

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 2 February 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), I. Baty (IB), W. Jefferson (WJ),
C. Graham (CG) & M. Orchard (MO).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ) & Adam Kirkbride.

082	Apologies for Absence Cllrs. J. Baxter, D. Wallace & A. Emmerson. Also Ken Wannop, Anna Malina & PCSO Nichol.	
083	Declaration of Interest Cllr. A.J. Markley – re: Markley Transport, Carrs Coaches, County Council, Vintage Rally etc. Cllrs. C. Graham – STAG & SPAND	
084	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for items 23, 24 & 25 on the Agenda.	
085	Chairman's Announcements New Slimming group has started in Silloth.	
086	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on the 12 & 26 January 2015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
087	Police Report PCSO Pete Nichol sent a Newsletter which was circulated to the Council. A caravan has been dumped on Skiddaw Street before Christmas which has been reported to the Police and the Environmental Health but has not been removed. Citizens Advice advised that it is a Police matter. It was suggested that the Council take action and remove it to a safe location. RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Police and Environmental Health enquiring as to the relevant law on caravans parked on the street and requesting that action be taken. The matter could also be taken up with the Police Commissioner if necessary. There are also other caravans around the town.	WEJ
088	APK Investments Adam Kirkbride attended the meeting to discuss the housing development at the former Fisons estate. Planning permission has been obtained which took 3 months longer than anticipated. Full approval has been given for 22 properties and work started in January. By mid April there will hopefully be a show home available. The developers have an obligation to provide a play area as part of the development but it had been suggested that a contribution could be made towards the existing play area on Eden Street. There is a budget of £25-50K with £25K needed for existing plans in place and possibly £25K towards to maintenance of Eden Street play area. There could be a cash sum available to contribute towards new equipment and maintenance for a period of years. A percentage of the land is designated as open space and allocated for a play area but it makes sense improving the existing play	

	<p>area which is close by than provide additional play equipment. The piece of land under the bridge is hopefully going to be transferred to the Town Council and then the Town Council and developers can negotiate on it. If sold then any cash would go to the County Council. April to Sept would be an ideal time to get the footpath done when the football pitch is not in use. The Community Asset Transfer has missed the next Cabinet meeting but is ongoing.</p>	
089	<p>Adjournment of Meeting There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.</p>	
090	<p>Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthwatch Cumbria – Healthwatch Reflective Audit which can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/hwcpubliaudit. RESOLVED that Cllrs. send their individual responses. • Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations – Issues and options additional sites submitted consultation. Documents can be viewed at www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations. Comments to be submitted by Friday 27 February 2015. No changes. Documents can also be viewed in the library. • Email from Simon Green in response to advice sought on the provision of solar powered Victorian Street lighting. It was suggested that LED lighting would be more effective. 70w LED = 3000w halogen. Lights could be on timer switches and switched off after midnight. RESOLVED that a costing be obtained for the lighting to be connected into an electricity supply and enquiries to be made as to whether the County Council will be replacing lighting and if they would be willing to take them on. There are a number of lights up Skinburness which are not working. They have been reported but not repaired. Further email to be sent, as the lights have been off for many weeks. • Email from Stephen Hart clarifying a few points following the application from the Football club for funding for a Sports Festival. The Clerk received a call from Eric Telford to say that the email was not from the Football Club. The club are not criticising the Council and would not write an email like that. Stephen’s remit is to apply for funding on behalf of the football club but the club were unaware that he had applied to the Council or that the funding was for festivals. Any official communication from the club will come from Eric Telford. Email from Stephen Hart to be ignored. • Email from Jimmy Lettice clarifying a couple of points in relation to the sports association, the funding allocation for events and festivals and resigning from the Town Council. The application for funding was from the football club and not the Sports Association which was a mistake and hence why it was not considered. Cllrs. represent the town and not just the clubs etc they are involved with. A lot of funding has come from the Town Council to the Sports clubs over the last few years. The decision was made in a full council meeting and technically the Council can’t revisit the item within 6 months. RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Jimmy to acknowledge his resignation. Allerdale should be approached for some Sports funding for which the sports clubs can apply. The Sports Association arose following years of requests for funding from the clubs and the decision made that applications to the Council had to come from the Association to simplify things. Funding will go to the Sports Association to be dispersed. Cllr. Baty 	<p>All Cllrs.</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>

	<p>had volunteered to be on the Sports Association but has never been to a meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allerdale Borough Council – Leisure Strategy Consultation. Full consultation documents can be viewed at www.allerdale.gov.uk/consultation. RESOLVED that responses to be sent by Cllrs. individually. 	All Cllrs.
091	<p>Planning Applications Cllr. Markley is on the planning committee at the County Council and sub member at Allerdale. He will not make any decisions but will listen to what is said.</p> <p>The Town Council considered the following application which was deferred to full Council by the planning committee. Plan No: 2/2015/0028 Proposal: Erection of 4 bed detached dwelling Location: Land to rear of 158 Skinburness Road, Silloth Applicant: Mr Jonathan Martin The application is for a house which is larger than what was previously applied for. Allerdale had previously stated that the site was suitable for a single storey dwelling which is what it should be. Cllr. Jefferson has requested that he be kept informed about the application and if officers are going to make a decision on the application then he will request that the application is called in. He will then pass on the Council's comments to Allerdale and refer to the 2011 decision.</p>	WJ
092	<p>Committee Reports None.</p>	
093	<p>Licences None.</p>	
094	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted.</p>	
095	<p>Allerdale & County Council Reports Allerdale: Verbal report received from Cllr. Jefferson. County Council: Verbal report received from Cllr. Markley.</p>	
096	<p>Park Manager's Report No report.</p>	
097	<p>Community Engagement Officer's Report No report.</p>	
098	<p>Town Clerk's Report The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting.</p>	
099	<p>Payment of Accounts RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register report to 2 February 2015 be approved for payment.</p>	
100	<p>Application for financial assistance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Wigton Baths Trust – RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be provided to the Wigton Baths Trust who will be taking over the running of the swimming pool. Citizens Advice – RESOLVED that a grant of £50 be provided. 	

101	<p>Applications for events No applications had been received.</p>	
102	<p>Silloth Green No further progress. Cllr. Jefferson received some positive comments from some visitors to the Green who were pleased with the wildlife on the Green and how it was being sustained. The people were part of a study group from Higham Hall. Cllr. Cook mentioned about the possibility of having a Wifi hotspot on the Green. Anna has spoken to a guy who was involved with the Carlisle Wifi. Cllr. Cook to obtain further details.</p>	JC
103	<p>Airfield Project – Use of Community Hall There was a request that a room in the Community Hall be used for a week or two after the launch of the Airfield project to provide a display. It was felt that the Discovery Centre would be a more suitable venue, as the Community Hall has regular users of the building. RESOLVED that Cllr. Jefferson will liaise with Brian Irving about the matter.</p>	WJ
	<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>	
104	<p>Commumunity Asset Transfer Cllr. Markley and the Clerk met with Lynn Singleton from the County Council to discuss the proposed CAT. The County Council are keen for the Council to take on the road in front of Station Mews but there is a potential issue with drainage on the Industrial Estate. The County Council are not wanting to part with the Hollow as it provides access to potential development land behind it i.e. school etc. Cllr. Markley has suggested that a strip of land be left for access. The County Council want it to go through as a whole project. Cllr. Markley will continue discussing matters with the County Council.</p>	
105	<p>Contracts & Tenders Ice Cream concessions and Putting Green are due to be put out to tender for the coming year. RESOLVED that tenders be invited for: Ice cream and minerals (excluding light refreshments) on its land at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifeboat Station, Silloth • BMX Track (Pines) Car Park, Silloth • Skinburness Road Car Park (opposite the entrance to Solway Holiday Village) <p>or Light refreshments (excluding ice cream)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skinburness Road Car Park (opposite the entrance to Solway Holiday Village) <p>and also for the putting green and hiring of Deck chairs. Tenders have been invited by Allerdale Borough Council for operating the markets in the Borough. RESOLVED that a meeting be held to consider whether the Council should submit a tender to operate the market in Silloth.</p>	
106	<p>Amounts owing to the Town Council A letter has been received from Rayner Fletcher appealing to the Council to consider the level of rent to be charged for the land at the sea front. RESOLVED that anything that is currently owed will need to be paid and the Council will look at it further as to whether to make a reduction for this current year.</p>	

107	Claim by Mr Paul Watson The Clerk received a Notice of Hearing which is to take place on 9 March in relation to various documents which have been requested from Zurich by Dorians Solicitors. The Clerk has forwarded a copy to Zurich and asked that the matter is dealt with. Any information requested from the Council by Zurich has been provided.	
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