

**Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting**  
**Held on 26 May 2015 in the Community Hall, Silloth**

**Present:-** Cllrs. G. Wilkinson, O. Martin, D. Pattinson, J. Cook & M. Orchard.  
 Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

215	<p><b>Chairman</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. G. Wilkinson be appointed to Chair the Annual Town meeting. Cllr. Wilkinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
216	<p><b>Apologies</b>          Cllrs. A.J. Markley, C. Graham, D. Graham, S. Graham &amp; W. Jefferson. Also Lawrence Marshall.</p>	
217	<p><b>Minutes</b>          The minutes of the meeting held on the 29 May 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.</p>	
218	<p><b>Annual Town Report</b>          The Town Report was good and well presented. It is surprising how much the AONB does in the area. The school didn't realise they had to invite someone from the Town Council to the meetings for the Sports Hall. The Clerk to write to Jennifer at the school. The Friends of the Green meetings are held within the STAG meetings.</p>	WEJ
219	<p><b>Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2015</b>          The Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 were agreed.</p>	
220	<p><b>Matters of Interest</b>          Parking on the Green is often an issue and it was questioned if the byelaws need to be implemented to stop people parking on the Green. It was also questioned whether we need signage up. Clerk to investigate what can be done.          Clerk to clarify with Allerdale about street trading on Criffel Street, as a local ice cream van has been trading there and would not show his street trading licence when asked.          Silloth &amp; District Chamber of Trade - one business didn't know about the meeting. The way it was worded there were concerns that people who weren't members of the group would be alienated. It is a fledgling group and the idea is to encourage people to get involved and working together. Approximately 15 people attended the meeting, with another one in a month's time.          Triangular area in front of Discovery Centre, where the signs are, needs tidied up and grass cut. It was suggested that some low growing shrubs could be planted but there are a number of water meters on this ground. Report to grounds maintenance team.          Weeds around the town but particularly on pavement outside Good Companions. Report to Cumbria Highways.          Footpath to Barracks bridge needs tidied up, as there are a lot of weeds. Report to Cumbria Highways.          12 June - Town Tidy up event taking place. Only two volunteers last year.          Path behind the Station Road Industrial estate needs tidied up. There is no lighting and a problem with dog mess. The trees need trimming and litter picked up from under the trees. It was questioned if a bin could be put there to deter rubbish being left. Report to grounds maintenance team.          Additional bins are needed at the Community Garden.          Rotary tree - comment was made at the Green Flag judging about the weed membrane being visible under the oak tree. Picnic benches also need re-varnished. Rotary Club made a contribution last for the Town Council to carry out work to the area.</p>	WEJ  WEJ  WEJ  WEJ

Concerns were expressed about the risk of an accident happening if there was a train operating across the Green. The relevant risk assessment will need to be completed. It could be restricted to the quieter side of the Green. The route will need to be altered to prevent undue wear on the Green.

The Clerk was thanked for producing the Town Report.

There were a lot of cars parked on the Green on the weekend of Green Day. They could have been parked on the Hollow, as a temporary measure.

Some businesses had complained that events on the Green were taking their trade away although there have also been reports, that these are their busiest days.

Banners could be placed on the railings at the events to advertise local businesses with a charge of £15 which would generate some income for the events.

It was felt that the Craft Trail was poorly advertised. STAG were busy with the Airfield Project but it was advertised in the Buzz and on the leaflets. People are keen to keep it going in future years. Crafts were really impressive. People would have liked to have been able to buy some of the things that had been made. Posters are a good way to advertise things locally.

Marathon – in previous years it was only advertised on Facebook but this is the first year that it has been advertised.

Dates for events are sorted out at the end of previous year, so that events can be promoted.

It was suggested that an advert be put up to ask for volunteers. Some people would be willing to volunteer for a few hours. Some are willing to help with a town team but not necessarily STAG.

It was questioned if minutes of Council meetings could be included on the notice board, although they are available on the website. Cllr. Pattinson offered to put a brief report together which will be checked by the Clerk and then included in the Buzz.

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