

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on 14 January 2013

- Present:-** Cllrs. I. Baty, A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson, C. Baty & E. Wannop. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) & Ken Wannop.
- 267 **Apologies:-** Cllrs. S. Graham, C. Graham, M. Snaith, A. Weightman, D. Wallace & W. Jefferson. Apologies also received from the Police.
- 268 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllrs. Wannop & Markley.
- 269 **Exclusion of Press & Public**
It was agreed that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the last item on the Agenda.
- 270 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman hoped everyone had a good Christmas and New Year.
- 271 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2012 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record. The memorial seat for Herbie Blake has now been re-sited on Criffel Street.
- 272 **Police Report**
A Police report was sent by email and read out by the Clerk.
- 273 **Adjournment of Meeting**
There had been no requests to adjourn the meeting from members of the public.
- 274 **Correspondence**
- a) Great North Air Ambulance - Letter of thanks for the donation of £100.
 - b) Allerdale Borough Council - Silloth Area Profile 2012.
 - c) CALC - There is specific provision in Section 19(3) of Local Government (Misc Provision) Act 1976 for a local authority to make a grant or loan towards recreational facilities but the body to which the loan is made to has to be a non profit making body.
 - d) Silloth Primary School - Copy of letter sent to Allerdale by governors of Silloth Primary School objecting to planning application ref no: 2/2012/0882.
 - e) Solway Community Technology College - Letter of thanks for support for the annual Prize Giving Evening.
 - f) Allerdale Borough Council - Re: The Green, Silloth. The cost for cleaning of the toilets should the Town Council wish to contract Allerdale Borough Council to provide the service is £13,000 pa.
 - g) Royal Mail - Enquiries relating to postal postcodes are to be directed to the Address Management Team.
 - h) Solway Community Technology College - Letter regarding the retirement of Colin

Campbell who has been teaching for 37 years, 34 of them at Solway School. Letter wondering if the Council would like to make a contribution towards a gift.

i) Cumbria County Council - Re: bus stops on Eden Street. Reference to Eastbound and Westbound are to be removed in their entirety to stop confusion. Both bus stops have timetable cases on site which will advise potential passengers accordingly.

j) Allerdale Disability Association. Letter of thanks for donation of £100. From 1 April 2012 until 1 November 2012 the association has assisted clients from Silloth being awarded £19,138.60 in disability benefits.

k) Countrywide Grounds Maintenance - Brochure and list of services provided.

l) Allerdale Borough Council - Re: Silloth Crunch service. Changes are to be made to the way the crunch service is operated. Next crunch on 12 January. Vehicle will be parked at Skinburness road as normal but will be on site from 8.00am until 9.45am and not 9.00am to 11.00am as previously. Materials accepted remain the same and future dates are on Allerdale website.

m) Cumbria County Council - Public consultation on draft budget proposals for 2013-2014. County Council have managed to save over £80m without cutting services. They are under big constraints to achieve it. Reserves are earmarked. Highways budget has been cut. £5.972m issued by the Government over 2 years for maintenance. There are no new schemes put forward as there are no reserves available. County Council are currently re-structuring which is ongoing.

n) Allerdale Borough Council - Information following the announcement by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government regarding a two year settlement for local government covering 2013-14 and 2014-15. Funding requirements for 2013/14 to be returned to Allerdale by 15 January 2013. The Borough Council are feeling the pinch and some services will be cut which will affect parishes and towns. Chief Executive at Allerdale is retiring in May. County Council identified that money could be saved through waste management but the district councils would not get involved.

o) Beaty & Co - Re: B133(OI) Notice to a registered proprietor of any bodies like Lord of the Manor had 10 years within which to note their interests on registered titles otherwise these interests would disappear. Notice is simply to preserve those rights.

p) Allerdale Borough Council - Re: Local Support for Council tax. Further information and details of discounts used to calculate the Council tax base. Also the impact on a Band D property.

275 **Planning Applications**

The following application was considered by the Town Council's planning committee and deferred to full council for consideration:-

Ref No: 2/2012/0882 **Proposal:** Proposed dormer bungalow and demolition of garage

Location: Rear of 6/7 Pine Terrace, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr D. Swinscoe

There are concerns that allowing this development will set a precedent. The bungalow will have a back lane entrance and will be directly overlooking the school which is a concern. Traffic and parking etc is already a real problem in this area due to the close proximity to the school. This property and further developments will only aggravate the situation. If the area behind Pine Terrace was looked at as a development site and the whole area considered then issues relating to parking, traffic etc could be considered as a

whole. The Town Council were against the planning application.

The **Town Council** have approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/2012/0881 **Proposal:** Demolish and rebuild a dilapidated outbuilding

Location: 2 Pine Terrace, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Andrew Rowe

Ref No: 2/2012/0899 **Proposal:** Conservation area consent for demolition & rebuild of dilapidated outbuilding **Location:** 2 Pine Terrace, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Andrew Rowe

Ref No: 2/2012/0898 **Proposal:** Erection of 5 terraced houses, Silloth **Location:** Former Carrs Coaches **Applicant:** Frank Scott Builders Ltd

Ref No: 2/2012/0918 **Proposal:** Alterations to reinstate one property into 2 dwellings and erection of garden shed **Location:** 7 Prospect Place, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr S. Bell

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Ref No: 2/2012/0518 **Proposal:** Retrospective consent for ducting to north west and south west elevations of swimming pool **Location:** Beech House, Blitterlees, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Frank Scott

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276 Committee Reports

None.

277 Licences

None.

278 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Primary School Turned the budget around. Everything ok.

Joint Advisory Body No report.

Silloth Tourism Action Group No report.

Sea Dyke Charity No meeting.

Longcake Education Trust Meeting next month.

Solway Community Technology College Attended Prize day and leaving assembly for Colin Campbell who was given a vote of thanks for what he has done for the school and the community.

Sports Hall No meeting.

The Space - Silloth Community Hall Meeting on Wednesday at 12.00. Starting to build up a new board of members. Need to see what funding is needed to put the building right. There may be County Council funding available. FLAG have turned down funding due to application not being linked to fishing but could change its use and involve other groups.

279 Allerdale & County Council Reports

Allerdale - No reports.

County Council - Super fast broadband is coming to the County. Cabinet meeting on 30

January to put forward areas that go forward. Letter to be sent to Connect Cumbria to ask if Silloth are included in the areas to be considered. Work has started at Beckfoot. Email came to say that the road was to be closed but Cllr. Markley got it sorted and within 24 hours vehicles were moving again. The work will hopefully be finished on Wednesday costing approx. £300K. Environment Agency and Natural England put obstacles in the way which delayed things. Road closure also received for the top of Skinburness Road but now it will only be closed for part of a day. MRWS meeting to take place on 30 January but have not found out where the meeting is to be held. Decision to be taken at the end of the month. Some time ago it was suggested that a one way system be implemented to the top of Esk Street. It was picked up by the TRO but did not get any further. Letter to be sent to Cumbria Highways to ask what the position is.

280 Handyman's Report

Nothing to report. There have been complaints about the condition of the fence leading over the bridge to West Silloth. The fence has been repaired in the past but the posts are rotten and need to be replaced properly as a matter of urgency due to potential risk to pedestrians. Ken to obtain a price for posts, wire and top rails.

281 Town Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

282 Requests for Financial Assistance

Silloth RUFC need funding of £8000 towards the cost of connecting the new flood lights which will be considered under the Budget. See item 286.

283 Payment of Accounts

The Clerk produced a register report to 14 January 2013 which provided details of cheque payments and other transactions through the Town Council's current account. United Utilities refund of £20,730.03 and HLF grant of £748,772.63 have been received. However, a bill of £889,753.74 has been paid to Cumbria County Council which has left the Council with drastically depleted funds in the bank. This bill includes VAT of £148,292.29 which has been reclaimed with the December VAT claim. The list of cheque payments were approved by the Town Council for payment.

284 Silloth Green - Sustaining Development and use of Silloth Green (2012 - 2015)

A progress report (Dec 2012) has been compiled by Anna Malina, the Community Engagement Officer. It was suggested that she be asked to Town Council meetings to report to the Council. Anna links in with the Friends of the Green group. The usual events will be taking place this year i.e. Vintage Rally, Kite Festival, Bonfire etc. Report to be considered at by Parks Committee. Parks committee meeting to be arranged and to be held before the next Town Council meeting.

285 The Green Project - Update

The newly planted pine trees need to be replaced as they have died. Cllr. Jefferson was going to speak to someone at Forestry Commission for advice. Jason Dixey to be invited to the Parks Committee meeting, to sort out any outstanding issues which need to be

followed up with Lambert & Gill. A guy from Wigton was to advise on the best course of action in relation to the Rhododendrons up to the amusement arcade. It will cost the Town Council £13k for Allerdale to carry out the cleaning and maintenance of the public conveniences. Paul Shackley was going to look into a condition survey as the Criffel Street toilets need improvement before the Council are willing to take them over.

286 Budget 2013/14

The Clerk had drafted some budget figures for 2013/14 which were considered by the Council in detail. In view of the current budget constraints, it was agreed that the Town Council would not be able to financially support the application from Silloth RUFC. After some discussion the various budget headings were looked at in detail and amended to a realistic levels. The Town Council used £40k from reserves last year, to support its budget requirements which can't be done this year. Income from Allerdale for the grounds maintenance of the Green is likely to be cut. There are also additional costs to be covered this year, associated with the public conveniences. It was suggested that Allerdale be asked whether there was any possibility of the Council taking over the grounds maintenance of the cemetery at Causewayhead which could bring in additional revenue.

Allerdale Borough Council to be notified that the Council have looked at their budget but are unable to provide final figures until they know the situation with regard to the grounds maintenance of the Green.

287 Amounts owing to the Town Council

The only amount outstanding is the amount owed by Solway Crafters.

Signed..... Date.....