

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 7 November 2016 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

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

Councillors

J. Cook (JC), W. Jefferson (WJ), O. Martin (OM), C. Graham (CG), D. Graham (DG), A. Emmerson (AE),
I. Baty (IB), M. Orchard (MO), D. Pattinson (DP) & G. Wilkinson (GW).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ) & Ken Wannop – Park Manager (KW)

166.	Apologies Cllr. S. Graham & PCSO Nichol.	
167.	Declarations of Interest As recorded.	
168.	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for items 27, 29, 30 & 31 on the Agenda.	
169.	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman gave a report on the various events he had attended over the last month: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Britain in Bloom awards ceremony at Birmingham with Bill, Anne, Wendy & Vivian. Silloth was presented with a Silver Gilt award which was a marvellous achievement for the town. Bill was also presented with a Community Champion Award. 500 people were at the ceremony. Thanks to all the team for putting Silloth on the map.• Presented the Golf Club with their Cumbria in Bloom Award.• Success regime meeting at Wigton which was attended by about 150 people. Tony voiced his opinions and asked questions.• Wigton Civic Service and Silloth Civic Service – both well attended.• Rotary dialect competition which was also well attended.• County Council Conservatives had an away day at the Golf Club. Tony attended as Mayor of Silloth and as a Conservative.	
170.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 3 October 2016 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
171.	Police Report PCSO sent his apologies. The Police have changed the way they deliver the crime figures which are now accessed via the Cumbria Police website at https://www.police.uk/ . RESOLVED that a request be sent for a hard copy to be provided for each meeting, as not everyone is on the internet.	WEJ
172.	Adjournment of Meeting Alison Henderson asked to speak at the meeting in relation to the Christmas Lights. There is no committee now but they will continue to fundraise. Storage of the lights is an issue, as they are currently being stored in a garage at the Golf Hotel. Insurance for the lights and the switch on event is covered by STAG. The lights are checked by an electrician each year. They simply need help to set up the reindeer, Christmas tree and town sign and with the storage. It was suggested that a storage container could be obtained which could be sited down at the sports ground. There is £500 in the Town Council's budget and Alison would be happy to also contribute towards the cost. Lights to be put up this year and arrangements to be made to obtain a container for when they are taken down to store them in.	
173.	Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications	

	<p>RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted.</p> <p>a) Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Allerdale Borough Council: Warding Arrangements. Consultation closes on 5 December 2016. The proposal is to reduce the number of Allerdale Cllrs. by 8. Currently don't know if it will affect the number of Allerdale Cllrs. in Silloth. RESOLVED that response is sent to confirm that the Town Council is happy with the current arrangements and the existing quota of Cllrs. for Silloth.</p> <p>b) Solway Community School – Annual Prizegiving Evening is on 30 November 2016 at 7.00pm and the school are seeking continued support by sponsoring a prize. RESOLVED that a cheque for £25 be sent towards the cost of a prize.</p> <p>c) Email from Pamela Spooner requesting some sort of memorial in Silloth for the 4 men who lost their lives 60 years ago. RNLI are planning to do something. RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Eddie Studholme to ask what is being planned and reply to Pamela Spooner with an update.</p> <p>d) Britain in Bloom Finals 2017 – Email from Liz Auld (Cumbria in Bloom) asking if Silloth wishes to be nominated for next year's competition. There are benefits from being in the Britain in Bloom competition in that it gets people into action and working together towards a goal but there are funding implications. By being involved, it will keep standards up and the town looking good. The amount of work involved and co-ordination required should not be underestimated. To achieve more, standards would need to be raised even higher and there would need to be a bigger band of volunteers to help. Britain in Bloom was a big step for the town. Concern was expressed that standards could drop but the Green Flag judging will take place again next year. RESOLVED that the Town Council would like to defer for a year from the Britain in Bloom competition and will consider whether to enter Cumbria in Bloom next month, when the costs are known and more volunteers are found.</p> <p>e) CALC – Rodent Control Course organised by the Northern Region Allotments Association. There is a real problem with rats at the allotments. RESOLVED that two places be reserved on the course at a cost of £120 each, with a member of the grounds maintenance team to attend and a place to be offered to someone from the allotments.</p> <p>f) Invitation to the Service of Remembrance at Christ Church on 13 November at 9.45am. The crew from HMS Biter will not be attending the service this year. Due to a re-structure between the university unit and Ship, the affiliation is now only with Ship itself. Letter of thanks to be sent to the crew for having attended for many years.</p> <p>g) Natural England – Formal consultation on the potential Solway Firth Protection Area (pSPA) – commencing 25 October 2016. Responses to be submitted by 17 January 2017. Individual comments to be sent by members of the Council. Brian Irving from AONB will be responding to the consultation.</p> <p>h) Letter from Gordon Baker regarding the future of his allotment, requesting that Jamie Longcake, Jimmy Maddison & Ian Caulfield continue to look after his plot after he gives it up. The allotments have been his life for many years. RESOLVED that the Council is happy for Jamie, Jimmy and Ian to look after Gordon's plot for the present time. Letter to be sent to Gordon thanking him for all he has done over the years.</p> <p>i) Letter from Jamie Longcake to say he is happy, along with some help from Jimmy Maddison and Ian Caulfield to continue to maintain Gordon's plot. RESOLVED that a reply be sent to Jamie to confirm that the Council is happy for Jamie, Jimmy and Ian to look after Gordon's plot for the present time</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>
<p>174.</p>	<p>Planning Applications The Town Council have approved the following:- Ref No: HOU/2016/0022 Applicant: Mr F Scott Proposal: Front extension Location: Beech House, Blitterlees, Silloth</p> <p>Allerdale Borough Council have approved the following:- Ref No: 2/2016/0406 Applicant: Mr Alan Maggs Proposal: Change of use of first and second floor</p>	

	regarding the setting up of a working group to look at improving the healthy weight of children in the Silloth area. Meeting is to take place at the Children's Centre on 16 November at 1pm. Cllr. Cook is willing to attend as the Town Council's representative.	JC
179.	Park Manager's Report A written report was provided by the Park Manager on work done over the last month. The beds along Criffel Street have also been stripped out, ready for next year.	
180.	Town Clerk's Report The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting. A letter has been received from Kevin Kerrigan at Allerdale who has offered to attend a Council meeting to discuss any issues relating to the Conservation area within the town. RESOLVED that Mr Kerrigan be invited to the December meeting.	WEJ
181.	Payment of Accounts RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register report to 7 November 2016 be approved for payment.	
182.	Applications for financial assistance Great North Air Ambulance – RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be provided.	
183.	2017/18 Budget The Council considered items for inclusion in the budget for 2017/18. The Council will be taking over responsibility for the cleaning of the public toilets from April 2017 and provision will need to be made within the budget. Allerdale have agreed to contribute 50% towards the costs. Details of costs to be obtained from Allerdale. Wifi on the Green also to be considered for the Budget.	WEJ
184.	Applications for events No applications received.	
185.	Town Centre Projects/Initiatives Meeting to be held on Monday 21 November at 7.00pm in the Community Hall, with members of the Town Council, schools, Police, Youth Club, Friday club and some youngsters - to discuss the way forward and consider possible locations for such a youth shelter.	All
186.	Footpath An update was required regarding the new footpath from the new Harvest Park housing estate and Tony and the Clerk met with the developer. A copy of the plan for the new pedestrian/cycle route has been received which was considered by the Council. The footpath is planned to go up through the trees and out at the Albion corner which will be an upheaval whereas a footpath running past the Rugby club would be simpler to do. The rugby club would not have a problem with it. When previously suggested the County Council said it couldn't go to the Industrial estate because the road was not adopted. The original path was to be fenced along with lights installed, in accordance with the S106 agreement. The Pensioners were also against the route beside the rugby club due to the risk of people on bikes taking an alternative route through the play area. Highways have also said in the past that the path could not come out at the Albion corner. RESOLVED that the pedestrian/cycle route be constructed in accordance with the S106 agreement and follow the plan included in the S106 which comes out opposite the former Police Station. Vote 6 for, 3 against and 2 abstentions. Cllr. O. Martin and A. Emmerson asked that their votes for the proposal be recorded.	
187.	Sculpture/Seat HLF do not have a problem with the proposed sculpture/seat, however there would need to be some public consultation. It would also require planning permission from Allerdale Borough Council. There would be no cost to the Council for the seat. Cllr. Cook to speak to the guy who	JC

	wanted the seat and bring it back to a future meeting for consideration.	
188.	<p>Free Wifi Information has been obtained on the costs involved. Funding would be required for the initial set up costs. Allerdale are not proceeding with their plans. There would be a CCTV camera on the system. Mobile coverage would be improved. It is important for the future of the town. The proposal will be considered for inclusion within the budget.</p>	
189.	<p>Bushes on the Avenue to the Fun Fair An email was received from David Thompson with suggestions on how to deter youths from causing damage to the bushes. A report was also received from Dr Brian Irving from AONB regarding the maintenance of the bushes. The Green Flag and 'in Bloom' judges have commented on the benefits of the bushes for wildlife etc. The Council don't want to be destructive because of the destruction caused by youngsters. Need to be responsible and protect the environment. The avenue also provides shelter to people sitting on the benches. RESOLVED that the Park Manager look at what needs done and carry out the necessary maintenance which will involve shaping and thinning the shrubs, taking out dead trees, layering of Rhododendrons and planting Rosa Rugosa. Benches also to be taken in for maintenance.</p>	KW
190.	<p>Charging Points for Electric Cars Cllr. Emmerson is waiting for someone to come back to him with information.</p>	AE
191.	<p>Solway Military Trail Meeting Cllrs. Markley and Cook, and the Town Clerk attended a meeting at the Devil's Porridge at Eastriggs. Another meeting is planned for January. They are looking to formulate a trail linking various visitor attractions together to create the Solway Military Trail, with the Solway Firth Partnership as the conduit. They are looking for enough volunteers to get involved. The trail will promote the area and encourage people to stay longer.</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>	
192.	<p>Community Asset Transfers & Sports Club Leases a) Email received from the solicitor to clarify whether the Town Council were aware of a clause within the CAT, whereby if the Town Council were to benefit from future development of the land being transferred, there may be a payment due to the County Council. The Clerk has already confirmed this with the solicitor. b) Email received from Eric Telford regarding the lease with the football club, seeking clarification on several points. Clerk to contact the solicitor and send a response to Mr Telford.</p>	WEJ
193.	<p>Councillors Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Playing field wall needs attention, as there are visible gaps in it. Clerk to seek further guidance. • Pothole on the road leading up to the Amusements – needs attention before it gets any worse. • Footpaths around the town need attention but these are the responsibility of Cumbria Highways. Clerk has already contacted the County Council. 	WEJ
194.	<p>Insurance Claims The Clerk provided the Council with an update in relation to a claim against the Council.</p>	
195.	<p>Quotations a) Replacement machinery Quotations were sought from Henry Armer's, Lloyds and Carrs Billington to change the Council's</p>	

	<p>small John Deere Tractor and ride on mower. Prices quoted for a) compact tractor ranged from £16,500 to £20,830 and for b) ride on mower ranged from £9,000 to £26,000. RESOLVED that the quotation from Henry Armer's be accepted at the quoted price of £19,000 in total, to change both vehicles which is made up of:- a) Purchase of John Deere compact tractor for £17,000 less trade in allowance of £7,000 and b) Purchase of John Deere triple reel mower for £12,500 less trade in allowance of £3,500. John Deere machinery is good quality and retains its value better than others. Funding to be used from current budget - £5,000 for equipment, £10,000 for Silloth Green and £4,000 from reserves.</p> <p>b) Security provision for the grounds maintenance yard Two quotations were received for the provision of security which were discussed by the Council. RESOLVED that security lighting and cameras are required, rather than an alarm system, as the noise would be an issue for local residents, particularly if it went off late at night. Revised quotations to be obtained and considered at a future meeting.</p> <p>c) Portable bollards RESOLVED that 20 Plastic Cone signs be obtained at a cost of £16.19 (+ VAT) each with the following wording – NO PARKING - Disabled Access – Silloth Town Council. The signs are to be used at dropped kerbs when there is an event on in the town.</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>
<p>196.</p>	<p>Amounts owing to the Town Council None.</p>	

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