

Silloth Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on 31 January 2011

Present:- Cllrs. I. Baty, A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson, C. Baty, S. Hart & R.W. Allison.
Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk), Clive Firth, Anne Sowerby and Mike Faulkner.

659 **Apologies:-**
Cllrs. D. Wilson, A. Weightman, E. Wannop & M. Snaith.

660 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr. Markley - re: Cumbria County Council, Carrs Coaches, Solway Community Technology College etc

661 **Exclusion of Press & Public**
It was agreed that there was no need for the Press & Public to be excluded.

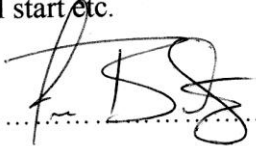
662 **Refurbishment of Community Hall**
There have been talks about setting up a working partnership between The Space and the Town Council. Need to get people in and make the building more suitable and fit for purpose. A range of events and classes could be held. Received funding of £5K from Allerdale area committee which needs to be spent before 31 March, although Cllr. Markley said not to worry about it. The number one proposal is the upgrading of the gents toilets and hallway which is damp. The funding has to be on capital expenditure and not refurbishments. From November to Christmas various grant forms were filled in. Clive was told that there was no chance of funding from Robin Rigg. Also, not met the criteria for AONB funding. The business plan was redone and were offered £2500 from Cumbria Waste Management. If go back to the original plans (rather than doing the work in phases) could get further funding. Need to prove that people would use the hall - old and new users. They require market research type evidence. Could get a further £8-10K additional funding if the above proof is obtained. Still need £27-30k and hoping to approach the AONB. They may feel the Space is competition for the Discovery Centre but it will enhance the facilities and bring people to the town. Aiming to get people involved in making crafts etc. Need to obtain letters from past users i.e. Age Concern, Mana credit etc and potential new users. The Space would like to work in partnership with the Town Council. There needs to be a sub-committee to steer the thing forward. People are already interested in putting on courses. Funding so far - £5000 in kind, £5000 from Allerdale area committee and £2,875 from Town Council for painting. There maybe more funding available from the area committee i.e. further £5,000 for revenue works. It would help if the AONB would support it. Courses in painting, photography and local history talks could be organised. £3,000 was put in the HLF bid for creating a new office which could possibly be used as match funding. Also approaching Co-operative society, Tesco, B&Q, Cumberland, Carrs, various banks etc. Awards for All also a possibility which has a 6-10 week turn around. The group need funding and also people interested in helping. The proposal also links in with tourism and would provide a facility for visitors to the town. It was agreed that an item be included on the next Town Council agenda with the suggestion that 2 people from the Town Council join the committee. It needs to be a joint effort and any ideas of where further funding can be obtained would be appreciated. The group will be a social enterprise entity and will be set up as a Company limited by guarantee. May be able to run courses even if funding is not

forthcoming which would raise funds.

563 HLF Contract - The Green, Silloth

Following the letter on 10 January notifying the Town Council of the HLF award, the contract has now been received, along with the various monitoring documents. It was agreed by the Town Council that the contract be signed by the Chairman.

A press release was put in the Buzz when the announcement was made that the bid had been successful. There will be a further statement at a future date to give details of when the work will start etc.

Signed..........

Date.....7/2/11.....