

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parks Committee
Held on Monday 20 October 2014 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present

Councillors

W. Jefferson (WJ), A.J. Markley (AJM), G. Wilkinson (GW) & S. Graham (SG).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), Ken Wannop - Parks Manager (KJW) & Anna Malina – Community Engagement Officer (AM).

975	Apologies: None	
976	Declarations of Interest A.J. Markley – re: Markley Transport, Carrs Coaches, County Council etc	
977	Exclusion of Press & Public There was no need to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting.	
978	Adjournment of Meeting There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
979	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 July 2014 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
980	Park Manager's Report A full report was given at the last full Council meeting. Busy with general winter work now. Spoke with Rose Woolfe again at the AONB about the Rose Garden and the most likely problem is the water content and will therefore pursue with getting a mini digger to sort the problem out.	
981	Community Engagement Officers Report A number of volunteers have come forward. Three ladies from the Lido came to the STAG meeting and felt businesses should come forward to help and will be running a raffle to raise money for STAG events. Anna has met with Jim Smith, a local photographer who has a Phantom copter. He has done a film of Silloth which they hope to use in promotional work. He has also done a film of the airfield and helped with the interview with Lawrence and is keen to help. The film will be a good marketing tool. Also met with Val Irwin who is keen to help with the Airfield project and STAG. Met with Diane and John in relation to the Carnival, who are willing to help a new committee. Volunteer timesheets are being compiled of for HLF claim. Vintage Rally also had a meeting recently.	
982	Cumbria in Bloom 2014 Everyone who went to the awards ceremony, helped with the preparation and went round with the Cumbria in Bloom judges were thanked for their assistance. It was good publicity for the town. The validity of applying for the CIB awards every year was questioned. Cllr. Jefferson has been asked to talk about the value of getting these awards. The town hasn't looked as good as it does now and there has been a lot of positive feedback and a feel good factor for the community. RESOLVED that Bill talk to Anna to discuss the benefits of achieving these awards. There needs to be some sort of recognition on signage to	WJ & AM

	<p>acknowledge the achievements in the Cumbria in Bloom Coastal Town award and Green Flag Award. A display of flowers next to each sign at the entrances to the town would brighten them up. Funding from HLF could be used for the additional signage. RESOLVED that Anna take pictures of the existing signage at the entrances to the town, Ken to investigate the installation of flower beds and item to be included on the next Agenda.</p>	<p>AM KW</p>
983	<p>Silloth Green RESOLVED to continue with a no charging policy for easily identifiable local events i.e. Vintage Rally, Kite Festival, Beer Festival etc. It was also agreed to charge £20 towards the cost of electricity for each event but if the actual usage is more than that, there would be a charge for the extra cost. A charge of £100 for the first day and £50 for each day after that would be made for outside bodies. The guy who brings the donkeys is welcome to use the Green free of charge but if they attend an organised event, they would have to liaise with event organisers and may be charged by the event organisers.</p>	
984	<p>Friends of the Green – Report None</p>	
985	<p>Carnival & Vintage Rally etc A public meeting is taking place on 30 October to encourage volunteers to get involved in the different events on the Green. It was suggested that a representative from each of the events could be invited to attend i.e. vintage rally, kite festival, carnival, Friends of the Green etc. The meeting has been called, with the Town Council working with STAG. Mayor to Chair the meeting. Need to see who comes forward and what they would like to do. There may be a need for STAG to provide some sort of guidance and support to volunteers. It may be too late to book entertainment for the Carnival but something could be organised. Item to be included on the Agenda for the next Town Council meeting, to provide feedback following the public meeting.</p>	

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