

Annual Town Meeting

I hereby give notice of the Silloth Annual Town Meeting which will be held in the Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth on 29 May 2018, commencing at 7.00 pm.

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Wendy Jameson
Town Clerk

Agenda

1. **Apologies**
 2. **Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the Annual Town meeting held on 30 May 2017, as a true record.
 3. **Annual Town Report**
To receive the Annual Town Report.
 4. **Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2018**
To receive the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2018.
 5. **Matters of Interest**
To invite the public to raise any matters of interest.
- **Purpose of the Annual Town Meeting** - The main purpose is to enable the registered electors to discuss matters which affect the town and to pass resolutions thereon. This meeting is also an opportunity for the Council and community group leaders to update the community about their activities over the last year and outline plans for the future.
 - **Who can attend the meeting?** - Anyone may attend but only registered electors in the town of Silloth may speak and vote.
 - **Will I be able to ask questions and make resolutions?** - Yes, any registered elector may ask questions of the Council. These will usually be answered by the Chairman or by the Town Clerk or a designated Councillor. An elector may also make suggestions and comment on town issues and propose resolutions. Resolutions relating to allotments are legally binding but all others are persuasive only, but will be considered by the Town Council at future meetings.
 - **Who will chair the meeting?** – The Chairman of the Town Council must chair the meeting, if present. In his absence the vice chairman must preside if present. If neither is able to attend, then the meeting will elect a chairman from those electors present.
 - **Will Town Councillors be there?** – Although there is no compulsion, Councillors normally attend. They will speak if required, but the purpose of the meeting is to enable the ordinary electors to have their say. Councillors will listen with interest and as electors themselves, also have the opportunity to raise questions and make comments if they wish.
 - **How long will the meeting last?** - As long as need be within reason. It really depends on those present and the number of questions and the discussion that is raised. The meeting will probably last one hour.
 - **Will the Press be there?** – The local press are allowed to attend the meeting, as they are for all meetings of the Council.