

Minutes of a meeting of Silloth Town Council
Held on 7 November 2011

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

863 **Apologies** Cllrs. R.W. Allison, D. Wallace, & A. Weightman. Also PC Andy Robertson & PCSO Hubert Wiosenski.

864 **Declaration of Interest**
Cllr. Wilkinson -
Cllr. S. Graham - re: Fire Brigade
Cllr. Wannop - re: Ken.
Cllr. Markley - County Council, Allerdale Borough Council, school & Markley transport.

865 **Exclusion of Press & Public**
It was agreed that items 22, 23 & 24 be discussed without the Press and Public present.

866 **Chairman's Announcements**
None.

867 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2011 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

868 **Police Report**
A report was sent by PCSO Wiosenski for the meeting which was given out at the meeting. It was asking the reports can be sent before the meeting so they can be circulated with the agenda.

869 **Heart Smart Town**
Peter Gilmour attended the meeting and thanked the Town Council for all the financial support over the last 10 years. Silloth is one of only 3 towns in the county awarded funding for 10 new defibrillators. There are now 14 spread over the town. Steven Laiden was unable to attend as he had another meeting. Silloth is one of the first towns to train kids up in CPR. Heart Foundation and First Responders have put a lot into this. Heart Foundation are celebrating 50 years and are looking for 50 towns to become Heart Smart Towns. Need permission of the Town Council to do it which will help get funding for Heart Smart Town activities covering an age range of 0 upwards, to lessen cardiac disease by teaching people. It will involve money coming into the town and will benefit the whole town. Invested £17k in the last few weeks of which £6K was from the Heart Foundation. 90% of kids have been trained in CPR at the secondary school. The rest will be done before the end of term. The Heart Foundation want to back the First

Responders. Thanks were given to the First Responders for all their hard work and people are reassured that they are around. Pagers have been sponsored by the Town Council since the group started. The Town Council gave their support for Silloth to become a Heart Smart Town.

870 Adjournment of Meeting

Morven Anson requested to speak at the meeting, regarding the Fire Service proposals to permanently export control room jobs out of the local area. The meeting was adjourned to allow her an opportunity to speak on the matter. Morven is a crew manager in the call centre at Cockermouth. In September it was agreed to merge 4 centres and in June next year will be moving control to Cheshire which could potentially affect lives. Can currently mobilise a fire engine within 60 seconds. Cheshire will not be able to respond as quickly as they are not familiar with the area. A triangulation method is used to get a rough idea of where the caller is which can pinpoint to within 100m in an urban area but in a rural area it can be up to 30km. At the moment they control room works with neighbouring areas and can mobilise their appliances but if they move to Cheshire they will only be able to mobilise Lancashire engines. They were working to £160K worth of savings but now those savings are by closure of the control room at Cockermouth. Staff have been given the option of re-locating but this is not what people want. Want to see Workington project come to fruition before the control room closes. Currently work well with neighbouring areas. The issue is basically due to the huge savings that must be made. Could have saved £200k in a less vital area. Morven will email the Clerk with further details.

871 Correspondence

- A) Clerks & Councils Direct - November 2011.
- B) Cumbria County Council - Allerdale Neighbourhood Forums - Newsletter.
- C) Copeland Matters - Issue 8 - September 2011.
- D) The Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons - The guide to taking part. Copy to be sent to STAG.
- E) Solway Coast AONB - Annual Review 2010-2011.
- F) Cumbria County Council - Local News & Views Parish Councillor) Newsletter - Edition 4 - Autumn 2011.
- G) Community Green Spaces: Essential Green Infrastructure.
- H) CCLA - The Public Sector Deposit Fund. Brochure about a highly competitive, safe and secure deposit account built for parish and town councils etc.
- I) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Silloth Green Master Plan - Consent for Works. Confirmation that the Borough Council is willing to give its consent to the Town Council to permit the undertaking of the project as described as well as giving consent to the erection of any temporary signage which is required during the construction phase.
- J) Invitation to the big switch on of the new AD plant at Dryholme Farm, Silloth from 10.30am on 4 November 2011.
- K) Email from Anne Allen of the Northern Counties group of Motorcaravanners Club. Club uses a lot of Rugby grounds over in Egremont and Barrow in Furness which brings in revenue to the clubs and the local community. Club enjoyed staying in Silloth and if

the Council has a change of heart to let them know.

L) NatWest - Information about the Fixed Rate deposits available.

M) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Lease - Silloth Green. Lease has not been registered at Land Registry which is the responsibility of the Lessee. Legal work to be undertaken by the Town Council's solicitors. Confirmation to be sent to Allerdale once completed.

N) Request from Morven Anson to speak at the Council meeting on 7 November re: the issue of the closure of the Fire Control Centre at Cockermouth.

O) Email from Colin Baty regarding problems with the changing room showers which were giving shocks to home and away team players. Colin will be speaking to Shaun Bell. Showers have now been repaired.

P) Copy of the Licence between Silloth Town Council and Cumbria County Council to enter and occupy the Premises to the extent required for the purposes of carrying out the Works to the Green.

Q) Solway Community Technology College - Prize Day - 1st December 2011. Letter asking for continued support from the Town Council. Letter of support to be sent and raising the continued improvement at the school.

R) Allerdale Borough Council - PARCS Summer Activities 2011 - Letter asking for continued support from the Town Council. It was agreed that the Town Council support the scheme by funding 2 sessions as in previous years. Letter to be sent and request that they do not drive across the Green next year.

S) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Silloth Cemetery. Email from Kirsten Mawby asking if the Council have noticed any improvement in the Cemetery at Causewayhead. Feedback would be appreciated. Cllr. Jefferson to check it but there is still no running water and toilets are not in use.

T) STAG - Email from Chris Graham, Secretary of STAG asking to book 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th June 2012 for STAG to use the Green to hold a range of events for the Queens Jubilee celebrations. Cllr. Graham gave an outline of some of the activities that are being considered but nothing has been finalised. The Town Council agreed to the date being reserved for STAG.

U) Cumbria County Council - re: Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework - Site allocations policies and proposals map. Comments to be received no later than 5 December 2011.

V) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Silloth Green and Grounds Maintenance Issues. Letter asking for an opportunity to meet to explore what savings and efficiencies could be made for 2012/13 onwards. Need to put together what agreements are in place now. Present payments are built into the lottery scheme. Town Council do a good job maintaining The Green. Town Council need to be prepared and insistent that we keep the maintenance. It was suggested that certain Cllrs. meet with Allerdale Borough Council and come back to the full Council with proposals. Letter to be sent to Ian Payne to find out what savings and efficiencies they are looking to make and then sort a meeting out to negotiate. Silloth is recognised as one of the better towns in the County.

W) Longcake Educational Foundation - Letter asking if the Council would be willing for the old school honours board that used to hang in Colt Park School, Causewayhead be displayed in the Community Hall. Town Council feel it should be displayed in the Solway Discovery Centre. Cllr. Jefferson to speak with AONB.

X) Fire Brigades Union - re: Proposed termination of the Cumbria Control Function. Letter asking for support to protect the fire and rescue service in Cumbria and prevent the permanent export of control room jobs away from the local area. Letter to be sent to object to current proposals. Morven Anson to email further details to the Clerk.

872 **Planning Applications**

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

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

873 **Committee Reports**

None.

874 **Licences**

None.

875 **Reports from Representatives**

Primary School New Head Teacher has been appointed.

Joint Advisory Committee Annual Review published. Conference will be taking place on Friday at Maryport. It will also be the AGM of the Solway Firth Partnership with the Conference of the AONB to follow. It is a joint venture as a cost cutting measure.

Silloth Tourist Action Group Nothing to add.

Silloth Regeneration Partnership No regeneration meeting has taken place.

Sea Dyke Charity There was a meeting but Cllr. Markley was unable to attend.

Longcake Education Trust Rev Canon Brian Lockwell appointed as a trustee. £250 each was given to each of the four schools. Also £100 to Thomas Carr for special study books.

Solway Community Technology College Things are moving on well. Cllr. D. Wallace is our representative.

Sports Hall No report.

Silloth Community Hall - The Space - Report later.

876 **Allerdale & County Council Reports**

Allerdale Borough Council - Currently a gypsy Council in that meetings are held in different towns, with full council meetings held in Workington, Maryport and Cockermouth. Trying to save money. Alan Smith is the new leader and stated that he would not be criticising the previous administration again. There has been a lot of criticism of the previous administration.

Cumbria County Council - Looking at budgets and cost cutting. Going to Torpenhow for a meeting. £27m to be invested in Tourism in England due to the Olympics. Coming to Rheged on Wednesday. £4.5m allocated to LEP which is an ongoing project. 25k tons of rock salt is on stock in Cumbria with 10k tons on reserve if needed. County Council will be looking after ourselves from April. It was questioned when the Carlisle bypass would be opening. CNDR official time for opening is Spring 2012. There are issues still to be sorted out regarding drainage levels and therefore still officially Spring.

877 Handyman's Report

Play equipment meeting needed. Also meeting of Parks committee. Need money for Gang mowers which are now in need of replacing. They are now 8 years old and it would be cheaper to replace the machine with another second hand machine rather than renovate the existing ones. Ken to obtain prices. Bus shelter roof still to be repaired. Mountelm and Steadmans to be contacted to get price for box profile sheeting.

878 Town Clerk's Report

Meeting with The Space - Tuesday 15th November.

Clerk had been approached by Johnstone Forster on behalf of the Christmas Lights committee regarding hiring a scissor lift to put the Christmas Lights up. To be ordered through Town Council but paid for by the committee. However Hewden's now require separate Hired Equipment insurance and as it would be hired through Town Council it would make the Town Council liable. It was suggested that the Christmas Lights Committee approach a local firm I.e. Tony Sharp or Shaun Bell. Eric Nicholson has been putting Maryport lights up.

879 Requests for Financial Assistance

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

- a) Silloth Community Hall - The Space - No application submitted.
- b) Silloth RUFC - Rugby club are now looking at a set of mobile lights. Obtained funding of £1500 from RFU, £2000 from CCC & £700 in credit with Rhino totalling £4200. If ordered through the Town Council the VAT could be reclaimed. Town Council are happy to support the provision of lighting. Letter to be sent to the Rugby Club and Football Club asking them to come to the next Council meeting with a firm proposal of what they require.

880 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.

881 The Green Project

A) HLF Bid - Update - A site meeting took place last week. The footway work around the town garden will soon be finished and it was questioned whether the Town Council want it opened up early. Guarantee will start when opened in March and it was agreed that Council do not want it opened up early. Bat boxes are going up next week as work is going to be done to the Pagoda. Need to know where electric pop-up points are required. Consulting with schools re: Wood. 7 Nov - demolish toilets etc. Trees where the go-a-pe play area to be sited are to be felled. Crazy paving to be put around Rose Garden. Contact details are needed for memorial seats as a lot are in a poor condition. Millennium cairn will be taken down.

B) Partnership Agreement - The Town Council agreed to formalising a Partnership

agreement between Silloth Town Council and Cumbria County Council.

C) Part-time Parks Warden and Community Engagement Officer - The Town Council agreed to employing the above two officers and to arrange for the posts to be advertised. The jobs are to be created as part of the lottery bid. There may be a conflict of interests, therefore interview panel to be arranged once applicants are known.

882 Silloth Community Hall - The Space

The Space was set up as a limited company limited by guarantee. Proposals and plans were put together to get funding. The outside of the building is to be done first to make the building watertight. Insurance is a potential problem. Town Council insurers are not willing to provide cover another group. Things need to go forward and the Town Council needs to support it. Need to convene an extra meeting to find out exactly what they want. Meeting to be held on 15 November.

883 2012/13 Budget

Suggestions are needed for items to include in the 2012/13 budget. Provision needs to be made for Sports Clubs, upgrading of Play equipment, Youth Club. Town Council needs to see where we are with regard to Allerdale etc. Funding stream available for BMX track. Also make provision for replacing the Gang mowers and improvement to the Community Hall.

884 Silloth Community Hall

Last month three estimates were received for the work to the exterior of the building but they had not been compiled to the same specification and therefore there was a vast difference in the prices submitted. All the contractors have been sent the same specification and have been asked for a detailed breakdown of the work priced for. The Council need three identical quotes for audit purposes. Only one estimate received with a detailed breakdown. It was agreed that extra time be allowed and make it open to other contractors in a bid to get more prices for the Town Council to consider.

885 Review of Staff Salaries/Wages

Due to a change in legislation, it was agreed that the Town Council's two parks wardens be paid at the same rate i.e. £8.17 per hour.

886 Amounts owing to the Town Council

Nothing of any concern.

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