

Minutes of a meeting of Silloth Town Council
Held 2 April 2012

Present:- Cllrs. I. Baty, A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson, C. Baty, S. Graham, D. Wallace, R.W. Allison & A. Weightman. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

055 **Apologies**

Cllrs. C. Graham, M. Snaith, E. Wannop & W. Jefferson. Also Ken Wannop.

056 **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. Markley - County Council, Allerdale Borough Council, Carrs Coaches & Markley transport.

Cllr. R.W. Allison - Vintage Rally & Sports Hub.

057 **Exclusion of Press & Public**

It was agreed that items 21, 22 & 23 be discussed without the Press and Public present.

058 **Chairman's Announcements**

No announcements. Letter received from The Space. Meeting to be arranged and discussed at a future date.

059 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March & 19 March 2012 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

060 **Police Report**

No report.

061 **Adjournment of Meeting**

There had been no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.

062 **Correspondence**

a) Cumbria County Council - Local News and Views - Spring 2012.

b) ACT Gazette - Issue 9: Spring 2012.

c) LCR - Spring 2012.

d) Independent Complaints Advocacy Service (ICAS) - Information about the service.

e) NALC - Employment briefing - Local Government Pay 2012/13. Employers' side of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has informed the trade unions that there will be no pay offer for 2012/13. This will be the 3rd consecutive year that the local government workforce has not received a pay offer. The last increase was 2009/10.

f) Cumbria Community Foundation - Jennings River Ride 16 September 2012 - Fitz Park Keswick.

g) Silloth Vintage Rally - The committee do not want the Solway Crafters on The

Green over the rally weekend. Site plan of rally to follow when new layout of the Green is known. Insurance cover to follow.

- h) Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum - Thursday 15 March 2012 at 7pm - 9pm at Solway Community Technology College.
- i) United Utilities - Community Hall eligible for the concessionary scheme and charges for surface and highway drainage is capped at band 1, the lowest site area charge. For 2012/13 this will be £107.18.
- j) Citizens Advice Allerdale - Letter of thanks for the donation of £50.
- k) United Utilities - re: Sports area. Letter enclosing a copy of site plan and asked for the map to be marked identifying the correct area for the premises.
- l) Allerdale Borough Council - Council Commitment to Local Communities 2012-2015 - Copy of the Council Plan which sets out their priorities for the next 3 years.
- m) Cumberland Building Society - Following any security incident a full review of all procedures is carried out and this is underway following the robbery at Silloth.
- n) Information Commissioners Office - Letter to confirm that the register entry has been renewed.
- o) Email from Jennifer Rowlands, the new Business Manager at Solway School, who is keen to build a collaborative relationship with the Town Council. Keen to meet the Town Clerk and new Community Engagement Officer, to see where she and the school might be able to offer assistance and help with developing and sustaining Silloth going forward. Her previous job was project manager for a £1m Lottery project.
- p) Email from Lois Baird, Solway Community Technology College asking if it would be possible to set up a 'speed dating' type meeting between both councils for an hour or so. Date to be fixed and see who is available.
- q) Letter from Mr Derek Ford following the last Town Council meeting giving his comments regarding the relationship between the Town Council and The Space. The Town Council noted his helpful comments and thank him for his input.
- r) Silloth Vintage Rally - Letter asking for financial support towards this years rally which is to be held on 16th & 17th June. Application form completed and returned. Application to be considered at the next Council meeting.
- s) Email from Mr Jimmy Lettice asking if the promised funding can be put towards the £6000 shortfall they have for the new full training floodlights. It was agreed that the funding of £1000 promised by the Town Council, together with the £2000 grant from County Council, be towards the new training floodlights.
- t) Silloth AFC - Letter and copy emails from Eric Telford with plans showing the aims and aspirations of the Football and Rugby Clubs to improve their facilities. Date required for a meeting between the Council and the clubs to discuss the proposals. Meeting to be arranged for Monday 16 April at 7.00pm.

063 Planning Applications

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

Ref No: 2/2012/0099 **Proposal:** Proposed rear extension to form utility and toilet

Location: 15 Caldew Street, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr John Cook

Ref No: 2/2012/0104 **Proposal:** Erection of extension **Location:** Holly Cottage, Blitterlees, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Frank Daly

Ref No: 2/12/9004 **Proposal:** Erection of external packaged plant room and associated

stainless steel chimney flue to provide new heating system **Location:** Solway Community Technology College
Ref No: 2/2012/0117 Proposal: Change of use from public house to create 2 bedroom flat Location: Huntsman, Eden Street, Silloth Applicant: Mrs Karen Gilmour

b) **Cumbria County Council** have approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/12/9004 **Proposal:** Erection of external packaged plant room and associated stainless steel chimney flue to provide new heating system **Location:** Solway Community Technology College

064 **Committee Reports**

12 March 2012 - Parks Committee meeting

065 **Licences**

None.

066 **Reports from Representatives**

Primary School The Primary school is doing considerably well with the new Headmistress. Things are turning around. They will be starting a new choir in the future.

Joint Advisory Committee No report.

Silloth Tourist Action Group No report.

Silloth Regeneration Partnership No longer exists.

Sea Dyke Charity A meeting took place recently. Nothing to report. Things are ongoing.

Longcake Education Trust No meeting.

Solway Community Technology College Cllr. Markley was not at the last governors meeting. No issues and nothing to report.

Sports Hall Stuart has met Jennifer Rowland. She has grave concerns about the Sports Hub and about how it will affect business at the Sports Hall. She wants to work in partnership. It was agreed that she be invited to the meeting with the sports clubs re: Sports Hub.

Silloth Community Hall - The Space No report. Meeting will be arranged a.s.a.p.

067 **Allerdale & County Council Reports**

Allerdale Borough Council - No reports.

Cumbria County Council - Plenty of salt on stock for the forthcoming snow. From 1 April the Highways teams have now come 'in-house'. The Hotline number will link directly into the depots and eventually will be 24/7. Waste disposal sites will not be closing but the opening times will be altering. Yellow lines have been done around the town. Still some to do. There have been some objections to the new bus stop near Hylton Terrace. Pavements have been done.

068 **Handyman's Report**

Ken sent his apologies. He has spoken to Mike Henderson regarding the painting of

the sandstone around the windows of the Community Hall. The stone is too soft to be sand blasted and it would take a vast amount of time to remove it by hand. It was therefore suggested that it was painted in a colour similar to the colour of sandstone which was agreed by the Council. Gary Bosward has requested a site meeting to look at what exterior finish the council wants for the outside of the building.

069 Town Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

070 Requests for Financial Assistance

The Town Council received the following requests for financial assistance:-

- a) Silloth Vintage Rally - deferred to next meeting.
- b) Silloth Tourism Action Group - STAG have a guy working on a no win no fee basis to find funding. They are wanting to hire an ice rink and will be charging £4 for adults and £2 for kids per hour. It was agreed to wait and see what other funding they get. The constitution sent with the application was questioned, as it was a 'proposed' constitution dated 1995. Rotary are having a beacon in the evening. Defer to next meeting until more information is obtained.
- c) Silloth Carnival Committee - it was agreed to defer the application until the next meeting as the Council needs to know what they are doing with the other applications.

071 Payment of Accounts

The list of cheque payments to be approved by the Town Council for payment at the next meeting.

072 Applications for events

The following applications for events were received:-

- a) Silloth Music & Beer Festival - 6th - 9th September 2012.
 - b) Sports Tour UK Fooball Tournament - 1st, 2nd & 3rd June 2012.
- The dates were agreed by the Town Council...

073 Associated British Ports

The Town Council were concerned about the large amount of concrete dumped at the entrance to the Docks which is an eyesore. Letters to be sent to the Harbour Master and to ABP to express their concerns and ask what they are going to do, as it looks bad for the town which relies on visitors. It was noticed that the access road to West Beach has been levelled which is a vast improvement.

074 Allotments

It had been noted that yet again several plots are not being cultivated whilst there is a waiting list of people wanting plots. What steps can be taken to make full use of all plots? Frank & Gordon had provided the Clerk with a list of untidy plots and suggested that a letter be sent to each of them giving them a deadline by which time if they are not started, they would be allocated to someone the waiting list. This was agreed by the Town Council.

075 The Green Project

A) Update on progress

Everything is going according to plan. HLF have agreed to foot the bill to upgrade the footpaths amounting to £70k, as long as the Town Council cover the cost of wastage which will be £14k. £7k is to come back from the Regeneration Partnership and therefore the Town Council would only need to find the additional £7k. The bike track has been discussed and HLF are wanting more consultation on it. The topping removed from the paths will be stored for use on the bike track.

B) Part-time Parks Warden and Community Engagement Officer

The Community Engagement post has provisionally been offered to Anna Malina from Cockermouth, as the first candidate had been offered another job. The new Park Warden started today.

The public toilets on Criffel Street were closed for 2 weeks. Cllr. I. Baty got Stuart James to do the necessary repairs. Part of the bill will be the responsibility of Allerdale and part will be the responsibility of the contractors. A price will be put in for additional criss cross fence. Jason is talking to Highways regarding the sign opposite the Golf Hotel to see if we can get an old style finger post. Both lots of cabins are to be moved. The car park at the Lifeboat Station will be swept and cleaned. The cabins on the Sea View car park will be moved into Ken’s yard and the car park swept and cleaned etc. The new putting green is to be grass seeded, rather than turfed. The contractors are happy to put the Millennium Cairn back on top of the hill. The concrete block on the sea front is to be removed. Electric is to be connected this week. Fibredec footpaths to be put down in early May. The bushes were taken out opposite the Rafa Club and they have now planted willows. They will be looking at whether to take these out. It was questioned whether there will be any bins put on the seafront and any dog bins. There are no plans for bins on seafront and no dog bins, as ordinary bins can be used by the public to dispose of dog waste. 60 trees which were donated by the Forestry Commission have been planted in the Pines by kids from the school. Another 60 additional trees will be coming shortly.

076 Ice Cream Concessions

Following the issue of the concessionary licences for the Lifeboat station and Pines car park, Mr Gray had asked to park his vehicle on the grass, just in front of The Pines car park. He has since sent a letter asking for a specific parking space to be marked out on the car park for his ice cream van. The Town Council agreed to his request for a parking space and Ken to be asked to mark one out.

077 Amounts owing to the Town Council

Nothing of any concern.

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