

**Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on 5 November 2012**

- Present:-** Cllrs. I. Baty, A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson, W. Jefferson, M. Snaith, C. Graham & C. Baty. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk), Ken Wannop, PC Andy Robertson & Mr Joe Bloomfield.
- 245 Apologies:-** Cllrs. S. Graham, R.W. Allison, E. Wannop, D. Wallace & A. Weightman.
- 246 Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr. Markley - re: County Council, Allerdale Borough Council, Carrs Coaches & Markley Transport etc.
- 247 Exclusion of Press & Public**  
It was agreed that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for item 23 on the Agenda.
- 248 Chairman's Announcements**  
None.
- 249 Minutes**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2012 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 250 Police Report**  
PC Andy Robertson gave a report on incidents of crime over the last month which seemed to have been busier than usual. Lindsay Tuck is the new PCSO for Silloth and has been the PCSO at Wigton for 7 years.
- 251 Joe Broomfield, Town Centre Manager for Allerdale Borough Council**  
Mr Joe Broomfield attended the meeting and explained his role at Allerdale Borough Council. The Regeneration department has been restructured to Economic Growth and down sized from 8 to 4 staff. There are two town centre managers covering various towns in Allerdale. The main purpose of the department is to co-ordinate what Allerdale are doing across the town centres. A joint action group has been set up in Cockermouth and will be starting in other towns - working with Housing, Highways, street scene, planning etc. An issue log is to be compiled to log calls on broken signs, lights etc and will be publicly available. There will be a walk around town with Bob Henderson and the Town Council to identify anything that requires attention. The Corporate Plan sets out what Allerdale does and it is planned to put together a one page document for each town covering street scene, use of land and buildings, festivals events and markets, and marketing promotions - to identify and achieve key priorities for Silloth and each of the other towns. It will attempt to co-ordinate dates so that events don't clash. Mr Broomfield is also responsible for markets in Allerdale and keen to know if the market works. The current contract runs until November 2014. Mr Broomfield was previously a

Heritage officer and worked with the Cockermouth shop fronts after the floods. There is a need for a co-ordinated approach. Different departments within Allerdale were asked to allocate a representative to be on the town team which will improve links within the departments. It was suggested that Mr Bloomfield get in touch with STAG regarding events etc as they are involved with the festivals. The market on the Airfield is excellent but there have been complaints about the street market causing problems with traffic. A traffic impact survey was done however before the market began. Things have been better since it has been moved away from the Golf corner. The market is essential for older people who can't get to the market on the airfield. There is a budget of £15k for Economic Growth to cover all 7 towns but the main aim is to co-ordinate things. Mr Bloomfield will send an electronic copy of the plan and it will be circulated to the Council.

**252 Adjournment of Meeting**

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

**253 Correspondence**

- a) Cumbria County Playing Fields Association - Annual Report 2011/12.
- b) Allerdale Borough Council - In touch magazine - October 2012.
- c) Craven rail - The Magazine for SELRAP (Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership) - Edition 17.
- d) West Cumbria:mrws - Nuclear Waste Disposal in West Cumbria?
- e) CALC - Annual Report 2012.
- f) Copy of a letter from Jill Stannard Chief Executive of Cumbria County Council re: the C2052 Skinburness Marsh Road. Some drainage and surfacing work is to be carried out to the carriageway before March 2013.
- g) Allerdale Borough Council - PARCS 2012. Letter of thanks for the Council's support for the PARCS scheme. The future of the Councils sport unit from March is unclear at the moment.
- h) CALC - Copy of letter sent to Cllr. Eddie Martin by CALC regarding 'Managing Radioactive Waste Safely'.
- i) CALC - Copy of letter sent to Baroness Verma by CALC giving the views of town and parish councils in West Cumbria in relation to the MRWS.
- j) Cumbria County Council - Better Highways - Map of Inspectors Areas.
- k) Further email's from Mr Colin Harrow re: Solway Crafters.
- l) Update on the Managing Radioactive Waste Safely process in West Cumbria. Press release issued by CCC, ABC and Copeland Borough Council on 2 October advising that they have opted to defer their decisions until January 2013.
- m) Email from Joe Broomfield asking for details events planned for 2013.
- n) Copy of an email from Arthur Millie sent to Tony Cunningham MP and Allerdale Councillors re: Parish Voting on GDF. Also the latest Parish Vote Map and analysis sheet indicating the views of the Parishes and letter to Baroness Verma stating CALC's position.
- o) CALC - Notice of CALC AGM to be held at 10.30 am on Saturday 10th November 2012 at Carlisle Racecourse.
- p) Electricity North West - Councils views requested on how and where investment

should be made in the local electricity network over the next 10 years. Questionnaire to be completed by 3 December 2012. Individual Cllrs. to give their comments to the Clerk. Electricity at Barracks Bridge and the airfield is often off. Also problem with power surges.

q) Email from Bill James concerned that Silloth is being dropped off mail addresses and computer records. Cllrs. Markley and Jefferson discussed it with Bill James this morning. As Silloth has a Wigton post code Silloth is being lost from addresses etc. It was agreed that letters be sent to Post Office, tourist board & anything to do with communications. Also reply to Bill James.

r) Email from Andrew Harrison of Cumbria Highways asking if the Town Council maintenance team would be interested in registering as snow champions and asking for details of any volunteers who would be interested in getting involved in a bigger scheme. Cumbria County Council have a new way of working. Silloth is ahead and already doing but need to register to guarantee a supply of grit over the winter period. The Council may be able to apply to do other things. It was agreed that the Council register as snow champions as we have a high elderly population and a number of residential homes etc.

s) Allerdale Borough Council - Email from John Somerset about the problems of emptying the shared refuse bins in the yard and asking if an area of hard standing can be provided near the gate. Silloth grounds maintenance team fill one bin and the street cleaner fills 3 or 4 bins. The Town Council do not see why the people of Silloth should pay to have a concrete pad put in. Reply to be sent. Also contact Mr Bloomfield.

t) Email from Sam Greenwell of Fun Golf Co enquiring about the possibility of installing a mini golf course on a site within our area. More information is needed and what area is required etc.

u) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Dog control orders. Letter asking for Town Council's comments with regard to proposals for dog control orders at the Splash Pad, play areas and sports pitches. The Splash Pad is not fenced but can get an order in place for dogs to be 'kept on leads'. Signage for the area is still being developed. Signs are in place around the sports area and play area but people don't take any notice. Push for signage on the Green and ask Allerdale for dog control orders for dogs to be kept on leads.

v) Letter from Shirley Kulaszewski expressing concern with regards to the proposed nuclear waste dump. There have been a lot of rumours around the town but the Town Council have strongly objected to the proposal for a nuclear waste dump and have given information to the Buzz and the Press etc. A statement was issued in September. There have been no secret meetings held. The letter from Shirley was not just directed at the Town Council but also Allerdale and the County Council. Magazines have gone round every household, various public meetings have been held, discussed in forum meetings and Town Council meetings and still people were unaware of the possibility of a nuclear dump. SPAND is there to make people aware and engage with the community to allay any fears they may have. The public have approached some Cllrs. who have been told they can't talk about it. Cllr. Markley can't because of his position at the County Council. At the moment discussions are about the expression of interest not a formal plan. Copeland expressed an interest and therefore County Council supported them. The Government did not give the option of doing the geology first. Nirex stated that Copeland was not suitable but that did not rule out the rest of the county which resulted

in the MRWS report in August and the Town Council's response against the proposal. The changeover in Cabinet resulted in more time needed. A telephone poll was carried out but they were only interested in people under 60. Only two people who attended the meeting at the Golf had taken part in the poll. If a debate had taken place in Allerdale they would agree with general opinion. This is an executive decision and therefore not to be decided by the full council at Allerdale. It is good that people feel strongly about it. A number of residents were concerned and attended a meeting at Allerdale. There was 30 minutes of question time but the public weren't given time to speak at the meeting. It doesn't look open and transparent which makes people nervous. There is now a pause until more information is gathered. There is a need to take all action possible and use all avenues available. There is a statutory obligation to defend the AONB.

w) Solway Community Technology College - Invitation to the Awards evening on Thursday 6 December and request for continued support. It was agreed that a donation be given for the same amount as last year.

#### 254 **Planning Applications**

The following application was withdrawn:-

**Ref No:** 2/12/9010 **Proposal:** Proposed control kiosk to house the electrics and controls for an underground wastewater pumping station **Location:** West side of an access track, off Golf Terrace, Greenrow, Silloth

Allerdale Borough Council approved the following:-

**Ref No:** 2/2012/0617 **Proposal:** Single storey extension to rear of property **Location:** 47 Skinburness Road, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Anthony Allen

The Town Council approved the following:-

**Ref No:** 2/2012/0692 **Proposal:** Replacement of existing timber windows and door to white double glazed upvc units to match existing design **Location:** Bank House, Station Square, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Patrick Brennan

#### 255 **Committee Reports**

There was an Allotment committee meeting on 22 October. There is a problem with flooding which has been caused by work carried out by the electric board in 2006. The drain has been dug out but the pipe and cable is on the same level.

#### 256 **Licences**

None.

#### 257 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**Primary School** No report.

**Joint Advisory Body** Official opening of the combined TIC, library and AONB headquarters has taken place. All three services have been maintained and at a lower cost. Solway Wetland project is going ahead. There are still problems with Allerdale who don't understand their relationship with the AONB.

**Silloth Tourism Action Group** Firework display and bonfire took place on 26 October. Over 2000 people attended the event. £1 for adults and free for adults. Fletchers

fairground was there, a bar and hog roast. Probably hold the event again next year.

**Sea Dyke Charity** Funds were donated to the Convalescent Home and local churches.

**Longcake Education Trust** £290 donated to the 4 schools and £100 to a student at University for costly books. Honours board has not been resolved and will get put up.

**Solway Community Technology College** There has been a series of lunches open to the public. There will be a Xmas dinner cooked by the kids. Colin Campbell who has been deputy head for a lot of years, leaves at Christmas. A new deputy head mistress has been appointed. Both schools have issues re: funding from government.

**Sports Hall** No meeting.

**The Space - Silloth Community Hall** Memorandum of agreement has been signed.

Need a meeting to secure further funding. Exterior has been done but can't be painted until drier weather. Clerk to arrange a meeting.

## 258 Allerdale & County Council Reports

**Allerdale** - The planning department don't have an issue with the use of UPVC for windows as long as the design is suitable. It has been difficult to get approval for the windows at the Criffel which needs rectified. A meeting took place today with Paul Shackley re: funding towards the cost of maintaining the Green. Everyone is looking at cutting costs and figures outlining the costs need to be put together. Allerdale is dominated by the nuclear issue.

**County Council** - The budget is being done and looking to save £40m. Last bridge has been opened at Workington. All will have been re-opened within the 3 year slot. Camerton foot bridge will be open in the next week. County Council economic ambition is being pushed forward. Also snow champions & MRWS.

## 259 Handyman's Report

Water Splash has been dismantled. Grass areas have been edged. The memorial seats have all been re-sited apart from the one for Herbie Blake. As part of the snow champions scheme it was questioned whether the Council could claim and get funding for some equipment to do the job properly. Enquiries to be made.

## 260 Town Clerk's Report

British Heart town launch is at Solway Community Technology College on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm.

## 261 Requests for Financial Assistance

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

a) Wigton Swimming Pool - It was agreed to give a donation of £100 towards the running costs.

b) British Red Cross - No donation given.

c) Great North Air Ambulance - It was agreed that a donation of £100 be given.

d) Solway Community Technology College - It was agreed that the Council sponsor a prize as in previous years.

## 262 Payment of Accounts

The Clerk produced a register report to 5 November 2012 which provided details of

cheque payments and other transactions through the Town Council's current account. The list of cheque payments were approved by the Town Council for payment.

**263 2013/14 Budget**

The Town Council considered possible items for inclusion in the 2013/14 Budget which included the Community Hall refurbishment, STAG for future events, increased maintenance costs of the Green and funding for Sports. Meeting with Sports clubs to take place on Monday 19 November.

**264 The Green Project - Update**

No further than last month. Trying to get a meeting sorted with Jason and Jane etc to get funding claim sorted. HLF will not release any further funds until the claim is sent in. Ken was thanked for installing the memorial benches. Letter to be sent to Hunter Davies to let them know where their memorial seat has been resited. A memorial bench policy is now in place to prevent future problems.

**265 Silloth Green website**

Anna Malina produced a report for the Council outlining details of the proposed Silloth Green website. Cllr. Markley has agreed to provide funding of £2000 towards the development of the site from his County Council members allowance which will be channeled through the Town Council. The site will link in with the Silloth town website.

**266 Youth Club Lease**

The Clerk had drafted some draft terms for a lease between the Town Council and the Youth Club. It was agreed that these be put to the Youth for their input before incorporating them into a lease.

**267 Amounts owing to the Town Council**

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

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