

**Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 15 January 2018 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall**

**Present:**– Cllr. A.J. Markley (AJM)

**Councillors**

I. Baty (IB), J. Cook (JC), A. Reid (AR), J. Snaith (JS), G. Wilkinson (GW), S. Graham (SG),  
W. Jefferson (WJ), A. Emmerson (AE), D. Pattinson (DP) & O. Martin (OM).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ) & Ken Wannop – Park Manager (KW).

<b>647.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr. M. Orchard. Also PCSO's Peter Nichol & Hannah Donaughee.	
<b>648.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr. Baty re: Football Club.	
<b>649.</b>	<b>Exclusion of Press &amp; Public</b> It was agreed that the public be excluded for item 25 on the Agenda.	
<b>650.</b>	<b>Chairman's Announcements</b> Nothing to report. It was mentioned how good the Christmas lights looked this year, particularly the colour changing bulbs in the Victorian street lights.	
<b>651.</b>	<b>Minutes</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>652.</b>	<b>Park Manager's Report</b> A report of work carried out over the last month was provided to the Council. The container has had to be moved. The side has been repaired. The container is to be re-painted and will be used for storage by the grounds maintenance team. There is some rubble coming through on the mounds at the putting green which needs to be made safe. An additional bollard is missing at the seafront and needs replaced. Lines are needed at the Lifeboat station to identify where the Ice cream van parks.	
<b>653.</b>	<b>Police Report</b> A report was received on recent incidents of crime. Kids on mini moto bikes are an issue on Criffel Street which will be uninsured and not taxed etc. On 25 January, Cllr. Graham and PCSO Peter Nichol will be going into school to talk to the kids about fire safety. There is a problem with graffiti at the moment. Cleaning solution has been obtained and will be attended to. CCTV at the Pagoda is being examined and the Police informed, following the damage to the window at the Pagoda. Email to be sent to the Police regarding the mini moto bikes and the graffiti.	<b>WEJ</b>
<b>654.</b>	<b>Adjournment of Meeting</b> There were no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
<b>655.</b>	<b>Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted. a) Allerdale Borough Council – Annual Budget Consultation. Comments required by 19 January 2018. Response to be sent to say that the Council does not want services to diminish for the local community and surrounding areas. There should be more pressure put on central Government to provide more funding. b) Department of Transport's public consultation on future spending on the Strategic Road Network. There has been serious damage to the coastline between Silloth and Maryport following the recent storms. This is an important link road between coastal towns which is vital for tourism, commuting and the economic viability of the local area. The road to	<b>WEJ</b>

	Aspatria is not a suitable alternative route. Authorities need to be working together to keep this vital link. Beckfoot, Allonby bay, Crosscanonby have been affected. Bids would need to be submitted to fund these essential repairs. Response to be sent.	<b>WEJ</b>
<b>656.</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b> Appeal has been made to Planning Inspectorate against Allerdale Borough Council refusing to approve planning permission by Mr F Halkett. <b>Proposal:</b> Retrospective application for replacement windows and installation of 2 roof lights. <b>Site:</b> 12A Criffel Street, Silloth. Representations have been forwarded to Planning Inspectorate and appellant and will be consider by the Inspector unless they are withdrawn before 06/02/18.</p> <p><b>Allerdale Borough Council</b> has approved the following:-  <b>Ref No:</b> 2/2017/0139 <b>Proposal:</b> Pedestrian footpath link associated with housing development  <b>Location:</b> Playing Field opposite Harvest Industrial Estate B5302 Silloth <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Lorne Entwistle, Harvest Park Developments Limited  <b>Ref No:</b> HOU/2017/0244 <b>Proposal:</b> Resubmission of application HOU/2017/0061 to take down existing conservatory and replace with sunroom <b>Location:</b> 19 Skinburness Drive, Silloth <b>Applicant:</b> Miss Emma Wise  <b>Ref No:</b> 2/2017/0382 <b>Proposal:</b> Extension of existing residential caravan park for the siting of 42 residential caravans <b>Location:</b> Solway Holiday Village, Skinburness Drive, Silloth <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Sam Hagan, Hagan Leisure Group. Drainage has always been a problem on the site. It was highlighted on the plans and at a recent site meeting that a new pumping station will be provided.</p>	
<b>657.</b>	<p><b>Committee Reports</b> None. <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Reid join the Allotment Committee in place of Cllr. Snaith.</p>	
<b>658.</b>	<p><b>Licences</b> None.</p>	
<b>659.</b>	<p><b>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted.</p>	
<b>660.</b>	<p><b>Allerdale &amp; County Council Reports</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that verbal reports received from Allerdale and County Councillors be noted. Email to be sent to Cumbria County Council regarding a) condition of the footpaths on Criffel Street which are starting to break up b) footpath opposite former Longcake's shop at West Silloth &amp; c) road surface on Solway Street is also breaking up badly, with a lot of potholes.</p>	
<b>661.</b>	<p><b>Town Clerk's Report</b> The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting. Majority of allotment bills have been paid and tenancy agreements returned, with vacant allotments allocated. Allotment committee meeting to be arranged.</p>	
<b>662.</b>	<p><b>Payment of Accounts</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the payments listed in the register reports to 15 January 2018 be approved for payment.</p>	
<b>663.</b>	<p><b>Applications for financial assistance</b> None.</p>	
<b>664.</b>	<p><b>Silloth Tourism Action Group – Friends of the Green</b> Cllr. Martin stated that they are trying to make it work better and still working as it was, with Friends of the Green still separate, at the moment. Relevant answers are still required from STAG in relation to questions raised in June 2017. See minute 450 from the meeting on 5 June 2017. Funding of £2,500 will not be handed over to STAG until information is received. STAG was originally set up by the Council. It is no longer an arm of the</p>	

	<p>Council but if the group folded then according to the constitution any funds would be split between the Town Council and the Silloth Regeneration Partnership. STAG is not under the umbrella of the Town Council. Cllr. Cook is no longer on the committee of STAG but has invested a lot in it. Cllr. Cook will make sure all the necessary information is provided before the next meeting. There needs to be public accountability and transparency. A review needs to take place of the Town Council's representatives on outside bodies who should be there as representatives of the Town Council.</p>	
665.	<p><b>Children's Play Area at the Splash Park</b>  There is a need for a play area for under 5's. Cllr. Reid obtained some quotations for a Children's Play Area to be sited on the entertainments area next to the Splash Park on the Green. An outline drawing from Playdale was considered which would cost in the region of £29k. Funding would need to be looked at. It could be funded through private donations and grants via the Friends of the Green group. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Town Council support the project which would require funding of approximately £30k to be found. Cllr. Martin confirmed that STAG and FOG are separate groups with their own bank accounts. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the project for a play area at the Splash Park be taken forward via Friends of the Green. Cllr. Jefferson abstained from the vote.</p>	FOG
666.	<p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>a) 2017/18 Budget - The Clerk provided a report comparing the actual expenditure to date with the overall budget for 2017/18. Everything is on track. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.</p> <p>b) The Clerk provided some draft budget figures for 2018/19 which were considered by the Town Council in some detail. £500 included to support the Christmas Lights committee. £1,000 included to cover potential repairs to the Community Hall. Provision of £5,000 was included in the budget to cover possible machinery repairs and replacements. £6,500 is included in the budget towards the ongoing costs/improvements associated with the Silloth Green project to maintain standards achieved over recent years.</p> <p>Taking into account the level of reserves at the end of this financial year which are anticipated to be approx. £50,700, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the total funding requirement for 2018/19 would be £174,020 less CTRS Grant of £739, with £3,132 to be taken from reserves if required, resulting in a Precept of £170,149. Using the Council Tax base figure of £858.34 provided by Allerdale, this would result in a £198.23 charge on a Band D property for the Town Council's element of the Council Tax bill which would leave it the same as the previous year.</p>	
667.	<p><b>Applications for events</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that applications received for the following events to be held on Town Council property be approved:-</p> <p>a) STAG/ Friends of the Green - 26/27/28 May for Green Day on Silloth Green.  b) STAG/ Friends of the Green - Sunday 12 August for Special Market &amp; Music on Silloth Green.  c) STAG/ Friends of the Green - Also free Sunday's in June, July &amp; August for Gig on the Green events.  d) Carnival Committee - 25/26/27 August for Carnival on Silloth Green.  e) R&amp;T Tours – 5/6 May 2018 – Lake District Challenge Cup at Silloth Rugby Club.</p>	
668.	<p><b>Councillors Matters</b>  Items for inclusion in the next Agenda:-  Putting Green – Cllr. Cook  Children's Play Area at the Splash Park – Cllr. Reid  Fencing of land at Harvest Park – Cllr. Baty  Pavement along Wigton Road – Cllr. Baty</p>	
	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> 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.</p>	

<b>669.</b>	<b>Amounts owing to the Town Council</b> Rent is owing by the Sports Clubs and reminders will be sent.	<b>WEJ</b>
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