

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parks Committee
Held on Monday 15 May 2017 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present: W. Jefferson (WJ) – Deputy Chairman

Councillors

S. Graham (SG), O. Martin (OM), D. Pattinson (DP) & G. Wilkinson (GW).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ).

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| 406. | Apologies Cllrs. A.J. Markley & I. Baty. | |
| 407. | Declarations of Interest None. | |
| 408. | Exclusion of Press & Public Possibly item 6 on the Agenda, if necessary. | |
| 409. | Adjournment of Meeting There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting. | |
| 410. | Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting 29 February 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. | |
| 411. | Green Flag 2017/18 RESOLVED that a site inspection of the Green take place on 17 June at 10.00 am to identify any matters requiring attention ahead of the Green Flag judging. | |
| 412. | Silloth in Bloom Bill and Wendy met with Rae Beckwith at Penrith who is an experienced Britain in Bloom judge and who provided some useful guidance. Met with representatives from Cumbria in Bloom and Philip Cueto regarding arrangements for the Awards Ceremony which will be held in September at the Golf Hotel. The Hotel is to be made available and there will be a charge for refreshments. It is good for Silloth to host the Cumbria in Bloom Awards Ceremony. Some representatives from Grange in Bloom visited the town and were impressed with what Silloth had to offer and have invited us to Grange. Planting is on schedule. Working with Toni Magean from Allerdale who is experienced in working with Parks. The plan is to follow up on recommendations made by the Cumbria and Britain in Bloom judges, whilst maintaining the existing standards. Guidance is being obtained regarding the monkey puzzle trees at St Andrews Church. A memorial plaque is being created and some sort of floral display will be planted near the Lifeboat Station in memory of the four men who died 60 years ago. Looking to link the AONB with the Port and the Golf Club. Bill to speak to Brian Irving. It was questioned whether there would be any benefit in taking the judges to the Convalescent Home. Need to gain a few extra marks, as we were not far off getting a higher award. Follow up with Tony on progress regarding the airplane structure. Clerk to speak to Ken regarding the composting facility following the vandalism. Sports area was taken out last time due to time constraints. Bowling Club have done a lot of work but access road from Station Road is in a poor condition. Fire Station fence is in poor condition. Bill to speak to the manager on Wednesday | WEJ WJ AJM WEJ WJ |
| 413. | Youth Shelter The Parks Committee has been asked to consider suitable locations for a Youth Shelter, with a view to making a recommendation to the Town Council. The area opposite the Splash Pad has been ruled out by the Council. It is not possible to control who uses the shelter which needs to be accessible and in a designated area. The make shift shelter in the shrubs on the Green was discussed and it was questioned why it had not been removed which the Police are keen to see happen. Item to be | WEJ |

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| | <p>included on the next Town Council agenda regarding the shelter in the shrubs.</p> <p>Various options were considered as a potential location for a shelter. It was agreed to take the Green out of the equation which includes from the RNLI station to North House. The children's play area at Eden Street would not be suitable due to the close proximity to young children and the Bowling green. Down towards the Dock entrance would not be suitable as it is secluded and not lit. Skinburness was also felt not to be suitable. Land at West Silloth is not suitable because of its close proximity to three housing estates. Eden Street sports area between the Squash Court/Fitness Centre and the bridge would be the preferred option.</p> <p>RESOLVED the Parks Committee were unanimous in ruling out every option considered which included the Green, Skinburness, Dock entrance, West Silloth and the children's play area, leaving the only Town Council land for consideration being the Sports ground and the Parks committee recommends that the Town Council consider that area as a suitable location for the youth shelter, in consultation with neighbours and sports clubs etc.</p> | |
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