

**Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on 19 November 2012**

**Present:-** Cllrs. I. Baty, G. Wilkinson, S. Graham & A.J. Markley. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk), Jimmy Lettice & Eric Telford.

268 **Apologies:-** Cllrs. C. Graham & E. Wannop.

269 **Reports from Sports Clubs**

**Rugby Club** - The rugby club have received a grant of £47K for flood lights. They were originally quoted £5k for 3 phase electrics but when they came to do it they were quoted £20k. Now got the quote down to £13k. The club needs £8200 to finish the lights and upgrade the electrics. Involved with two projects and working with the Police to try to solve the problem of anti-social behaviour which seems to be a problem between 5 and 7 o'clock. It was questioned how the Council can justify giving the sports clubs £8k. The rugby club is a not for profit organisation. There will be a coin box meter installed which will come back in to cover the bills. It was questioned whether a fundraising event could be held to go towards the cost. This will be part of the infrastructure at the Sports area. The football club can't make applications because they don't own their own building. It was questioned whether solar panels could be installed on the changing rooms to help with the cost of electricity. Funding could be available from Robin Rigg and Hellrigg wind farms. Eric to make enquiries.

**Football - Sports Hub** - grants side has changed drastically and requirements have changed. Now looking at a different type of development. Spoke to architect last week and now looking at a smaller revised scheme which could be added to at a later date. The club was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the premier league at the moment and in the quarter finals of the county competition. Hoping to get to play against Carlisle Utd. The team beat Harraby and are doing well. The pitch has changed and is muddy as it is not draining properly. The pitch needs aerated and spiked. It was questioned what maintenance is planned. The club failed to get the juniors in this year and didn't get in the league. Grants have been obtained through the SOS charity shop. The juniors had to be split into two groups because there are that many. Further funding could be available through the Neighbourhood Forum and 0-19 yr olds pot of funding. It was questioned whether there will be a contingency set aside for future requests. The £8k is a one off payment and will not be an annual request. It was questioned whether it would be possible for the money to be loaned to the clubs by the Town Council and paid back over 5 years. Things are uncertain at the moment with regards to the budget situation for the County Council and Borough Council which has a knock on effect on the Town and Parish Councils.

The trench across the tarmac from the Rugby club needs to be re-instated. The old poles are to come down and will be replaced by new floodlights. Jimmy to do a rough map showing where lights are, what are used and what are not. Football club gave a donation towards the Christmas Lights. Silloth Rugby Club were Cumbria rugby club of the year last year. A player went to the County trials and went to train with the full county squad. Entered

the national RFU cup representing Cumbria and Silloth. Excellent relations with the football club. Rugby club employs 8 part-time staff. Coaches will be sent into the schools. Teaching etiquette of sport and well being. There is still a problem with dog fouling and further signs are needed. Re-launched the junior coaching with weekly sessions at the rugby club. Two under 13yr olds have gone to Carlisle but still train with Silloth. It was suggested that any funding applications for lights could link in with efforts to prevent anti-social behaviour with club trying to put activities on to give youngsters something to do. More bins needed at sports area to cope with dog muck and additional litter etc. Speak to Ken. The football club want to build some more dug outs on the other side of the football pitch. If they are under 6ft high they probably won't need planning permission. Barriers also need replaced and it was suggested that galvanised scaffolding pipes are used which wouldn't rust. Eric to do a survey to see what it needed. They are trying to incorporate bunk rooms and storage for bikes in the plans for the Sports hub. A youth hostel type facility for cyclists to be developed which could be added on to the changing room facility. It was thought the pensioners hut could have been used but is no longer going to be available. The pensioners association were in limbo due to the quotes they had for repairing the roof.

270 **Annual Rents**

Annual rents to be discussed at the budget meeting when the Council know where they are with regard to funding etc. Budget meeting to be held on 10 December.

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