new set of visitors to the town. It is educationally inspiring and Vivian has done a lot of talks to various groups, including the schools. It is also good for biodiversity. RESOLVED that the situation needs to be monitored.</p>	<p>WEJ</p>
	<p><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></p>	
<p>476</p>	<p>Silloth Green – Consultancy and Expert Advice Vivian Russell has sent proposals for the consultancy work in relation to the Rose/Bee Garden lecterns and the educational cards. The Council are in total support of all the voluntary work she has put in to the Bee garden. Her proposals for the lecterns and educational cards are a completely separate matter, where she is providing her expert knowledge and photographs of the bees and bugs etc. RESOLVED that the proposals received from Vivian for the consultancy and expert advice are agreed by the Council which will cost £950 for the Interpretation panels and £600 for the educational cards, subject to HLF approval.</p>	<p>WEJ</p>
<p>477</p>	<p>Fairground Rent Following a previous letter from Mr Fletcher, the Council considered whether the amount of rent 2015/16 for the fairground could be reduced. RESOLVED that as the figure has already been included in the budget for that year it could not be reduced but consideration would be given to reducing the charge for 2016/17 when the budget is considered later in the meeting.</p>	<p>WEJ</p>
<p>478</p>	<p>Silloth Green Project The Clerk produced an up to date financial summary for the Silloth Green project which showed the total spending to date and available funds to be spent before the end of the project which has now been extended to 30 April 2016. The cost of the Victorian style lighting has increased by £847.00, as the original quotation was received in the late summer and prices have gone up since then. Additional costs amounting to £658.26 for the Bee Garden are also to come off the remaining budget for Capital – Materials. £1,794.29 remains in the budget under Cost of Activities which can be used to cover the cost of a celebratory event to mark the end of the project. £1,875.98 remains in the Training budget to cover any additional training required by Councillors, staff or volunteers. £8,000 remains in the Consultancy and Expert Advice budget to cover the cost of consultancy work undertaken by Vivian and could also be used to cover additional wages for the Community Engagement Officer. Also £2,216.11 remaining to cover additional wages for the Park Warden. RESOLVED that the contracts for the Community Engagement Officer and Park Warden be extended to the end of April 2016, subject to the agreement of HLF regarding the use of the remaining funding.</p>	

