

**Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 14 August 2017 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall**

**Present:**– Cllr. A.J. Markley

**Councillors**

G. Wilkinson (GW), J. Cook (JC), A. Emmerson (AE), D. Pattinson (DP),  
W. Jefferson (WJ), A. Reid (AR), I. Baty (IB), J. Snaith (JS), S. Graham (SG) & O. Martin (OM).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), PCSO Peter Nichol and 12 members of the public.

<b>494.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> None	
<b>495.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None.	
<b>496.</b>	<b>Exclusion of Press &amp; Public</b> None.	
<b>497.</b>	<b>Adjournment of Meeting</b> There had been a number of requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned to allow Amanda Carter, Joyce Lightfoot, Malcolm Wilson and Stephen Hart to address the Council and explained the issues and problems there have been since the youth shelter has been sited at the Eden Street sports area. The main issue is the amount of noise until the early hours of the morning - from loud music, shouting and car engines revving. Also problems with rubbish, graffiti, underage drinking and drugs, cars and motorbikes accessing the area at speed and the lack of any policing.	
<b>498.</b>	<b>Youth Shelter</b> Following complaints received from local residents about youngsters using the youth shelter, the Council discussed the way forward and considered how best to resolve the matter. The Police need to take a more active role, however only two complaints have been received by the Police and also an incident with a BB gun involving a youngster. If the Police don't receive any complaints, they are unable to take any action. It is up to the public to report any problems. NADT have money to do the shelter up, with a graffiti artist to work with the kids. The kids need to take ownership of it and have rules in place for the use of it. The Council has done what it can but the youth shelter is clearly not working and the issues need to be addressed.  Various options were considered which included:- i) Installation of bollards to prevent vehicular access. ii) Monitoring with a CCTV camera and installation of a light. iii) Installation of a swing barrier to prevent vehicular access. iv) A curfew which is no longer an option. v) Turning the shelter around, providing lighting and insulating the shelter with wood vi) Installation of a roller shutter door to lock it up.  NADT have funding for a proper shelter which could be incorporated into the renovation of the all-weather area. A consultation took place regarding the proposal to site a shelter on the hill opposite the Splash Pad and various other options were suggested. Various meetings have taken place over the last 12-18 months with the Council, Police, youth clubs and youngsters. PCSO Peter Nichol to speak to his Inspector to get feedback on the issues and how the Police can help. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the shelter is removed and other options are considered, after discussions with the Police. The shelter needs to be a better design and structure and sited elsewhere.	

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