

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 2 November 2015 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present W. Jefferson (WJ) – Deputy Chairman

Councillors

J. Cook (JC), A. Emmerson (AE), D. M. Pattinson (DMP),
G. Wilkinson (GW), O. Martin (OM), C. Graham (CG) & D. Graham (DG).

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

384	Apologies Cllrs. A.J. Markley, S. Graham, M. Orchard & I. Baty	
385	Declarations of Interest As recorded.	
386	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for items 23, 24 & 25 on the Agenda.	
387	Chairman's Announcements None. Responses required to Bowles Green.	
388	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5 October 2015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The meeting on 26 October did not go ahead as it was not quorate.	
389	Town Centre Wifi Antony Cross from Solway Communications attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of Public Wifi on Silloth Green. He explained what could be provided and details of the costs involved. It would give visitors access to the Internet which would be a valuable advertising tool and promote the town. Additional features could be provided including a weather station, webcam and even CCTV. The wifi would be accessible to everyone on the Green, with various ways of accessing it. It can be controlled as to how long each person can have access and can be on a timer. It could also be on a low speed setting. The Green would be divided into four segments, with 100 people per segment allowed access at any one time which would be sufficient for the Green. Each user would have only one connection and would be unable to see other users access the Wifi. The matter is currently going through procurement at Allerdale. RESOLVED that it be taken back to Allerdale as a proposal and look at the financial aspects.	JC
390	Adjournment of Meeting There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
391	Police Report The Police Report was circulated to members of the Council by email. Richard Smillie, the new Inspector attended the meeting and gave a report in incidents of crime. The Police don't know what is going to happen in the future but try to do the best they can with the resources they have. For the year to date there has been an 8% increase in crime in the Allerdale rural area. In September there has been a decrease of 20%. For Silloth there has been a 9.5% increase over the year, with 12 crimes reported in September. There will be no change to the local provision,	

	with Peter Nichol to continue as our dedicated PCSO. The Police Commissioner will be visiting the town on Friday. Happy with the service provided by the Police but concerns will be expressed to the Commissioner about the budget reductions. Rural crime in Cumbria has generally risen.	
392	<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"> • CALC – Invitation to the CALC AGM on 14 November 2015 at West Lakes Science and Technology Park, Whitehaven. • Email from Pauline and Tony Park from Causewayhead regarding the increasing need for a 30mph speed limit on the B5302 just before the turn off for West Silloth and Blackdyke junction to just past the cemetery and church. The Council needs to know the views of Holme Low before making any comment. RESOLVED that their opinions be obtained and report back to the December meeting. • Cumbria County Council – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2014-2029 – Supplementary Sites consultation. Comments to be submitted by Monday 9 November. RESOLVED that individual comments be submitted. • Invitation to the service of Remembrance on Sunday November 8th at Christ Church Silloth at 9.45am. Crew of HMS Biter will be attending. RESOLVED that lunch be provided for the crew, as in previous years. • CALC – Copy of letter from Windermere Town Council to the Minister in response to the recent publicity about cuts to the budget of Cumbria Police. RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Minister. There are difficulties in Policing a rural area. Crime has gone up by 9.5% locally which is a concern. Reference to be made to previous service provided. • Email from Lauren Watson from the North West Ambulance Service Trust working with the Community Heartbeat Trust, to enquire if the Council are interested in working with them to place a defibrillator in a telephone box in our area. Already commented on previously when a planning application was submitted for consideration. • 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 that Cllr. Markley to be asked to report on it at the December meeting. • Letter from Frank Denard appealing against the Notice to Quit letter he received on 22 October 2015. The Council have a statutory duty to provide allotments but rely on one or two allotment holders to keep an eye on things. It was suggested that an allotment association be set up, with allotment holders appointing representatives to join the allotment committee. The association would be able to access funding to improve facilities at the allotments such as fencing, lighting, bulk buying of seeds and plants etc. RESOLVED that a letter be sent to all allotment holders to obtain their comments. Notice to Quit letters sent to three allotment holders to be revoked with a deadline of 31 December for them to tidy up their allotments. • Cumbria’s Health and Wellbeing Board is consulting on its Health and Wellbeing Strategy; an important strategy for the people and communities of Cumbria. Closing date for feedback 13 November 2015. http://healthwatchcumbria.co.uk/cumbria-health-and-wellbeing-strategy-consultation-have-your-say/ RESOLVED that Councillors send in their individual comments. 	<p>WEJ</p> <p>All Cllrs.</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>AJM</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>All Cllrs.</p>
393	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>The Town Council have approved the following:-</p> <p>Ref No: 2/2015/0591 Proposal: Single storey extension Location: 74 Skinburness Road, Silloth Applicant: Mr D Austin</p> <p>Ref No: 2/2015/0602 Proposal: Demolition of 2 existing buildings and erection of new livestock and storage building Location: Blitterlees Farm, Blitterlees, Silloth Applicant: Miss</p>	

	<p>Elizabeth Elliot</p> <p>Allerdale Borough Council have approved the following application:- Ref No: 2/2015/0524 Proposal: Extension to garage Location: 6 Moricambe Park, Skinburness, Silloth Applicant: Mr Ian Strong</p>	
394	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Allotment Committee meeting – 19 October 2015. Minutes of the meeting were circulated to the Town Council and taken as read.</p> <p>Sports Club meeting – date of meeting re-scheduled to 9 November 2015.</p>	
395	<p>Licences</p> <p>None.</p>	
396	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</p> <p>RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted.</p>	
397	<p>Allerdale & County Council Reports</p> <p>RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Allerdale and County Councillors be noted.</p> <p>Everyone is urged to submit their comments regarding the Coastal Community Funding. There is a short amount of time to get the information together. There will be a couple of public consultations taking place. Clerk to check with consultants to ask if they would like the dates of the consultations promoted on the website etc. Cllr. Jefferson has suggested that the toilet cleaning provision is extended for another 2 years but the decision has not been made yet. He will keep the Council posted.</p>	
398	<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. Bill to be sent to the Rotary Club each year, for the maintenance undertaken by the Council's staff to the paving at the Rotary Oak. Play equipment at the Eden Street play area to be re-painted over the winter months. Ken has taken a look at the harbour buoy which had been offered to the Town Council by the harbour master but it is very big and would need a lot of work done to restore and paint it. Pruning will need to be started to the Rhododendrons before the end of the Silloth Green project in January 2016.</p>	
399	<p>Community Engagement Officer's Report</p> <p>Anna provided a report on work in progress which had been circulated to members of the Council. Things will need to be signed off at the end of the project. RESOLVED that the report be considered in full by the Parks Committee at a meeting on 23 November at 6.00pm. Panels, lecterns and leaflet etc need to be seen and approved by the Council. Cumbria Life has done an article about the Bee Garden and Community Garden which is good publicity and recognition.</p>	
400	<p>Town Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting. No reply has been received from Allerdale as yet regarding the grounds maintenance of the cemetery. Further email to be sent. Work is to start on the refurbishment of the shelter on Skinburness Road from 8 November, weather permitting.</p>	WEJ
401	<p>Payment of Accounts</p> <p>RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register report to 2 November 2015 be approved for payment. Vivian had suggested ordering a supply of compost and fertilisers etc for the Rose garden costing £322.14 + vat in total which was agreed by the Town Council.</p>	
402	<p>Budget 2016/17</p> <p>Items to be considered for inclusion in the budget for 2016/17:-</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for Anna's post • Tourism – Cllr. Cook to provide costs re: insurance, brochure etc paid by STAG, rather than relying on the funding from Allerdale. <p>Cllr. Jefferson will be pressing for the £10k funding from Allerdale to remain and hopefully increased.</p>	
403	<p>Applications for events</p> <p>The Town Council considered the following applications and agreed to grant permission:-</p> <p>a) West Coast Weekender – Fri 23 & Sat 24 July 2016 – Request by Chamber of Trade to book the Green for a rally for custom cars and other vehicle enthusiasts.</p> <p>b) Netherlands National Circus – July 2016.</p> <p>c) Christmas Lights Switch On – 28 November 2015.</p>	
404	<p>Silloth Community Garden</p> <p>Cllr. Martin asked the Council to consider the installation of some small wooden toadstool type seating around the story telling chair in the Community Garden for kids to sit on. Approximately 10 seats would be required at a cost of £20 each which would be funded either by local businesses sponsoring them or by Friends of the Green. RESOLVED that permission be granted for seating to be installed.</p>	
405	<p>Outdoor Fitness Equipment</p> <p>Various brochures and information has been obtained for outdoor fitness equipment. RESOLVED: The Council agreed in principle to progress with the provision of some outdoor fitness equipment and consider submitting an application for a 'Tesco Local Community Grant which could cover from £8K - £12K of the cost. Funding may also be available from other sources.</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>	
406	<p>Community Asset Transfers & Sports Club Leases</p> <p>Nothing to update. Meeting with Sports Clubs did not proceed due to not being quorate and therefore no progress was made with regard to the Sports Club leases which were circulated to everyone concerned.</p>	
407	<p>Quotations</p> <p>There is £52,180.82 of unallocated funding in the inflation/contingency budget to cover the cost of the lighting etc</p> <p>Victorian Lighting – The Clerk had requested estimates for the Victorian style lighting from 5 different electrical contractors but only one estimate has been received for the total of £35,120 to provide and install 30 light fittings. RESOLVED that the estimate be accepted, subject to receiving approval from HLF. Email to be sent to Jane at HLF.</p> <p>Shed – The provision of an additional shed in the grounds maintenance yard has previously been considered to accommodate the new tractor and other equipment etc. RESOLVED that the balance of funding be spent on an additional shed, subject to receiving approval by HLF. Email to be sent to Jane at HLF. Additional estimates to be obtained and the decision to be delegated to the Chairman, Clerk and Park Manager, to accept the best estimate.</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>
408	<p>Amounts owing to the Town Council</p> <p>None.</p>	

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