

Minutes of a meeting of Silloth Town Council
Held on 16 January 2012

Present:- Cllrs. I. Baty, C. Baty, C. Graham & E. Wannop. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) and various members of the public.

975 **Apologies**

Cllrs. A. Weightman, D. Wallace, R.W. Allison, S. Graham & A.J. Markley.

976 **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. Wannop - re: Ken.

977 **Exclusion of Press & Public**

None.

978 **Adjournment of Meeting**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

979 **Proposed Skateboard/Bike Park**

Lewis Graham, Joel Baker, Reece Blake and Matthew Oliver addressed the Council and talked about their interest in biking, making jumps in the Pines, why they would like a bike park and the rules they would expect everyone using the park to follow. A favourite area for the skateboard/bike park would be within the pine wood near the grounds maintenance depot. Another proposal was near the football field but concerns have been raised by residents. Mr Neil Marshall and Mr Peter Brough both expressed their support for the proposed Skateboard/Bike Park but were not in favour of it being sited on the old tennis courts/all weather area which is very close to residential properties. There are a lot of good lads but some will abuse it. It was questioned how the park could be monitored. Youngsters spent a lot of time constructing the jumps in the Pines. Health and Safety is important but the youngsters need to be encouraged. A sponsored bike ride has been held to raise funds. Need some pictures to see what the youngsters want and need a fuller meeting to get it finalised. Kids want to help. Need to consider the risk aspects and research what they want.

980 **2012/13 Budget**

The Clerk had produced some draft figures for the 2012/13 budget which was considered by the Town Council. The Town Council had decided at a previous meeting not to raise the Precept this year. As a result of the changes to the Concurrent grants system, the Town Council would not be able to claim as much concurrent grant this year. Concurrent grant is now only payable on property owned by Allerdale Borough Council. After some consideration the budget was agreed at £151,542 for 2012/13 - £109,500 raised from the Precept, £2,000 from concurrent grants and £40,000 taken from the Council's reserves. The £40,000 would be used towards the following:- £5,000 Vehicles & Equipment purchases, £5,000 The Space improvements, £10,000 play equipment purchases and £20,000 towards the Silloth Green Project.

Clarification is needed from Ian Payne regarding the cleaning and maintenance of the public conveniences.

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