

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 9 April 2018 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present:– Cllr. A.J. Markley (AJM)

Councillors

J. Cook (JC), A. Emmerson (AE), O. Martin (OM), S. Graham (SG), G. Wilkinson (GW) & A. Reid (AR),
 Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ) & PCSO Peter Nichol.

741.	Apologies Cllrs. M. Orchard, I. Baty, J. Snaith & W. Jefferson. Also Ken Wannop.	
742.	Declarations of Interest As recorded.	
743.	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for item 30 & 31 on the Agenda.	
744.	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman attended:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic Service for Allerdale at Workington Sports Centre, with Malcolm Wilson as the guest speaker. • Unveiling of the Hudson Bomber which had a good attendance by a broad range of people. Letter of thanks to be sent to the RAFA club. • The Chairman thanked Cllr. Wilkinson for raising the Commonwealth flag. • CALC AGM at Allerdale House and GDPR training. Item to be included on the next Agenda re: promoting Silloth at a Manchester event, following a meeting with the Allerdale tourism guy, Graham Kennedy.	WEJ WEJ
745.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 5 March & 26 March 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
746.	Police Report A report was received on recent incidents of crime and circulated to members of the Council. The report is valuable to the Council. The proactive team is increasing from 3 to 4. With the lighter nights everyone needs to be more vigilant and pass any information on to the Police if they see anything suspicious.	
747.	Adjournment of Meeting Vicky Hope provided a draft copy of the Fairy & Pixie Trail map. There is interest from Westfield in getting involved. Vicky will be working with some young kids to do a litter pick in the Pines. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the public. Chairman, Deputy, Ken & Clerk to meet with Vicky at 2.00pm on Tuesday at the Splash Park.	
748.	Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sustrans – Hadrian’s Cycleway. Sustrans is applying for funding for a project along the Hadrian’s cycleway which will hopefully start this summer but are looking for letters of support to help with the funding application. Sustrans brings visitors into the town and therefore RESOLVED that a letter of support be provided. b) CALC – Planning Training events. CALC are looking to deliver some generic training sessions on planning aimed at local councils and are trying to identify councils who would be interested. RESOLVED that more information be obtained. c) Arnison Heelis Solicitors – re: Late Peter Alan Richardson, 16 Skinburness Road, Silloth. Further information regarding the bequest by Mr Peter Richardson. Planning permission will be 	WEJ WEJ

	<p>required. Sited in the proposed location it will be fairly unobtrusive. There will be very little maintenance involved. The structure is not likely to be built until 2019, due to the artist's workload etc. RESOLVED that the Town Council are happy to progress to the next stage and will need to be kept in the loop throughout the process. The statue should be no bigger than the rough sizes of 3.6m long x 2.7m high and 2.5m deep which were provided in the original estimate. The Council are happy for the project to progress to the planning stage. Reply to be sent to the solicitor.</p> <p>d) Allerdale Borough Council – Further variation to Section 106 agreement at former Fisons site. An application has been submitted for the variation of conditions on Harvest Park estate under ref 2/2018/0001. Allerdale require the Town Council's confirmation with the draft and will then pass the engrossment for signature. RESOLVED that confirmation be sent to Allerdale in relation to the variation to the S106 agreement.</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>
<p>749.</p>	<p>Planning Applications The Town Council considered the following:- Ref No: 2/2018/0106 Applicant: Co-operative Retails Services Ltd Proposal: Approval of condensers, refrigeration units and timber fencing to rear of the store (retrospective) Location: Co-operative Retail Services Ltd, Caldew Street, Silloth Cllr. Markley & Cllr. Graham declared an interest and took no part in the vote. In 2013, the Co-op applied for permission for two air conditioning units but they have installed completely different equipment which is twice the size and runs all through the night. More air conditioning was put in at the end of last year. Residents are against the application and hope that it can be investigated thoroughly. There needs to be a reduction in the sound waves during the night. There is no issue with the Co-op store but with the recent changes to the air conditioning which is causing noise issues to local residents. The machinery needs to be switched off at night and is currently not in accordance with the previous permission granted. RESOLVED that after taking into consideration concerns raised by local residents, the Town Council recommended that the application is refused. Response to be sent to Allerdale.</p> <p>Allerdale Borough Council has approved the following:- Ref No: 2/2017/0211 Applicant: Mr Chris Root Proposal: Proposed extension to existing hall Location: Chichester Hall, Dicktrod lane, Skinburness, Silloth Ref No: HOU/2018/0046 Applicant: Mr Minnican Proposal: Two storey side extension Location: 5 Skinburness Drive, Silloth Ref No: 2/2018/0068 Applicant: Mr Mark Newby, The Good Companions (Cumbria) Ltd Proposal: Addition of second storey over ground floor lounge extension Location: Good Companions Rest Home, Criffel Street, Silloth</p>	<p>WEJ</p>
<p>750.</p>	<p>Planning Committee The way the Planning Committee currently operates received criticism from CALC and there has been an issue recently in the planning documents not being returned to the Clerk. RESOLVED that Planning Committee meetings be held on the 3rd Monday of each month, to discuss any plans that come in.</p>	
<p>751.</p>	<p>Fairy & Pixie Trail & Wishing Tree RESOLVED that delegated powers be given to the Chairman and Deputy in relation to agreeing the proposed site for the Wishing Tree. The aim is to launch the Fairy and Pixie Trail on 27 May. Chairman, Deputy, Ken and Clerk to meet with Vicky on Tuesday at 2.00pm.</p>	
<p>752.</p>	<p>Committee Reports None.</p>	
<p>753.</p>	<p>Licences None.</p>	

754.	Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted.	
755.	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.	
756.	Park Manager's Report A list of work undertaken over the last month was provided. Area behind where the tin bin was sited needs tidied up and fencing needs replaced along the edge of sports area. Work to the pitches by Horsley's is going to cost around £1,000 for reseeding (£750 of that being the cost of seed). It has been difficult to find a window when the pitches are not being used but the work will be getting done next week, ahead of the Football tournament at the beginning of May. Play Equipment safety surfacing will be installed on Wed/Thurs of this week. Toni Magean has provided suggested plants and numbers required for this year's summer bedding which will be in red, white and blue, to complement the RAF100 flowerbed. A storage bunker has been obtained to store tools at the Community Garden and has been installed.	
757.	Town Clerk's Report The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting. Reports for the Annual Town Report are required by the end of April.	
758.	Payment of Accounts RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register report to 9 April 2018 be approved for payment.	
759.	Applications for financial assistance None.	
760.	Applications for events RESOLVED that permission be granted for the following event:- a) Easter Egg hunt Sunday 21 April 2019 on Silloth Green. This year's event proved to be popular. A Northern Soul event is being advertised on Facebook, although no permission has been obtained from the Town Council. All events require permission and the relevant paperwork completed.	
761.	Memorial Bench An application was received from Johanna Clement for a bench for Margaret Whelan (nee Birnie) and Mabel Clement (nee Birnie) to be sited on Skinburness. RESOLVED that permission be granted subject to a suitable position being available and a bench being obtained.	
762.	Children's Play Area at the Splash Park Cllr. Reid attended a meeting of Friends of the Green and things are progressing. Three quotations are being obtained for the play area, to enable applications to be submitted for funding.	
763.	Communities Together Project Meeting The Clerk attended a meeting at Cockermouth Police Station and was asked for a suggested project which youngsters at the school could undertake in the town. Repainting the bus shelters was suggested which was something the school was going to do a number of years ago. The Town Council was happy with the suggestion.	
764.	Playing Field Wall There are a number of cracks in the playing field wall which are in need of attention. Cllr. Emmerson suggested the use of SBR solution mixed with cement which is a type of resin and suitable for gluing cracks. Ken and the grounds maintenance lads to look at it.	KW

765.	<p>Pavements</p> <p>There have been complaints about the condition of pavements under trees which are slippery with moss and need sprayed. Cumbria County Council only weed spray once a year but if there are any particular bad areas then they should be reported. RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Amber Sykes regarding the condition of the paths on Criffel Street which need weed sprayed and also the condition of the road on Solway Street which has bad potholes.</p>	WEJ
766.	<p>Bins</p> <p>Cllr. Snaith was not present and therefore the Council was unable to discuss the item on the Agenda. There is a missing bin at the pedestrian crossing which needs replaced and one missing at the car park. Clerk to report these to Allerdale.</p>	WEJ
767.	<p>Councillors Matters</p> <p>Committees – review next month</p> <p>A replacement bench is needed at the top of Esk Street – belongs to Home Group.</p> <p>Complaint that the Styles footpath is becoming overgrown but Cllr. Markley walked it recently.</p> <p>Pensioners Hut – another meeting is to be held, after which a decision will be made as to whether an item is required on the Agenda.</p>	
768.	<p>Ice Cream/Food Concessions</p> <p>Shelley Morgan has confirmed that she wants to take on both pitches, at the RNLI and BMX track car parks. The Clerk checked with Allerdale and Mr Tinnion has not had a food hygiene inspection, as he told them he was ceasing trading and therefore Skinburness pitch has not been allocated. If he is seen trading on any Town Council car parks, he will be doing so without a licence and without having a food hygiene inspection.</p>	
769.	<p>CCTV</p> <p>Clerk obtained some prices for some portable 4G solar powered CCTV equipment which was noted by the Council.</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>	
770.	<p>Insurance Claims</p> <p>The Town Clerk provided an update on claims against the Council.</p>	
771.	<p>Amounts owing to the Town Council</p> <p>None.</p>	

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