

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 9 November 2015 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present W. Jefferson (WJ) – Deputy Chairman

Councillors

D. M. Pattinson (DMP), G. Wilkinson (GW),
C. Graham (CG), D. Graham (DG) & S. Graham (SG)

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), David Wise (Tennis) & Liam Wilson (Football).

409	Apologies Cllrs. A.J. Markley, J. Cook, A. Emmerson, M. Orchard, I. Baty & O. Martin. Also Jimmy Lettice, Steven Hart, Lindsey Whitham.	
410	Declarations of Interest As recorded.	
411	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
412	Reports from Sports Clubs Rugby – Report was sent by Jimmy Lettice on behalf of the Rugby Club. The Council will try to assist where we can but may not be financially. The Sports Association idea was to encourage clubs to work together and submit collective bids for funding. Willie Collins –Treasurer, Steven Mattinson – Secretary, Mark Orchard – President, Jimmy Lettice – Grants/Funding. Tennis – It has been a tough year with the club simply ticking over. Programme has been reduced from 4 hrs to 2 hrs on a Tuesday because it is difficult to attract players. Two have represented the County and one attends County training. Easter to end of September the club uses the courts but over the winter they use the sports hall which is funded by the parents. Silloth Open didn't take place this year due to the costs – referee, equipment and lack of numbers. Sports hall charges for the use of the building which can be costly. It was suggested that something be put in writing to suggest how the Council could help. In 2006 there were 105 members but down to 10 members in 2015. There has been a general downward trend with tennis. There are no 'competitive' players at the moment. There needs to be a commitment from the parents too – not just from the kids. For a small town we have good facilities compared to other places. It is good to have a choice of sports. Football – There are two men's teams on a Sat and Sun. Last year the Sat team didn't get into the premier league and got relegated. The Sun team flourished and got promoted. Junior football has been brought back after 5 years. Now got infants football too. Club swings one way or another depending on which team is doing well. Lost a few players from out of town. Staged a charity shield game which was well represented and good comments about the facilities. Football pitch is one of the best in the County. Ken Wannop and the lads keep the pitch in good condition. There is a good relationship between the football and rugby. The Rugby Club is used by both clubs. Facilities need to be sustainable to be able to access funding. If there is anything the Council can do to help it was suggested that they put pen to paper.	
413	Sports Association Paul Donald – Chairman, Stephen Hart – Secretary, Jimmy Lettice – Committee. One meeting has been held to appoint the officers. Plans for the Mugga pitch on the All weather area were circulated by email but no costings provided.	

<p>414</p>	<p>Issues/Problems</p> <p>Tennis courts – Moss on one end due to the Pines which gets slippery at this time of year. Needs treated but have to be careful as to what chemical can be used as we don't want to damage the coloured surface of the courts. Also need an additional bin for dog mess.</p> <p>Sports Hub – Clubs need to be working together. Plans should incorporate all sports.</p> <p>Football – dog mess is also an issue. Signs and bins have been put in place. Article to be put in the next Solway Buzz. It was questioned whether the grassy bank next to the football pitch could be cut with the new hedge cutter. Clerk to speak to Ken about it. There were plans for a footpath alongside the football pitch. No heavy vehicles to be allowed on the pitch. The clubs need to be kept informed about any development regarding the footpath.</p> <p>Eric gave John information about the Sports hub which was a proposal 3 years ago and this has been taken to the Community Coastal team for consideration.</p>	
<p>415</p>	<p>Annual Rents</p> <p>Annual rents have been the same for the last 9 years i.e. Football £339, Rugby £411, Tennis £200 and Fitness Centre £1,030. After some discussion it was agreed that rents remain the same but that they need to be looked at sensibly once the leases are sorted out.</p>	
<p>416</p>	<p>Sports Club Leases</p> <p>Copies of the draft leases have been circulated to members of the Council and the sports clubs. There are a few anomalies that need to be sorted out. Email to be sent to the clubs to ask for their comments which should be returned to the Clerk.</p>	<p>WEJ</p>

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