

Silloth Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on 10 January 2011

Present:- Cllrs. I. Baty, G. Wilkinson, C. Baty, D. Wilson, S. Hart, A. Emmerson, W. Jefferson & E. Wannop. Also Ken Wannop, Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk), Anne Sowerby (CMS), Clive Firth (Solway Woodcarvers) & Matthew Stafford (WA Fairhurst Partners).

635 Apologies:-

Cllrs. A.J. Markley, M. Snaith, R.W. Allison & A. Weightman.

636 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Wannop - re: Ken.

Cllr. G. Wilkinson & D. Wilson - NADT.

637 Exclusion of Press & Public

It was agreed that the Press & Public be excluded for item 20 on the agenda.

638 Chairman's Announcements

None.

639 Minutes

After some minor amendments the minutes of the meetings held on 6 & 20 December were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

640 Police Report

No report.

641 Community Hall - Refurbishment

Anne Sowerby & Clive Firth attended the meeting to give an update on what is going on with the refurbishment plans for the Hall. Some funding has been applied for. Application for £12k submitted to Cumbria Waste Management will be considered tomorrow. Received £5000 from CCC Allerdale area committee and there may be more funding available in the pot. Applied for £15 from the Solway Coast AONB but they needed a business plan which they were not ready to do at that point Silloth Town Council are funding the painting of the outside of the building which will be used a match funding. There will be a Phase 1 and a phase 2. Business plan has now been done. Work has been time consuming. Anne asked if anyone would be willing to join the board. Some of the members are retired. She asked if there were any other funding pots that could be accessed. Cumbria Community Foundation - priorities are Workington and Whitehaven etc. The solar panels on the roof would generate income. Area committee money would have to be spent by April. Could also apply to Wren and Awards for All. AONB is operating on a small budget. Sustainable Development fund is a possibility. Need to set up a meeting outside the normal Town Council meeting to move it forward. Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome.

642 Outline Planning Application (LPA Ref: 2/2010/0037) Redevelopment of former Fisons Factory, Silloth - Alternative Route to the Town Centre

Matthew Stafford from WA Fairhurst & Partners attended the meeting to give the Council the opportunity to ask any questions and reassure them if there were any concerns. A

section 163 agreement is needed with the Town Council being landlord. The developers were asked if they would be willing to upgrade the footpath from West Silloth across the playing fields. From discussions with CCC this is not a statutory footpath. The developers are having to pay £20k to CCC for crossings etc within the town. The new footpath will be to an adoptable standard. Costing approx £120k to build the new link. Silloth Town Council will be responsible for the maintenance of the new footpath when it is put in but it has a 25 year design life, therefore no maintenance for some time. It was suggested that the footpath be fenced off to make sure people keep to the path and do not divert across and through the playing fields. Everything is progressing well and they are currently in the throws of getting a legal agreement with Allerdale. A new plan will be issued with a fence shown - with a specification to be agreed. It was agreed to proceed with the section 106 agreement, as long as there is no costs to the Town Council. Trevor Gear will look over it and come back to the Town Council. If Mr Gear does not agree to look over it for the Town Council, then Council can appoint their own solicitor, the cost of which will be paid by the developers.

643 Adjournment of Meeting

There had been no requests from members of the public to raise any matters in the meeting.

644 Correspondence

- a) Local Council Review - Winter 2010.
- b) Cumbria County Council - Local News & Views - Issue 2 - Winter 2010.
- c) Westcumbria:mrws - Autumn 2010.
- d) No need for Nuclear campaign - Newsletter.
- e) Cumbria County Council - Launch of 2nd phase of public consultation on council priorities and budget options. Various ways in which you can give your views. Also community meeting to be held on Tuesday 11 January at Christ Church, Cockermouth from 7-9pm.
- f) Solway Community Technology College - Letter of thanks for the Town Council's support of their annual prize giving evening.
- g) Silloth Vintage Rally Ltd - Letter asking for an explanation regarding the Council's position towards insurance cover on the Green. Individual events need to have their own separate insurance and also individual stallholders need their own insurance cover. Whether the event is chargeable or not, there is still a potential risk to the public and therefore insurance is necessary. Town Council's insurance company were not willing to cover events unless they were directly organised by the Town Council. Letter to be sent to Vintage Rally and other organisations organising events on the Green.
- h) Citizens Advice Allerdale - Letter asking for financial assistance towards the service provided. It was agreed to provide a donation of £100.
- i) Email from Peter Marr regarding the Trees in Silloth. Over 60 trees require replacing and the surrounding pavement re-laid to the correct profile which could prove expensive. CCC are responsible for maintaining the trees and therefore they should find the funding to do the work. The Town Council do not have the money and the budget has already been set for next year.

645 Planning Applications

- a) The **Town Council** have approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/2010/0956 **Proposal:** Replace existing windows with double glazed sliding sash white UPVC **Location:** 14a Criffel Street, Silloth **Applicant:** Ms Carmel Bell, Jumbo

Party Ltd

b) **Allerdale Borough Council** have approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/2009/0888 **Proposal:** Two storey 34 bedroom, kitchen, lounges and dining room extension (resubmission) **Location:** Chichester Hall, Dicktrod Lane, Skinburness, Wigton

Applicant: Mr Chris Root

Ref No: 2/2010/0825 **Proposal:** Variation of Condition 3 of planning approval 2/2006/1266 in relation to opening hours **Location:** The Station Tea Room, 9 Station Road, Silloth, Cumbria **Applicant:** Mrs Eileen Slack

Ref No: 2/2010/0853 **Proposal:** Full restoration of timber pagoda **Location:** The Green, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Bill Allison, Silloth Town Council

Ref No: 2/2010/0854 **Proposal:** Conservation area consent for demolition of two shelters, a storage hut and two toilet blocks **Location:** The Green, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Bill Allison, Silloth Town Council

Ref No: 2/2010/0881 **Proposal:** Proposed installation of new sewage treatment system to replace existing septic tank (resubmission to 2/2010/0684) **Location:** Silloth Nursing Home, Station Road, Silloth **Applicant:** Silloth Nursing & Residential Care Home.

646 **Licences**

None.

647 **Committee Reports**

Minutes of the allotment committee meeting were circulated with the agenda.

648 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Primary School No meeting. Water pipes frozen & brought the ceiling down in the new toilets. Nothing heard re: Head Teacher. Primary school are still paying his wages. A meeting took place in May with Richard Swainson and Cllrs. Jefferson and Wilkinson were told there would be a report within a fortnight. He has since retired. The new Corporate Director is Julia Morrison. Cllr. Jefferson to organise another meeting to find out what is going on.

Joint Advisory Committee Hoping that Brian Irving will be back to work in the next 2 weeks. New Wetlands person taken on.

Silloth Tourist Action Group No meeting.

Silloth Regeneration Partnership No report.

North Allerdale Development Trust No meeting.

Sea Dyke Charity No report.

Longcake Education Trust No meeting.

Solway Community Technology College No meeting. Christmas Dinner put on for the Rotary was a great success. Good night and entertainment was excellent. £130 raised for the school with a raffle. Kids also bought something for the school with the tips they earned.

Sports Hall No meeting.

649 **Allerdale & County Council Reports**

Allerdale Borough Council - Cllr. Jefferson abstained from the vote on the Fisons development. He was in favour of cleaning the site up but could not support it as a project as he did not know who was going to live in all the houses they plan to build.

Cumbria County Council - No report.

650 Handyman's Report

Ken is struggling to get any road planings. Can use some from Cllr. Markley's yard and replace then when we locate a supply. The planings will be used to tidy up the entrance road into New Street. Ken has got the use of a whacker plate and vibrating roller to do the job with.

651 Town Clerk's Report

Nothing to report. Cllr. Wilkinson questioned what progress had been made regarding the ABP lease and Youth Club lease. Clerk to check into it. Football club water was switched off over the cold spell but when it was switched back on there were a few small bursts. Also bursts in the Community Hall in the back bathroom. Clerk asked the plumber to isolate the water to prevent it happening again. Water should have been switched back on.

652 Payment of Accounts

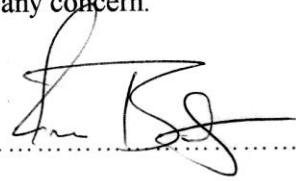
The Clerk produced a register report which provided details of cheque payments and other transactions through the Town Council's current account. The list of cheque payments were approved by the Town Council for payment. A large bill has been paid to Southern Green being their final invoice in relation to the lottery bid.

653 Update on HLF Bid

The bid has been successful but no further activity as yet.

654 Amounts owing to the Town Council

Nothing of any concern.

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Date.....7/2/11.....