

Minutes of a meeting of Silloth Town Council
Held on 5 September 2011

Present:- Cllrs. I. Baty, A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson, C. Graham, C. Baty, S. Graham, R.W. Allison, M. Snaith, E. Wannop & W. Jefferson. Also Wendy Jameson & Ken Wannop.

807 Apologies Cllrs. D. Wallace & A. Weightman.

808 Declaration of Interest
Cllr. Markley - County Council, school & Markley transport.
Cllr. Wannop - re: Ken.

809 Exclusion of Press & Public
None.

810 Chairman's Announcements
Nothing to report.

811 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2011 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

812 Police Report
No report.

813 Solway Woodcarvers - The Space
Clerk to obtain quotes for work to the outside of the Community Hall with a return date of 2-3 weeks. To be considered by the Council at their next meeting. Copy of the minutes from the meeting of The Space on 19 July were given to Cllrs. Various questions had been raised at the meeting. Courses etc held in the Hall will be covered by the Town Council's public liability insurance. There is no fire certificate for the Community Hall but Clerk to supply a copy of the Risk Assessment. Advice is needed on charges for room lettings. Wording is needed for the business plan. Town Council working with the community to renovate and increase the usage of the Hall. There will be no charge for heat and light until it is up and running. Some Cllrs. were not keen on the word partnership and in tying the Town Council up so closely to the group. A better wording would be 'Town Council working in conjunction with The Space'. Reply to be sent to Clive and a separate meeting The Space to discuss the implications etc.

814 Adjournment of Meeting
There had been no requests from members of the public to raise any matters in the meeting.

815 Correspondence
a) Clerks & Councils Direct - September 2011

- b) Parish & Community News.
- c) CALC - Developments your Skills.
- d) The Round Spring - Spring 2011.
- e) Silloth First Responders - Re: Charity event in aid of Silloth Community First Responders.
- f) Silloth Festivals Ltd - Letter of thanks for the cheque for £800 towards the public liability insurance.
- g) Heritage Lottery Fund - re: The Green, Silloth. Letter enclosing the Permission to start the project form which officially gives permission for the project to start.
- h) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Lease, Silloth Green. Copy of the lease sealed by Allerdale Borough Council.
- i) Email from Diane Graham of the Carnival Committee asking for an emergency meeting with the Town Council to discuss the Council's decision for no more bouncy castles on the Green. Following consultation with the Chairman, the Clerk advised Diane to liaise with Raynor Fletcher on the matter.
- j) Email from Allerdale Borough Council - re: Nesting seagulls. Seagulls are a protected species and illegal to disturb them during the nesting season. Appropriate measures can be used to prevent their return. Only way the birds can be removed or controlled is if they are causing a hazard to health and a permit obtained from DEFRA which are only issued in extreme circumstances. Allerdale cannot help in this instance.
- k) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Notice of Road Closure for 29 August 2011. Copy of an amended road closure order following an error in the date on the original which stated Friday 29 August.
- l) Royal Horticultural Society - Information about the 'in Bloom' campaign which is an opportunity to benefit local people and businesses.
- m) Allerdale Borough Council - Planning and Planning Policy department will be relocating to Allerdale House, Workington from 16 September 2011.
- n) Letter from Jeff Downham, Development Officer from ACT asking if the Town Council would want to be part of a cluster grouping of parishes to develop a joint community plan. The scheme has been in motion for the last 2 years and is to enable Councils to have a stronger voice. It would involve more meetings. It is difficult to see what benefits there would be to the Town Council. Flooding may be an issue common to all parishes. The pumps are going to be switched off on the Marshes unless they are taken over by farmers. The Council decided not to join the cluster, as there would be no real advantage for the Town Council.
- o) Cumbria County Council - re: North Allerdale Traffic Regulation Order Review Invitation to make comments on possible changes to the North Allerdale Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Comments by 12 September 2011. One way system at the top of Esk Street has not been included. Existing double yellow lines are to be repainted.
- p) Letter from various youngsters asking the Council to consider making a permanent bike track with ramps and obstacles etc. The youngsters are using the Pines at present and making their own track. A track would need to be sited sympathetically. Letter to be put in the Buzz to say the Council has had a request for a bike track and ask the public where it should be sited. Involve the community and ask for suggestions. Letter also to

be sent to the youngsters.

q) Letter from Mal Moore from the Solway Crafters regarding the siting of the marquee on the Green and the actions of a Councillor. Mr Moore contacted Cllr. Snaith shortly after an incident as he was very upset. He had obtained permission from the Town Council in February to site the craft tent on the Green on various dates during the year. He pays £25 each time he attends. There needs to be better clarification on the dates, as he also attends when there is an event on the Green i.e. Vintage Rally, Kite Festival etc. Anything going on on the Green needs to be through the Town Council and with their permission. Need to welcome them here but need express written agreement from the Town Council and needs to work with STAG.

r) Letter from Jill Johnston of Brocklebank regarding the Craft Fairs on the Green and the problems encountered. Reply to be sent.

s) Email from Mr Duncan Wallace asking for permission to hold a private party in a marquee on the Green for his wife's birthday. Town Council are not in agreement to a marquee being erected for a private party.

t) Email from Allerdale Borough Council re: complaints about Mr Tinnion trading on The Green near the sunken garden with his ice cream van. Mr Tinnion has permission to trade on land at the Pines car park. He was trading next to the Promenade but has now moved back and is approx 60 paces away from the car park. He is currently in talks with Allerdale Borough Council. Allerdale are saying the land belongs to the Town Council. The Town Council do not have an objection to where George is trading from. No complaint has been received directly by the Town Council.

u) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Local Validation Checklist for planning applications. Schedule of details etc are on Allerdale website. Comments to be received within 8 weeks of the letter. Clerk to print it out and circulate it to the planning committee.

v) Letter from Mrs Kathryn Ostell re: Unkempt Land on Skinburness Road. The area of ferns and briars was cut back and has been kept cut down. A representative from Community Services advised us that certain planting cannot be cut down. It was suggested that Dr Brian Irving from the AONB be asked for his opinion on what could be done to tidy the area up. Residents are basically wanting the bushes/trees chopped right down. The shrubs are covering the old Council depot. It was agreed that Brian Irving be asked for his professional opinion. If there are any problems re: anti-social behaviour then the Police should be notified and asked to keep an eye on it. Will always look before the area is cut and there has never been any litter and only three bottles have been found.

816 Planning Applications

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

Ref No: 2/2011/0493 **Proposal:** Demolish existing kitchen and outbuildings and replace with single storey extension **Location:** 4 Prospect Place, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Paul Robertshaw

Ref No: 2/2011/0534 **Proposal:** Garage alteration to provide loft storage space **Location:** 9 Prospect Place, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Shaun Bell

Ref No: 2/2011/0588 **Proposal:** Erection of dwelling house **Location:** Annandale, Blitterlees, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr J. Graham

Ref No: 2/2011/0560 **Proposal:** Replacement of timber windows to first and second floor elevation with PVC sliding sash. Revision of 2/2010/0956 **Location:** 14 Criffel Street, Silloth **Applicant:** Ms Carmel Bell, Jumbo Parties Ltd

b) The **Town Council** planning committee deferred the following application to the Full Council for consideration:-

Ref No: 2/2011/0380 **Proposal:** Outline application for six residential properties to replace existent planning permission 2/2008/0430 **Location:** Land adjacent to Greenrow Bungalows, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Lesley Akehurst.

The Clerk rang Allerdale Borough Council and was told there were no changes to the original application and this was simply an extension to the time span and therefore no need to hold a special meeting.

c) **Allerdale Borough Council** have approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/2011/0380 **Proposal:** Outline application for six residential properties to replace existing planning permission 2/2008/0430 **Location:** Land adjacent to Greenrow Bungalows, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Lesley Akehurst

Ref No: 2/2011/0429 **Proposal:** Extension to existing nursing and residential care home to provide 2 additional bedrooms with en-suites, 1 assisted WC and 1 hairdressing room **Location:** Silloth Nursing and Residential Care Home **Applicant:** Silloth Nursing and Residential Care Home

Ref No: 2/2011/0417 **Proposal:** Listed building consent for extension to existing nursing and residential care home to provide 2 additional bedrooms with en-suites, 1 assisted WC and 1 hairdressing room **Location:** Silloth Nursing and Residential Care Home **Applicant:** Silloth Nursing and Residential Care Home

Ref No: 2/2011/0435 **Proposal:** Proposed new stairs, orangery to rear, extension of dormer to front elevation **Location:** 268 Skinburness Road, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Gary Winter.

Ref No: 2/2011/0493 **Proposal:** Demolish existing kitchen and outbuildings and replace with single storey extension **Location:** 4 Prospect Place, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Paul Robertshaw

817 Committee Reports

None.

818 Licences

Application for street trading consent:-

Applicant	Location	Date & Times
D & K Ices	Criffel Street, Silloth - in	Bank Holiday Monday
Moorcrest	front of the Green Opp.	29 August 2011
Buchanon Terrace	the junction with Esk St	10am to 6pm approx
Ellenborough	(for ice cream)	
Maryport		

Reply sent by Clerk to object to the application as per Town Council policy.

819 **Reports from Representatives**

Primary School Back to school on Wednesday. No report.

Joint Advisory Committee Fine.

Silloth Tourist Action Group Cllr. Chris Graham to report back to the Council.

Silloth Regeneration Partnership Need to reorganise.

North Allerdale Development Trust No report.

Sea Dyke Charity No meeting.

Longcake Education Trust No meeting.

Solway Community Technology College No report.

Sports Hall No report.

Silloth Community Hall - The Space No report. Cllr. Chris Graham is going to meetings on behalf of STAG and will report back to the Town Council.

820 **Allerdale & County Council Reports**

Allerdale Borough Council Talk in planning committee about modernising planning in line with Government's new policy. Manager hopes it will bring Cllrs. into line.

Committee are minded to refuse applications for wind turbines and always send it to committee. Always told by turbine companies that they will automatically go to appeal which will cost ratepayers upwards of £80k for each application. Trying to put together a definitive map to identify where applications are agreeable. Council are in a bribery situation. Difficult situation and needs to find out what the local community actually feels about it. Officers refused to make a decision on the Honister application. County Council tried to put together a map years ago but were unsuccessful. Been to Cumbria Leaders Board on a number of occasions. It is in the national interests that they meet the targets for renewable energy. Must consider each application on its individual merits but it is the cumulative visual impact on the landscape that needs to be considered. There is now a barrel and a hosepipe at the Cemetery. The toilets are in need of renovation.

Cumbria County Council Been asked if the entrance to the Lido at Barracks Bridge can be cut back. Letter to be sent to Mr Routledge. A new telephone pole was put up at Blitterlees and the old post box was taken away. Planning permission is now required before a new post box can be put up. Cllr. Markley asked that the Rugby Club be asked for the original costings for the rugby pitch. It was questioned whether the Community Hall & the Discovery Centre would be interested in solar panels. Cllr. Jefferson to ask Brian Irving. Amey contract is ending in March and a lot of work will be coming back in house. Navvies Bridge is opening and the North Side bridge opening next year. Top end of relief road at Carlisle should be open this year. £40m was saved last year but County Council now have to save £70m. Cllr. Markley will find out why the sign at entrance to Pennine View has not been replaced despite countless emails etc by the Clerk.

821 **Handyman's Report**

General maintenance and grass cutting done. Bus shelters will be pressure washed and painted once the kids are back at school. Paddling Pool will be opened at the weekend for next couple of weeks. Gang mowers - Reelers have run out after 8 years and need replaced. Need to consider replacing or get a new set of gang mowers. Price to be

obtained to repair and price to replace.

822 Town Clerk's Report

Letter was sent to Allerdale regarding the condition of the road to West Beach but no reply received. Clerk to follow up on this.

823 Requests for Financial Assistance

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

- a) Wigton Swimming Pool - It was agreed that a donation of £100 be provided towards the running costs of the Swimming Pool.
- b) Solway Plain Team Magazine - It was agreed that a donation of £10 be provided towards the printing costs of the magazine.

824 Payment of Accounts

The Clerk produced a register report 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.

825 Tree Pruning in Silloth

It was questioned whether the Town Council's maintenance crew would be able to undertake the maintenance of the trees around the town, now that they have been pruned. County Council will not touch them again for a few years. There are approx 190 trees in the town and the job would need proper equipment and training. It was agreed that the Town Council would not undertake the work, as it is not within the scope of the Town Council's maintenance team.

826 Police Reports

The last attendance was 6 December 2010. The notice of Safer Stronger Community Meeting in the Fire Station states the next meeting is on 1 November 2010. It was questioned why the Police do not attend Town Council meetings. Letter to be sent to the Police. There should have been a visible Police presence in the town on Carnival Day.

827 Allotments

It was questioned how many residents there are on the waiting list, as it would seem there are several plots underused from the complaints received. Clerk had spoken to Gordon Baker and he has asked for a site meeting of the allotment committee to look at the allotments.

828 Leases

It was questioned what the position is with regard to the ABP and Youth club leases. Clerk to chase the matter up with the solicitors.

829 Solway Crafters

Dealt with earlier in the meeting.

830 Grounds Maintenance

I.S.S. have been seen measuring up both the Rugby field and Playing field plus the Green. It was questioned whether anyone is aware of a bid to take over the upkeep. Cllrs. Snaith and Jefferson to find out what is happening. It was questioned how long we have maintained the Green. Allerdale Borough Council regard us highly in what the Council do in maintaining the Green.

831 Crazy Putting Course - The Green

The Town Council agreed to the removal of the Crazy Putting Course from the Green. Rough costings: 50-60 tons of waste, 3 days use of a machine, 40 tons of top soil. It was agreed that the work be done once the last event has taken place on the Green.

832 Play Equipment

The standard of our play area is considered poor compared to other places. It was suggested that the Council obtain plans and estimates for a comprehensive scheme to renew the play equipment in the Eden Street playground. Money from the new housing development could be used and other pots of money available. There could be some equipment aimed at older people.

833 Street Cleaning

There have been a lot of complaints about street cleaning in the town. The job is currently not being done to a satisfactory standard. When other people cover holidays a better job is done. Street cleaning machine comes round on a Sunday when it can't get near to the pavements. The Town Council may be able to take over the role ourselves and need to look at the budget. The approach to the entrance of the town is a disgrace. Letter to be sent asking what the street cleaners responsibilities actually are. Also why he has split shifts and not full days? Allerdale to be thanked for the cleaning squad who come into town after events on the Green.

834 Update on HLF Bid

Two applications have been received for work to the toilets, footways, pagoda, play areas etc. £70k difference in the prices received from Stobbarts and Lambert Gill. Went through scoring process and looks as though Lambert Gill were the preferred choice but various points need to be clarified with them before this can be confirmed. It has been asked that local labour and local suppliers be used where possible. Contract will be awarded this week. Work to be commenced on site by end of September and completed by March/Easter. Areas will be fenced off while they are doing the work and moved around, as areas are completed.

835 Amounts owing to the Town Council

Nothing of any concern.

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