

Minutes of a meeting of Silloth Town Council
Held on 13 December 2011

Present:- Cllrs. I. Baty, A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson, S. Graham & E. Wannop.
Also Steven Hart & Eric Telford (Football Club) and Jimmy Lettice (Rugby Club). Also
Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

935 Apologies

Cllrs. D. Wallace & A. Weightman.

936 Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Wannop - re: Ken.

Cllr. Markley - County Council, Allerdale Borough Council & Markley transport etc.

937 Exclusion of Press & Public

None.

938 Sports Clubs

Eric Telford was introduced as the new football club chairman. It had been a very good season. 5 trophies and Silloth has won 2. Beat premier league side Aspatria. Missed promotion by one place. Now under 9 side and an under 18 side. Sunday team has started. Over 35's team are in their 21st year. 100 people watching one average at home games. Good playing facilities and get a good following. Prosperous in terms of success and following.

Rugby Club are still going strong. Back in the Cumbrian league. Lying 3rd in the league. If they stay where they are they will be in the National competition. Two under 18's in County trials. Four under 20's invited to County trials. Visited by Keith Kent from Twickenham and Jim Renwick. Looking to set up a junior section. Inactive school link. Helped by two County guys. Football, tennis and rugby teams are made up of local people and the town should be proud of that. The spirit is there and people should be proud of the achievements.

Fencing around the rugby pitch has been put up but need gates put in. Rugby Club also want dugouts. Pathway and lights need improved. Path wants done from the Bowling Club and the Rugby Club. Initially the footpath from Fisons was to go there but it has now changed to come up at the Albion. It was agreed that a sensor light be fitted on the outside corner of pensioners hut, pointing up the footpath. Tarmac outside the Rugby Club is good but can get slippery. Request made for a salt bin. Rubbish bin needs replaced as it is looking shabby. Also extra bin towards the bridge end to accommodate dog walkers. Floodlight has blown over but is still live. Steven Henderson was asked to disconnect it but it wasn't done as he went on holiday. He has since been contacted again to request that it is done. Price to be obtained from Tolson's to tarmac the footpath between the Rugby club and the Bowling club. Signage - in hand.

Inside of football changing rooms needs painted out as they are looking shabby. Walls need painted. Ken to be asked if this could be done. Prices to be obtained if necessary. Hope to repair fencing in the summer. Needs red leaded and painted as it has been vandalised. This will be done by the football club. Lakes College can help and

incorporate it into their work. Also a course at Carlisle College aimed at 19-24 year olds. They are always looking for things to do.

It was questioned whether the Council would be willing to finish the fencing off which will cost £1500-£2000. Also asked if the Council would give permission for dugouts. It was questioned if the budgets could be increased for Sports this year. Looking to introduce kids fun days again to introduce kids to rugby/tennis etc which would be aimed at 5-11 yr olds.

It was questioned why the motorhomes were not going to be allowed at the Rugby club this year. The Town Council cannot look to be taking trade away from caravan sites. There is a lot of new legislation coming in the next couple of years. Football club had heard that there may be a skate park next to the football and rugby club and there are concerns that this will attract groups and result in vandalism. The site is currently used for overspill parking. Graffiti could be a problem. There are also no toilets down there. Football club feel it would be a backward step and not the most appropriate site for it. It was requested that the rugby club and football club be kept in the loop. An item was put in the Solway Buzz but no responses have been received by the Clerk. A makeshift track was put in the Pines but this could not be allowed. Rugby Club are looking to have solar panels installed but this will need planning permission. Hopefully getting a sponsorship deal. Rugby club are looking to reduce their electricity and it was questioned whether it was viable to feed into the squash club.

Rugby club will be restarting the junior section and will be looking for funding of £5k and help towards finishing the fencing around the pitch.

There was a vote of thanks to the grounds maintenance staff. Football club feel they get good value for money.

939 Review of Annual Rents

It was proposed that there be no change to the rents for this year. Rugby Club £411, Tennis Club £200, Football Club £339 & Fitness Centre £1050. The rents do not cover the expenditure. The shortfall is covered by the ratepayers of Silloth and they are happy that they are contributing to this. A lot of hours are put in by volunteers. Questioned why the rents are at different levels. Rugby club have applied to lottery for funding of £37k for floodlighting. Planning permission will be needed for these if they get the funding, although they still need the portable lighting.

940 Skateboard/cycle park

Funds raised by youngsters from the sponsored bike ride towards the kids cycle/skate park were handed to the Clerk by Cllr. S. Graham, to be banked in the Town Council account for safekeeping.

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