

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 6 February 2017 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present: A. J. Markley (AJM) – Chairman

Councillors

J. Cook (JC), O. Martin (OM), C. Graham (CG), D. Graham (DG), S. Graham (SG), A. Emmerson (AE),
 I. Baty (IB), D. Pattinson (DP), G. Wilkinson (GW) & M. Orchard (MO).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), Ken Wannop – Park Manager (KW) & PCSO Hannah
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279.	<p>Apologies Cllr. W. Jefferson & PCSO Peter Nichol.</p>	
280.	<p>Declarations of Interest As recorded.</p>	
281.	<p>Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for items 26, 27, 28 & 29 on the Agenda.</p>	
282.	<p>Chairman's Announcements The Chairman had attended the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Peter McCall, the Police & Crime Commissioner. • Site meeting with Harvest Park. • Unable to attend the Military Trail meeting at Eastriggs. • He did a briefing to CCC Allerdale members. They are hoping to do a big push on composting and want to hold a garden party type event at Green Day. Owens number will be passed on to them. • Attended the Britain in Bloom finalists' seminar at Nottingham with Wendy and Bill. 	
283.	<p>Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 16 January and 23 January 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
284.	<p>Police Report PCSO Peter Nichol gave a report on recent incidents of crime which was emailed to members of the Council prior to the meeting. Meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner was very informative. Any issues should be reported to the Police.</p>	
285.	<p>Adjournment of Meeting There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.</p>	
286.	<p>Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slater & Gordon (UK) LLP – re: Harvest Park development. United Utilities require an easement in respect of the foul water sewer running through the Council's land at West Silloth. Draft Deed of Easement and a draft Section 104 Agreement attached. Comments requested. RESOLVED that the Council's solicitors be asked to read through the documents and confirm that they are acceptable. • Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations – Preferred options consultation period will run until Friday 24 March 2017. Documents can be viewed at www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations RESOLVED that Cllrs. send individual responses in. 	
287.	<p>Planning Applications Cllr. Markley declared an interest.</p>	

	<p>The Town Council considered the following:- Ref No: 2/2016/0759 Proposal: Outline application for 4 residential dwellings with access Location: Land adjacent to Lycoan, Blitterlees, Silloth Applicant: Mr & Mrs D & E Montgomerie. After some consideration, it was RESOLVED that the application be approved and the recommendation be sent to Allerdale. Vote 8 for, 2 against and 1 abstention.</p> <p>The Town Council approved the following:- Ref No: HOU/2017/0001 Proposal: Single storey rear extension and detached garage Location: 64 Skinburness Road, Silloth Applicant: Mr John Rigg Ref No: HOU/2017/0005 Proposal: Single storey sun room extension Location: Lindens, School Lane, Silloth Applicant: Mr David Thompson Ref No: HOU/2017/0011 Proposal: Demolish and rebuild rear extension Location: 6 Skiddaw Street, Silloth Applicant: Mr & Mrs G Whitfield</p> <p>Allerdale Borough Council have approved the following:- Ref No: HOU/2016/0059 Proposal: Single storey rear extension Location: 2 Church Terrace, Silloth Applicant: Mr Peter Wise, Wise Group Limited Ref No: 2/2016/0736 Proposal: Two single storey extensions to western elevation, external paving and new perimeter boundary Location: Good Companions Rest Home Criffel Street, Silloth Applicant: Mr Mark Newby Ref No: 2/2016/0737 Proposal: Change of use of upper floors into two residential units, addition of new entrance, replacement windows and heightened cill level on rear window - Resubmission of application 2/2016/0406 Location: 9 Eden Street Silloth Wigton Applicant: Mr Alan Maggs Ref No: 2/2016/0740 Proposal: Listed building consent for alterations of upper floors to create two residential units, addition of new entrance and staircase, removal of internal staircase, replacement windows and heightened cill level on rear window - Resubmission of application 2/2016/0408 Location: 9 Eden Street, Silloth Applicant: Mr Alan Maggs Ref No: 2/2016/0713 Proposal: Advertisement consent for 2 externally illuminated fascia signs, an externally illuminated projecting sign and small vinyl sign Location: Co-operative Retail Services Ltd, Caldew Street, Silloth Applicant: The Co-operative Food</p>	WEJ
288.	<p>Committee Reports Play Equipment Committee – 21 January 2017. RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Play Equipment committee be accepted, with a new roundabout and memory swing to be obtained using the funding from Allerdale Borough Council.</p>	WEJ
289.	<p>Licences None.</p>	
290.	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted. Primary School – Nothing to report. Joint Advisory Body – No report.. STAG – Nothing to report. Sea Dyke Charity – No meeting. Longcake Education Foundation – Meeting on Thursday. Solway Community Technology College – Ofsted report is out now and the school is heading in the right direction. Jennifer Rowlands provided a report. Sports Hall – The building is being well used. Friends of the Green – Planning Green Day and things are moving ahead. Sports Association – No meeting. Silloth Coastal Community Team – Things are moving forward. Cumbria in Bloom – Tony, Bill & Wendy attended the Finalists seminar last week. A meeting of Silloth in Bloom community group took place to discuss plans for the coming year. The Cumbria in Bloom awards ceremony will take place on 21 September at the Golf Hotel. 160 people will be</p>	

	attending from around the county. Refreshments will be provided at a cost of £2.50 per person.	
291.	<p>Allerdale & County Council Reports</p> <p>RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Allerdale and County Councillors be noted.</p> <p>Allerdale – No report.</p> <p>County Council – Budget proposals are going out next week. £192m has been saved and need to save another £55m. The budget could go up by 4% and 5% depending on the proposals. Police are looking to set their budget and looking at an increase of 1.9%. It will be the CCC election in May. C.C.C. has lost its case against Amey.</p>	
292.	<p>Park Manager's Report</p> <p>A written report was provided by the Park Manager on work done in January. Youngsters have damaged the electric box door and the putting green shed.</p>	
293.	<p>Town Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting.</p>	
294.	<p>Payment of Accounts</p> <p>RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register report to 6 February 2017 be approved for payment.</p>	
295.	<p>Applications for financial assistance</p> <p>Requests for financial assistance have been received from STAG and Silloth Rainbows but awaiting additional information and will therefore be included on the next Agenda.</p>	
296.	<p>Applications for events</p> <p>None.</p>	
297.	<p>Youth Shelter</p> <p>A meeting took place in January which included youngsters from the town and the proposal was for a shelter to be sited on the bank overlooking the Splash pad. The youngsters have suggested the Tewkesbury shelter or the Beckton Chatshak from Broxap. Costs are to be obtained and a quote requested from T Wilson & Sons. It was questioned whether the school would be willing to have the shelter where the new lit area will be. Various sites were considered which included the BMX track, Eden Street and the sports ground. Youngsters have started fundraising. RESOLVED that a youth shelter be provided in Silloth. Vote 10 for and 1 against. RESOLVED that the public be consulted on the proposed site for the Youth shelter on the bank overlooking the Splash Pad and request any suggestions for alternative locations. The shelter will be available for the youth and everyone in the town.</p>	
298.	<p>Memorial</p> <p>It was agreed that some sort of memorial is required for the four guys who died 60 years ago. RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate and look at some ideas from other places and come back to the next meeting.</p>	WEJ
299.	<p>Damage to the Green</p> <p>There has been some damage to the Green caused by cars and it was suggested that some bollards could be installed to prevent access. An alternative could be a new flowerbed on the corner, on the left hand side of the road up to the Amusement arcade. A gate across the bottom of the road was also suggested. RESOLVED that costs be obtained for removable bollards for both sides of the Green, to go across the gaps on the access road to the Amusement arcade and for the left hand side.</p>	WEJ
300.	<p>Lighting up the Pines</p>	

	It was suggested that some low level lighting be installed to illuminate the Pines and provide an eerie glow. Lighting up the front of Christ Church was also suggested. It was questioned if the Council provided the lights whether the church would be willing to run them. RESOLVED that costs be obtained, with consideration to be given to the possibility of using solar.	
301.	Harvest Park pedestrian/cycle link A site meeting was held with the developers from Harvest Park and it was suggested that the new pedestrian/cycle link follow the route of the unofficial footpath from West Silloth to the Rugby club. Lorne Entwistle attended the site meeting and came up with the solution after watching people walking across the sports area. The route will need to go through the proper avenues of planning etc. RESOLVED that the Council agree to the route of the path from West Silloth to the Rugby club, subject to viewing the plans.	WEJ
302.	Councillors Matters None.	
303.	Community Asset Transfers & Sports Club Leases The Community Asset Transfers went through Cabinet last week and should be completed very soon.	
	<i>RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and that were instructed to withdraw.</i>	
304.	Pensions scheme Information was obtained from Cumbria County Council about the Local Government Pension Scheme. The Council needs to be aware of the risk implications which could be costly in the future. RESOLVED that further guidance be obtained. Existing scheme with Aegon to remain until the matter can be considered fully in the future.	WEJ
305.	Quotations a) The Clerk had obtained prices for various types of roundabout and memory swings which were considered by the Council. RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain a 'self-propelled' type roundabout and a memory swing from Wicksteed, to utilise £5,000 of the funding from Allerdale Borough Council. b) The Clerk approached three local firms for a quotation for work to the Squash court building, to bring the electrics up to an acceptable standard but only one quotation was received. RESOLVED that the quotation of £1,380 + VAT received from Shaun Bell Electrical be accepted.	WEJ WEJ
306.	Tenders The Clerk put together tender documents for the public convenience cleaning which was sent to five contract cleaning firms and two local individuals and publicised on the Town Council's website, Facebook page and noticeboards. No tenders have been received. The Town Council discussed the option of employing staff to undertake the necessary work. RESOLVED that two members of staff be employed, each working 13/14 hrs per week, at £7.50 p/h, on a 12-month temporary contract, working on a continuous 7-day rota, responsible for the opening/closing and cleaning of the four public conveniences in the town which will commence on 1 April 2017. The Council may consider altering things in the future e.g. working more in the summer and less in the winter.	
307.	Amounts owing to the Town Council None.	

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