

Parks Committee
Minutes of a meeting held on 16 March 2015

Present:- Cllrs. W. Jefferson, A.J. Markley, J. Cook, C. Graham, S. Graham & G. Wilkinson.
 Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk), Ken Wannop (Park Manager), Anna Malina (Community Engagement Officer), Owen Martin (FOG) & Anne Winter.

141	Apologies Cllr. D. Wallace.	
142	Declarations of Interest Cllr. A.J. Markley – re: Markley Transport, Carrs Coaches, County Council, Vintage Rally etc. Cllr. J. Cook – STAG. Cllr. C. Graham – STAG & SPAND.	
143	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
144	Adjournment of Meeting There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
145	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20 October 2014 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
146	Planning Application Plan No: 2/2015/0099 Proposal: Erection of a single "Pod" to house 6 x bulk powder silos Location: Caltech, Lawn Terrace, Silloth Applicant: Mr Kenneth Gray, Caltech Biotechnology The planning committee had considered the application and requested that it was discussed by the full Council. The consultation end date is 16 March and therefore it was necessary to discuss the application before the next full Council meeting. All Cllrs. were invited to attend the meeting or give their comments to the Clerk. The smell is already an issue and it was questioned whether it would increase the problem. The application looks as though it is a replacement of what is already there. Anyone concerned to log their own concerns and pass them on to Tony and Bill. RESOLVED to recommend that the application is approved, if the 'pod' to house 6 bulk silos is to replace the existing silos.	
147	Park Manager's Report Ken gave a report at the last Council meeting on work done. He expressed concerns about the proposed Bee Garden. For it to be accessible to wheelchairs it would need a considerable ramp – 15 inches in distance for every 1 inch fall.	
148	Rose Garden/Bee Garden It would be a considerable expense to put a suitable ramp in place. Problems with drainage have now been sorted. A donation of £400 has been given to the Town Council for the refurbishment of the Rose Garden. Vivian Russell is keen to press ahead with the Bee Garden. Anna spoke to her last week. Initial costs to create the Bee Garden were approx £760. The Bee Hotel was to be constructed out of wooden pallets, with different materials in to encourage the insects. There is currently no facility to get into the garden and therefore no reason to have a footpath within the	

	<p>garden. Children from the school were to be involved and were going to monitor the Bee Hotel etc The Parks Committee were happy for Cllrs. W. Jefferson, C. Graham, Anna and Ken to meet with Vivian Russell and report back to the full Council. The signage on the Green points to the Rose Garden. Anna has spoken to Jane at HLF who was keen on the Bee Garden idea.</p>	
149	<p>Community Engagement Officers Report Anna has been very busy with the Silloth Airfield Project which is ongoing, working on the training and meeting Vivian.</p>	
150	<p>Training – PR & Marketing etc The Council had agreed at the last meeting for Michelle Masters to provide the training in PR & marketing etc but she was unable to do it until later in the year and could not do weekends. David Kinsella from Incorporate Digital has provided a quotation which is within budget and less than the quote that was previously accepted. He would be able to work weekends and evenings if necessary. RESOLVED that the quotation of £2250 from Incorporate Digital is accepted and the necessary training be arranged.</p>	AM
151	<p>Cumbria in Bloom 2015 Feedback was received from the judges following last year's Cumbria in Bloom which was sent to everyone on the Parks Committee. STAG, FOG, Council etc to work together and consider what can be done to improve things. The application for this year's competition will need to be submitted by the end of April. It would be good if commercial properties could contribute to the floral display. Need to know what categories there will be this year. Cllr. C. Graham is happy to put flyers up and draw up a plan to encourage businesses to get involved. Chris went round businesses last year and some put hanging baskets up which improved the appearance. There was a lot of praise last year about how good the town looked. If the town looks good, it encourages visitors which the businesses benefit from. People need to be encouraged to participate but not dictated to. Paramount Arcade are not against bringing the building to how it was and more in keeping with the Green. Joe Broomfield was looking at what grants are available. Town Team could look at what can be done when it is set up. Cllr. C. Graham attended a CIB meeting. Some categories have not yet been finalised. In your Neighbourhood is to continue with a new one called 'Greener Streets and better lives'. Liddell Street could be a possibility to consider. Town Centre and Coastal town award are to continue. CIB would like places to strive to improve and them to apply for a RHS award. It was agreed that the Coastal Town award is the most relevant for Silloth. There needs to be a practical list of improvements that the town can work towards. Everyone to let Anna know if they have any ideas and come back to next Council meeting. Application needs submitted by 30 April but the categories are not clear on the form. Cllr. Jefferson to meet with Anna to formulate a plan of action.</p>	
152	<p>Dog Fouling Letter received from Allerdale Borough Council in relation to the distribution of dog waste bags to Town and Parish Councils. RESOLVED that the Council agree to participate in the scheme and distribute the bags to local shops i.e. Post Office, charity shops etc. Reply to be sent.</p>	WEJ
153	<p>Recycling Facilities Allerdale Borough Council are carrying out a review of recycling facilities and requesting comments. RESOLVED that as a holiday destination Silloth still needs the</p>	WEJ

	recycling facility and a lot of people don't use the purple bags. Response to be sent to Allerdale.	
154	Friends of the Green – Report Nothing to report since the last meeting. There is a concrete pad in the Community Garden which previously had a bin on it which needs to be removed. Ken to arrange for its removal.	KW
155	Inspection of Council buildings and property Date for an inspection of Council buildings and properties to be arranged at next Town Council meeting.	

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