Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 15 December 2014 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

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

Councillors
I. Baty (IB), G. Wilkinson (GW), A. Emmerson (AE), J. Cook (JC), C. Graham (CG) & J. Baxter (JB).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), Stephen Hart & Paul Donald (Silloth AFC), David Wise (Silloth Tennis Club) and Lindsey Whitham (Ladies Netball).

044	**Apologies for Absence** Cllrs. J. Lettice, S. Graham, D. Wallace & W. Jefferson.	
045	**Declarations of Interest** Cllr. A.J. Markley – re: Markley Transport, Carrs Coaches, County Council etc. Cllr. Emmerson – re: STAG & schools.	
046	**Exclusion of Press & Public** None.	
047	**Reports from Sports Clubs** **Netball –** Only been formed as a proper club for 12 months. Two people have passed the level 1 coaching course, with one more to do it. They are also doing umpiring courses. Training is done at the Sports hall once a week and they also play in the league at Workington. The objective is to get people qualified and get more youngsters involved. The netball club is interested in getting some courts down at the Sports ground, as they could also utilize the Rugby Club and are working with the Sports Association. **Football** – It was a superb season last year and the club moved up a league. Busy with setting up junior teams and getting parents involved. The club has struggled so far this year but morale is there. Pitches need a course of weed killer, verti-drained, re-seeded and fertilizer. It was suggested that the work be done from April onwards. The club needs a 25 year lease (rather than 10 years) to be able to access funding. It's costing a lot for training – approx £60-70 per week. The Council may need to look at leasing the whole area to the Sports Association and review the whole situation. Look at a partnership to take it forward. Community Asset Transfer is in the system and will happen. The football club can apply for funding to get equipment to maintain the area. The Town Council will give some consideration to a 25 year lease. **Tennis Club** – Open competition in May was good with 80 competitors which brought in a lot of people and trade. Some members of the club are playing for the County. The number of club members is down with 20-22 coming to coaching. Money coming in doesn't cover the costs at the moment. Things are not moving forward but are static. Tennis courts are bad with moss. Clerk to speak to Ken about it. Needs moss treatment that won't affect the colour of the courts. It was questioned whether the Council could help with funding towards the cost of using the sports hall. It costs £16 p/h to hire the hall at junior rates. The building is not being used as much as it could be and needs to be promoted. The school is responsible for the building and it was questioned whether it could be utilized for other events rather than just sport. Dog fouling is an issue. Write to Allerdale Borough Council again. The Crofts side of the rugby pitch needs additional bins. Signs could be put on the bins asking that people use them which have a good effect.	**WEJ** **WEJ**

	Rugby Club is doing well. Sports are doing well in the town.	
048	**Sports Association** Sports Association is up and running. Jimmy Lettice has put together a constitution and is the representative for the Council.	
049	**Issues/Problems etc** i) Dog fouling, ii) Moss treatment of tarmac on tennis courts & iii) Re-seeding of pitches etc	
050	**Annual Rents** It was agreed that the annual rents remain the same - Football Club £339, Rugby Club £411, Tennis Club £200 & Fitness Centre £1030. The Council could look at providing financial help to the clubs to support them using the Sports Hall or other help to the Sports Association. The clubs had suggested doing taster sessions in the summer months. Sports tours are coming back next year but will be using the school pitch this year. 2 years ago they used the Rugby club which benefitted the town.	
051	**Correspondence** A) Natural England – Email from Danny Moores regarding Natural England's plans to improve access to the coast from Gretna to Allonby. Tony met with Danny Moores. The Town Council cut the grass up Skinburness as far as East Cote and a lot of the areas of grass belong to private residents. Natural England will need to sort access. The route will become part of the coastal way. The Town Council does not own the Green but lease it from Allerdale Borough Council. Email to be sent to Danny Moores to suggest he contacts Allerdale. B) Allerdale Borough Council - The management and operation of markets in Allerdale: stakeholder consultation. It was suggested that the market be taken off Criffel Street and located elsewhere but the market operators want it in the centre of town. No two stalls should be selling the same products and there needs to be a good variation of sale items. There needs to be terms and conditions. Closing Criffel Street is an issue when there are just 2 or 3 stalls, as it inconvenient for traffic and HGV's etc. They were talking about having markets on different days in each town. Response to be sent to the consultation, to suggest that the market is moved off Criffel Street and other areas are considered such as the Sports area.	**WEJ** **WEJ**
052	**Planning Application** **Plan No:** 2/14/9018 **Proposal:** Retrospective application for the storage, recycling and transfer of materials **Location:** The Old Airfield, Silloth, CA7 9PH The Town Council considered the above application and is not in favour of retrospective planning applications. For this type of application an Environmental Impact Assessment would be a normal requirement but as this is a retrospective application this will not have been done. It was agreed that the Town Council request a site inspection be held to look at the application in detail, with interested parties given the opportunity to attend and speak at the meeting. A lot of Airfields are listed which anyone can apply to have done. It needs to be in black and white so that no more heritage is lost and buildings removed.	**WEJ**

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