

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Allotment Committee
Held on Tuesday 14 October 2014 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present

Councillors

G. Wilkinson (GW), D. Wallace (DW) & A. Emmerson (AE).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), Gordon Baker & Frank Denard.

967	Apologies: Ian Caulfield	
968	Declarations of Interest None	
969	Exclusion of Press & Public There was no need to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting.	
970	Site Inspection An inspection of the allotments took place. RESOLVED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong letter to be sent to Mr Hoodless allowing him a month to tidy up his allotment, after which a NTQ will be issued if there is no improvement. • NTQ to be sent to Julie Hart as two letters requesting action have already been sent but there has been no improvement to the condition of her allotment. • Warning letter to be sent to Joan Carey, as her allotment is uncultivated and covered in weeds. • Due to the poor condition of plot 3a it was agreed that a new tenant be allowed 2 years rent free. Frank Denard is to burn the rubbish that has been left on the allotment. 	WEJ WEJ WEJ FD
971	Minutes RESOLVED that after a minor amendment to the minutes of 12 March, that the minutes of the meetings held on 17 February 2014 and the site meetings held on 12 March and 15 May 2014, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
972	Waiting List and Vacant Plots There are currently 9 people on the waiting list. Plot 3a is vacant and a pigeon loft which was previously let to Mr Kirkup. Plot 19c will also be vacant following the NTQ.	
973	Review of Annual Rents The last increase to allotment rents was in December 2011. For the Y/E 31 March 2014 Income from allotment rents came to £967. Expenditure totalled £2809 which was made up of water rates, work to the drains and removal of asbestos. A visit from a	

	<p>United Utilities inspector is needed to investigate a water meter which may relate to the old Council yard or Mr Harker's land. The Town Council may be paying more than it should be. RESOLVED that rents be increased as follows:-</p> <p>West to East</p> <p>Large plot £50 Half plot £27 Qtr Plot £14</p> <p>North to South</p> <p>Large Plot £33 Half Plot £17 Pigeon Lofts £13</p>	
<p>974</p>	<p>Problems/Issues</p> <p>Gordon went to see the contractors on the Fisons estate to talk about the new sewer which will probably have to go across the allotments. The ideal route would be to follow the route of the roadway, rather than across all the allotment gardens. A new pump house is to be built and the existing sewer will not be big enough. United Utilities will have right of access but would need to notify the landowner of any work to take place.</p>	

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