

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5 March 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), M. Orchard (MO) & W. Jefferson (WJ).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), PCSO Peter Nichol, PCSO Hannah Donaughee and 8 members of the public.

708.	Apologies Cllrs. A. Emmerson, O. Martin, S. Graham & G. Wilkinson. Also Ken Wannop.	
709.	Declarations of Interest As recorded.	
710.	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for item 25, 26 & 27 on the Agenda.	
711.	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman attended the Workington Civic dinner at Hunday Manor and various other meetings. He thanked the town team for salting the pavements around the town. An extra supply of salt was obtained from C.C.C.	
712.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
713.	Police Report A report was received on recent incidents of crime and circulated to members of the Council. Weather has been an issue recently. Peter and Hannah were thanked for their attendance.	
714.	Adjournment of Meeting There were three requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting. Vicky Hope explained her proposals for a Fairy & Pixie Trail which would be a permanent attraction for the town. Joe Blair raised concerns about the amount of dog fouling on the Green and around the streets of Silloth. John Haywood, Chair of SPAND talked to the Council about the Government's invitation for communities to 'express an interest' in having a Geological Disposal Facility.	
715.	Fairy & Pixy Trail Vicky Hope suggested that a trail of fairy doors could be created which would encompass the play area, splash park etc and other premises in the town. It would involve artists, woodcarving group and kids etc. A map would be created of the trail which would encourage people to walk around the town. There is a similar trail at Aberfoyle in Scotland. RESOLVED that the Council need a proper detailed proposal to give it due consideration. Vicky to provide more information and photos for the next meeting.	VH
716.	Dog Fouling A letter was received from Joe Blair regarding dog fouling on the Green and on the streets of Silloth. The Clerk has contacted Allerdale about the problem and Gary Heron is keen to help. He is undertaking training to enable him to issue fixed penalties. Stickers have been put on bins and posters put up. If an example is made of the offenders, then it will hopefully help the situation. The culprits need to be identified. Offenders can be reported on the Allerdale website. RESOLVED that the Town Council work with Allerdale to try to resolve the matter.	WEJ
717.	Geological Disposal Facility (GDF)	

	<p>An email was received from John Haywood, Solway Plain Against Nuclear Dump (SPAND) regarding the invitation by the Government to all communities, groups and tiers of local government, asking them if they wished to 'express an interest' in having a Nuclear Dump or a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF). The geology is not suitable here and he urged the Council to make a decision as soon as possible and say that Silloth is not interested in even expressing an interest. RESOLVED that the Council has no intention of volunteering this community as a location for a nuclear dump, for reasons set out in the Council's response to the 2013 consultation. This is not a willing community. Reply to be sent to John confirming the Council's stance on the matter.</p>	WEJ
718.	<p>Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted.</p> <p>a) Arnison Heelis Solicitors – Letter received with further details of the bequest made in Mr Richardson's will. The bequest is a thank you to the people of Silloth in recognition of the kindness shown by the inhabitants of Silloth to Mr Richardson and his late wife. The Council needs more information about what the sculpture will look like and the size of the structure. Drawings were provided last year of a proposed sculpture and clarification is needed to confirm if this is what Mr Richardson had intended. It was questioned who would take it through planning and install it. Also need to know the likely maintenance costs in the future. RESOLVED that a further letter be sent to Arnison Heelis Solicitors for more information.</p> <p>b) NHS England consultation in relation to over-the-counter medicines. Ends on 14 March 2018. Cllrs. to send their individual responses to the consultation.</p>	WEJ
719.	<p>Planning Applications Allerdale Borough Council has approved the following:- Ref No: HOU/2017/0246 Applicant: Mr John Rigg Proposal: Dormer windows to the front and side to accommodate loft conversion Location: 64 Skinburness Road, Silloth A number of planning applications being circulated around the planning committee have not been returned to the Clerk. RESOLVED that a review take place at the next meeting, on how the Planning Committee functions.</p>	
720.	<p>Committee Reports Minutes from the Allotment Committee meeting held on Sat 17 February were noted. A local contractor is to clear an allotment which has been unusable for a number of years, due to the amount of concrete etc. Clerk to liaise with the contractor.</p>	
721.	<p>Licences None.</p>	
722.	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted.</p>	
723.	<p>Allerdale & County Council Reports RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Allerdale and County Councillors be noted. Item to be included on the next Agenda in relation to putting together a special stand for Silloth at a tourism event in London.</p>	
724.	<p>Park Manager's Report A list of work undertaken over the last month was provided.</p>	
725.	<p>Town Clerk's Report The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting.</p>	
726.	<p>Budget 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. RESOLVED that a) £1,000 for Community Hall repairs be carried forward to next year to build up a reserve to cover possible future expenditure</p>	

	<p>b) £5,000 be carried forward to next year and used for the Silloth Green play area, if the West Side stories project does not go ahead c) £5,000 for Vehicles and Equipment be carried forward to next year to build up a reserve and d) unspent funding for Silloth Green Project be carried forward and used for the new Silloth Green play area.</p>	
727.	<p>Payment of Accounts RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register reports to 5 March 2018 be approved for payment.</p>	
728.	<p>Applications for financial assistance None.</p>	
729.	<p>Applications for events RESOLVED that permission be granted for the following events:- a) Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green – 2 – 9 September 2018 which will also include a Craft Fair on 2 September and fundraising event for the Primary school on 5 September. b) Spring Clean Litter pick up Skinburness – Sat 10 March at 10.00am. For the event to be covered by the Council’s insurance it has to be organised by the Town Council. The Town Clerk will attend and make the necessary arrangements for equipment, disposal of rubbish and promote the event etc.</p>	
730.	<p>Hudson Bomber/RAF 100 The replica plane has been built and painted. The flowerbed has also been constructed. The unveiling will take place on 1 April which will be the 100th birthday of the RAF. Next week the plane will be on display during Gen2 Apprentices Week. Shona at the RAFA club has offered to provide refreshments afterwards. Cumbria County Council have agreed to provide a community grant of £1,000 towards the project. Cllr. Markley read out the press release which is to be issued providing details of the project.</p>	
731.	<p>Children’s Play Area at the Splash Park Cumbria County Council have agreed to provide a community grant of £1,000 towards the project. Playdale have given a discount on their original quotation. A list of funding organisations was provided by Playdale. A meeting of Friends of the Green has been arranged for Wednesday 14 March at 7.00pm.</p>	
732.	<p>Land at Harvest Park The land belonging to the Town Council at Harvest Park has been marked out by the grounds maintenance team.</p>	
733.	<p>Councillors Matters Information and prices to be obtained for 3G CCTV solar powered cameras for the Green.</p>	
	<p><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></p>	
734.	<p>Ice Cream/Food Concessions The Town Council considered the tenders received for ice cream and/or food concessions on the Green for the 2018 season. Tenders were received from four traders for the sites at the Lifeboat Station, BMX Track (Pines) car park and Skinburness Car Park. Tenders ranged from £500 to £4,509 for the Lifeboat Station and from £50 to £1,510 for the BMX Track (Pines) car park. A single tender of £50 was received for the Skinburness Car Park. RESOLVED that a) Shelley Morgan be awarded the licence for the Lifeboat Station and the BMX Track (Pines) car park and (b) Mr Tinnion be awarded the licence for Skinburness Road car park. If any trader is not able to accept the concession, the next best tender will be accepted. Payment, proof of public liability insurance and confirmation of food standards rating is required, prior to the issue of the licences. No tenders</p>	

	were received for Light Refreshments & Beverages at the BMX Track (Pines) Car Park, Silloth.	
735.	Insurance Claims The Town Clerk provided an update on current claims against the Council.	
736.	Amounts owing to the Town Council None.	

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