

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 13 April 2015 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

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

Councillors

S. Graham (SG), J. Cook (JC), G. Wilkinson (GW), W. Jefferson (WJ),
 C. Graham (CG), A. Emmerson (AE), M. Orchard (MO) & I. Baty.

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

156	Apologies for Absence None	
157	Declaration of Interest Cllr. A.J. Markley – re: Markley Transport, Carrs Coaches, County Council, Vintage Rally etc. Cllr. A. Emmerson – STAG & schools. Cllr. J. Cook – STAG. Cllr. C. Graham – STAG & SPAND.	
158	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for item 28 on the Agenda.	
159	Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman attended the Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth event and numerous other meetings etc. The Chairman suggested that a letter be sent to Silloth RUFC to acknowledge the success in	
160	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 2 March 2015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
161	Police Report Newsletter was circulated by email. There have been incidents involving gangs of youths recently. RESOLVED that email be sent to say that the Council understand the issues but urge that the Police keep vigilant on the matter.	WEJ
162	Rose Garden/Bee Garden Cllr. Jefferson provided some background to the situation with the Rose Garden. RESOLVED that a) Disabled access is not possible due to the gradient b) There will be maintenance access only to the garden – not for public use. To the left of the garden (at the car park side) a grass path will be created and a circular path within the garden. Access will also be allowed to youngsters (under the supervision of their teachers) who will be monitoring the bees etc. c) Slopes to be planted with a variety of bulbs, flowers etc d) The donor to be consulted on the selection of roses for the centre. HLF to fund additional plants required. e) Vivian can advise on types of roses. The Council are lucky to have her input. Ken to liaise with Vivian on plants with Anna & Wendy to assist. Need to go	

	<p>ahead asap.</p> <p>f) A mini Pagoda has been suggested as a design for the Bee Hotel May look at putting Silloth-on-Solway in flowers along the bank at a later date. The Bee Hotel will need to be managed once it is in place and it was agreed that Friends of the Green be allowed access to maintain it.</p> <p>It was agreed to move forward with the refurbishment of the Rose Garden which HLF are fully supportive of.</p>	
163	<p>Cumbria in Bloom 2015</p> <p>Cllr. C. Graham is the Town Council's representative on Cumbria in Bloom. Silloth is to go for the Coastal Town award again and It's your neighbourhood re: Community Garden. Application has been submitted to Green Flag for Bee loving garden. For the Green street award – could look at Liddell Street and the Hollow at a later date as it is a bigger project. Concentrate on commercial premises on Criffel Street this year and get other streets involved in future years. Residential properties on Criffel Street could also be encouraged to get involved. Cllr. C. Graham is happy to work with Don to businesses and residential properties involved.</p> <p>Amusement Arcade appearance – suggest talk to Blake's.</p> <p>Biodiversity – need more information to explain what we are doing in relation to biodiversity. Anna to look into it. Brian Irving should be able to help with biodiversity and the environment. Anna to work with Ken and AONB.</p> <p>Anna to continue to work with Friends of the Green and Volunteers.</p> <p>Colour in flower beds – Ken to look at whether additional colours can be included in the beds.</p> <p>RESOLVED that entries be submitted for the following categories:-</p> <p>a) Coastal Town Award b) Town Centre Award & c) In your Neighbourhood with special award for Community Garden and Rose Garden.</p>	<p>CG & DG</p> <p>AM & KW</p> <p>AM</p> <p>KW</p> <p>AM</p>
164	<p>Community Engagement Officer's Report</p> <p>Green Flag judge is coming next Monday 20 April at 1.00pm. Anna, Ken, Bill, Owen and Wendy to attend.</p> <p>Airfield project is well on track and moving ahead. Films are coming on, including the drama which is being done by the school.</p>	
165	<p>Adjournment of Meeting</p> <p>Vicky Hope attended the meeting and provided the Council with information about the proposed Fairy Day which is to take place on Silloth Green on Sun 9th August from 11am to 4pm. The necessary forms and risk assessment are to follow.</p>	
166	<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"> • Letter to be sent to David Wallace to thank him for everything he has done whilst serving on the Town Council. • Letter from Carole Swinburne expressing concerns about the entrance to the cemetery at Causewayhead. RESOLVED that letter be sent to Allerdale Borough Council. • Allerdale Borough Council – re: Footway lights at Blitterlees. Allerdale would like to be kept informed if any lights are removed and not replaced or removed and put back up on a new pole by ENW. Noted. • North West Ambulance Service – Details about the #Team999 campaign and offer of someone to attend a meeting. Noted. • Email from Mr Anthony Clark of Caldew Street in relation to the pruning of the tree outside his property. RESOLVED that response be sent suggesting he 	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>

	<p>contact Cumbria County Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from Vicky Hope about the possibility of bringing the tourist information office into The Emporium, as she is keen to offer this service to anyone coming into the town. It was a good idea but it would need more space. The Council are keen to keep things in one place and discussions are ongoing at the moment. RESOLVED that Allerdale be contacted to request that a selection of leaflets and information be provided within the town which could The Emporium. • Cumbria County Council – Consultation about the draft Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan. Comments to be received by Monday 11 May 2015. Cllrs. to send their individual comments. • Allerdale Borough Council – Management & Operation of markets in Allerdale. Allerdale are not in a position where the town centre market could be handed over to the Town Council but appreciate the concerns about location and associated traffic disruption. Suggest that a meeting be held in May with the new market operator to discuss the location etc. Cllrs. Markley and Jefferson are having discussions. • Emails from Carolyne Searle in relation to a recent theft from her shed at the allotments and raising other queries for the Council. It was suggested that the PCSO be asked to go down to the allotments and give advice on keeping sheds secure. The increase in the Precept for this year was questioned. More responsibilities have been passed down to town and parish councils and to ensure standards were maintained, it was necessary to include the figures we have in the budget. The Council is hoping to bring in new revenue to improve the situation. The Cycle of Britain will be coming through Silloth on Sept 8th which is something CCC has taken on. Someone from Whitehaven has spoken to Cllr. Cook about putting on an event on the day. It is positive thing for Silloth although the exact route has not been finalised. • Allerdale Borough Council – re: VE Day 70th Anniversary. Email seeking information about any 70th anniversary celebrations for VE Day which may be taking place over the weekend of 8-10 May 2015. STAG are busy concentrating on the Airfield project at the moment. The church could be lit up which the vicar would be in favour of. John to speak to the vicar. • Letter from Paul Blake in relation to the operation of a Land Train over the Green. RESOLVED that the Council are in favour of the land train but need more information in relation to the proposed storage shed. • Invitation to Silloth Airfield Project Celebration Evening on 24 April 2015. It was suggested that there needs to be an agenda item to clarify the relationship with STAG and how the Town Council can help. The Airfield project has huge potential and could lead on to other things and tap into bigger funds. If it could involve fisheries then FLAG funding could be accessed. 	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>JC</p> <p>WEJ</p>
167	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>The Town Council to considered the following:- Ref No: 2/2015/0174 Proposal: Erection of 4 bed detached dwelling – resubmission of 2/2015/0028 Location: Land to rear of 158 Skinburness Road, Silloth Applicant: Mr J Martin</p> <p>The revised plans now show three properties on the site, rather than four. The dwelling needs to be single storey, as previously recommended and not the two storey dwelling for which the application is for. Cllr. Jefferson will make sure the application comes to committee and will call it in, if necessary.</p>	<p>WJ</p>

	<p>The Town Council have approved the following:- Ref No: 2/2015/0099 Proposal: Erection of a single “Pod” to house 6 x bulk powder silos Location: Caltech, Lawn Terrace, Silloth Applicant: Mr Kenneth Gay, Caltech Biotechnology Ref No: 2/2015/0152 Proposal: Replacement ATM machine – retrospective resubmission of 2/2014/0712 Location: Spar Stores, Solway Street, Silloth Applicant: Mr Roy Lanning Notemachine Ref No: 2/2015/0153 Proposal: Advertisement consent for illuminated fascia on ATM – resubmission of 2/2014/0713 Location: Spar Stores, Solway Street, Silloth Applicant: Mr Roy Lanning, Notemachine</p> <p>Cumbria County Council has approved the following:- Ref No: 2/14/9018 Proposal: Retrospective application for the storage, recycling and transfer of materials Location: The Old Airfield, Silloth CCC were disappointed that the Town Council were not at the site meeting. The application was passed because they found it to be okay.</p> <p>The Town Council were consulted on an application to carry out works to trees in Silloth Conservation Area at various locations in Silloth. Applicant: Mr David Harrison – Cumbria County Council. The Town Council’s comments were sent to Allerdale Borough Council.</p>	
168	<p>Committee Reports Minutes of the Play Equipment meeting held on 14 March 2015 and the Parks Committee held on 16 March 2015 were circulated to the Council. RESOLVED that the recommendations of both committees be accepted.</p>	
169	<p>Licences None.</p>	
170	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted.</p>	
171	<p>Allerdale & County Council Reports Allerdale: No report. County Council: Currently in purda prior to the elections.</p>	
172	<p>Park Manager’s Report A report was provided on work carried out over the last month. Ken asked for clarification on work required to the sports pitches i.e. reseeding, weed killing, fertilising etc. Rugby club are happy with whatever Ken suggests. Main work required is over-seeding and repairs to goal mouths. A gentleman from Newbiggin spoke to members of the Council at the Highways meeting and spoke highly of the town and how well the Green was maintained by staff and volunteers.</p>	
173	<p>Highway Repairs on Criffel Street A meeting took place with representatives from Cumbria Highways. The Rafa corner was to be tarmaced. The Golf corner is being re-done with setts and the setts that were removed are to be brought back to Silloth for use in the town. Cumbria Highways are investigating a new way of putting lines at junctions and therefore further work may be done in the future to replace the tarmac which has been placed at each junction along Criffel Street.</p>	

174	<p>Town Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting. The Clerk reminded everyone about doing their reports for the Annual Town Report. There will be a presentation about the proposal for a tidal lagoon off the Solway coast, on Monday 27 April at 7.00pm in the Community Hall.</p>	
175	<p>Payment of Accounts</p> <p>RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register report to 13 April 2015 be approved for payment.</p>	
176	<p>Application for financial assistance</p> <p>None.</p>	
177	<p>Vintage Rally – Safety Fencing</p> <p>The Vintage Rally has received funding to purchase some additional security fencing for use on the Green. The Town Council considered the request from the Vintage Rally for the Council to pay the bill amounting to £2,223.18, with the Vintage Rally committee to reimburse the Council for the net cost (£1,852.65) and the Council to reclaim the VAT. The fencing will be available for use for other events. RESOLVED that the Council agreed to the request, as there would be no cost to the Council.</p>	WEJ
178	<p>Applications for events</p> <p>The Town Council agreed to allow permission for the Theatre performance of 'The Tempest' on the Green which is to take place on Sunday 26 July from 2pm.</p> <p>A request was also received from the Solway Crafters for Crackling Roasts to join them on The Green over the Bank Holiday weekend 2nd, 3rd & 4th May. The Town Council refused permission because it would set a precedent however there was no objection to it being inside the marquee. Public liability insurance will be required.</p>	
179	<p>Application for a memorial bench</p> <p>An application has been received from Mr Peter Kelly for a memorial bench. RESOLVED that the application is accepted but the inscription needs to fall within the guidance contained in the Policy document relating to Memorial Benches.</p>	WEJ
180	<p>Community Asset Transfer</p> <p>The proposed Community Asset Transfers are to go before the next Cabinet meeting in May after which the Council will be informed whether it has been successful.</p>	
181	<p>Silloth Tourist Information Centre</p> <p>Following further correspondence with Allerdale the Clerk provided an update on the current position in relation to the Town Council's contribution towards the Tourist Information Centre. The Council have currently not been billed for 2012/13, 2013/14 or 2014/15. Linda Doyle has confirmed that they would not be billing for prior to 2014/15 but the Clerk made it clear that as TIC has not been staffed for over 12 months, the Town Council would be unwilling to contribute to a facility that does not exist. In the circumstances Linda has agreed that the Town Council should not be charged for a service that has not existed. They are currently looking at options for staffing the post.</p>	
182	<p>Inspection of Council buildings and property</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk set a date and notify members of the Council as when it is.</p>	WEJ
	<p><i>RESOLVED THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be</i></p>	

	<i>transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and that were instructed to withdraw.</i>	
183	Amounts owing to the Town Council The following amounts are owing to the Town Council – Silloth RUFC £411, Silloth Tennis Club £200, Solway Fitness Centre £530. STAG also owed £600 but a cheque has just been received.	

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