

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parks Committee
Held on Monday 8 February 2016 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present W. Jefferson (WJ) – Chairman

Councillors

A.J. Markley (AJM), G. Wilkinson (GW), O. Martin (OM), S. Graham (SG), C. Graham (CG).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ) & Anna Malina – Community Engagement Officer (AM).

525	Apologies Cllrs. I. Baty	
526	Declarations of Interest As recorded.	
527	Exclusion of Press & Public There were no Press or Public present.	
528	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25 January 2016 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
529	<p>Britain in Bloom Anna and Tony attended the Britain in Bloom seminar at Birmingham to represent Silloth. It was very informative and good that they were there. Anna has done a fantastic job putting the information together. Judging will take place during the first two weeks of August. The judges will be staying in the town. There is an allotted time to show them around. Stanwix are happy to get involved and want to work with the community. The town will be against tough competition but Silloth is unique. The judges will take into consideration the size of the town, its population etc. They will want to see a portfolio and as much information as possible. Three guides are required, one of whom will be a time keeper. Tony is happy to pick them up and drive them around the route, although may need to decide on the size of vehicle required. Bill is happy to invite them for supper, if appropriate.</p> <p>Anna put together a Britain in Bloom – Draft Finalist Action Plan for Silloth-on-Solway which was considered by the Committee.</p> <p>Silloth-in-Bloom Team to involve the Parks Committee and representatives from various other organisations within the town. Anna Malina is to be the Co-ordinator for SiB. The bid to the Coastal Community Fund will hopefully fund a lot of the project. Website – Silloth in Bloom pages to be added to the Silloth Green website Social media also to be set up which Owen will attend to. Finance – separate bank account will be needed, along with a constitution and policies etc to enable applications to be submitted for funding from other sources.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Town Council be asked to provide a grant of £1,000. The Britain in Bloom Team will be a sub-committee of the Parks Committee. Item to be included on the next Town Council agenda.</p> <p>RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Jefferson as Chair, Cllr. C. Graham as Secretary and Cllr. O. Martin as Treasurer. Cllr. Graham to send invitations to other organisations and individuals to join the team and attend the next meeting.</p> <p>Various people will be involved and various activities going on while the judges are being</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>OM</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>CG</p>

	<p>shown around the route.</p> <p>A presentation will take place during the tour. A portfolio will provide them with a lot of information to refer to – hard copy and in digital format.</p> <p>The tour route will be devised over time and will need to be walked through and timed. Three tour guides will need to be appointed.</p> <p>All the judging of the towns takes place over two weeks. The judges will need some quiet time at the end of the tour to consider their findings.</p> <p>The approach roads in to the town need improved. The Victorian lights will be installed by the time judging takes place. The judges will want to speak to Ken to discuss the grounds maintenance.</p> <p>The developers at Harvest Park are proposing an alternative route for the footpath from the new houses which will highlight working with businesses and the community. The Bowling green should be incorporated into the route. Anna to work on the presentation and portfolio.</p> <p>The remaining actions are to do with the four core pillars of Britain in Bloom i.e. Horticultural Achievement, Community Involvement, Environmental Friendliness and Sustainability.</p> <p>Members of the Parks committee to read through the information provided before the next meeting. Parks Committee to meet with representatives from other organisations and formulate the subcommittee.</p> <p>Next meeting to take place on 29 February 2016 in the Community Hall.</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>All committee</p>
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