

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Allotment Committee
Held on Thursday 2 November 2017 at 5.00pm

Present:– Cllr. G. Wilkinson (GW), J. Cook (JC), A. Emmerson (AE) and J. Snaith (JS).

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

570.	Apologies Cllr. I. Baty. Also Jenni Lister.	
571.	Declarations of Interest None.	
572.	Site Inspection Mr Minnican is giving up one of his pigeon lofts. Jamie Longcake wants to keep plot 23 but will be giving up plot 21a & 22a. Plots 21b & 21c and 22b & 22c are also vacant. Plots 19a & 19c are now vacant, as the previous tenants were given notice to quit. Tom Stalker wants to give up part of his plot – Clerk to speak to him before bills are sent out. Area of land at end of lane – it was suggested that the ground be levelled using the tractor bucket.	WEJ
573.	Exclusion of Press and Public None	
574.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
575.	Matters Arising A selection of photos were provided by an allotment holder showing a selection of allotments some of which received letters asking them to tidy up their plots and others who didn't receive letters. Comments were noted. RESOLVED that when a site inspection is carried out, the allotment committee need access to the whole site to make it fair on everyone. A new metal post is required to secure the gate to.	
576.	Public Participation There were no requests to speak at the meeting.	
577.	Allotment Forum Nothing to report.	
578.	Allotment Tenancy Agreement RESOLVED that NALC's template tenancy agreement be used. New tenancy agreements to be sent out to all allotment holders with the allotment bills. If the tenancy agreements are not returned then they will no longer be a tenancy.	
579.	Waiting List/Vacant Plots There are currently eight names on the waiting list – four new tenants and four existing tenants. There are a number of vacant plots which will be allocated to the new tenants first and then to existing tenants in the order of where they are on the waiting list. It was questioned where Mr Kirkup is now living as it is thought he is now living at Carlisle but is looking to move back to Silloth. His allotment rent is always paid and allotment looked after. It was agreed that something be put on the website regarding allotments and encouraging new	

	<p>tenants to come forward with names to be added to the waiting list.</p> <p>Vacant plots are as follows:- 19a, 19c, 21a, 22a, 21b, 21c, 22b, 22c and 3a.</p>	
580.	<p>Review of Annual Rents RESOLVED that the rents are increased by 10% for this current year.</p> <p>West to East Large Plot £60.50 Half Plot £32.67 Qtr Plot £16.94</p> <p>North to South Large Plot £39.93 Half Plot £20.57 Pigeon Lofts £15.73</p>	
581.	<p>Problems and Issues A plan showing the location of water taps at the allotments would be useful. Clerk to speak to Jamie Longcake as he had a plan which Gordon Baker had given him. Jenni had previously offered to arrange a talk by Knoxwood to allotment holder on the welfare of chickens etc</p>	

Signed.....

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