

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting
Held on 22 May 2017 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present: G. Wilkinson (GW) – Chairman

Councillors

J. Cook (JC)

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

414.	<p>Apologies Cllr. A. Emmerson. Also David Reeves & Jenni Lister. Date shown on the Agenda had been incorrect as it stated Tuesday 22 May but the meeting was actually on Monday 22 May.</p>	
415.	<p>Declarations of Interest None.</p>	
416.	<p>Site Inspection Some pigeon lofts are in a poor state of repair. Letter to be sent to Mr Minnican to ask that they are tidied up. It was agreed to review the situation after the 12 months regarding the allotments previous let to Mr Gordon Baker. The plots could be split, to provide additional plots for new tenants. Frank Denard (Plot 20a) – Plot needs tidied up, weeds removed and fence secured. Letter to be sent requesting action be taken within 28 days. Paul Ross (Plot 19a) – No cultivation and plot overgrown with weeds. Letter to be sent requesting action be taken within 28 days. Owen Browbank (Plot 19c) - No cultivation and plot overgrown with weeds. Letter to be sent requesting action be taken within 28 days. Vicky Hope (Plot 20b) – Letter to be sent to ask who looks after the plot and ask that the greenhouse be made safe, as there is some loose glass which is dangerous. Mr Carter (Plot 17b) – Weeds need to be knocked down. Letter to be sent requesting action be taken within 28 days. End of access road is a dumping area and could be absorbed into another allotment so that the area is used. Mr Carr (plot 8b) – condition of the allotment was noted and will be monitored. Mr Donald (plot 6d) – shed is full of rubbish which needs removed. Mr Donald is happy to give up the shed and will arrange for the wood to be taken away. A lock will then be put on the shed to prevent people dumping rubbish in it. Mr Poland (plot 6c) – fallen down shed needs tidied up. Letter to be sent requesting action be taken within 28 days and asking if the plot is too big and whether he would be willing to give up part of it. Mr Stalker (plot 1a) – nettles within the allotment and along the path running alongside the plot which need removed. Letter to be sent requesting action be taken within 28 days. Access gate – people are creating a walkway to the side of the gate which is unearthing glass and asbestos etc in the adjacent bank. Clerk to speak to the grounds maintenance team to rectify the problem. Need to hear from Jenni regarding the new tenancy agreement and rules.</p>	
417.	<p>Exclusion of Press & Public None.</p>	
418.	<p>Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 November 2016 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	

419.	<p>Public Participation There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.</p>	
420.	<p>Allotment Forum A full update was not received as Jenni was unable to attend the meeting.</p>	
421.	<p>Allotment Tenancy Agreement A template tenancy agreement from NALC was circulated at the last Allotment Committee meeting. At the last forum meeting the general feeling was that the</p>	
422.	<p>Waiting List There are currently four people on the waiting list, three of whom are existing tenants looking to take on an additional allotment. There is one vacant plot at the moment. Allotments to be advertised to encourage new allotment holders to come forward.</p>	
423.	<p>Next Meeting Further meeting to be held in a month to review any progress on the condition of the allotments. Meeting to be held on a Tuesday evening.</p>	

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