

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on 2 July 2012

Present:- Cllrs. I. Baty, A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson, C. Baty, C. Graham, W. Jefferson & E. Wannop. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

149 **Apologies**

Cllrs. D. Wallace, A. Weightman, M. Snaith & S. Graham. Also Police and Ken Wannop.

150 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Markley - re: County Council, Allerdale Borough Council, Carrs Coaches etc.
Cllr. Wannop - re: Ken.
Cllr. Graham - re: STAG.
Cllr. Jefferson - re: AONB JAC.

151 **Exclusion of Press & Public**

It was agreed that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 16 on the Agenda.

152 **Chairman's Announcements**

None.

153 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2012 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

154 **Police Report**

The Police had sent their apologies and sent a report on incidents of crime for the meeting. The Town Council welcome the monthly Police reports. There had been a report of an incident outside the Spar where a local man was intimidated by a group of youths, who had been aggressive. The man could have dealt with the situation himself but decided the best course of action was to walk away considering the number of youngsters present. As he walked away, a bottle was thrown. The Town Council urge the Police to take some constructive action to stop gangs of youths gathering outside the Spar and Co-op stores in the town. This type of behaviour is not acceptable to the Town Council and needs to be nipped in the bud before there is another incident and further confrontation. Letter to be sent to the Police requesting that action be taken.

155 **Adjournment of Meeting**

There had been no requests to adjourn the meeting from members of the public.

156 **Correspondence**

- a) ACT Gazette - Issue 10: Summer 2012.
- b) Solway Coaster - Issue 12: Summer 2012.
- c) LCR - Summer 2012.

- d) Animal Aid - Alternatives to Culling: Effective, Cost efficient ways in which local authorities can deter wild species.
- e) Cumbria County Council - re: Proposed bus board meeting, Silloth. Following complaints from residents about the new bus stop on Wigton Road, a site meeting was held and an assurance given that a further bus board meeting would be arranged which will take place on 29 June at 9am. Cllr. Wilkinson notified and will attend the meeting.
- f) United Utilities - re: Changing Rooms, Eden Street, Silloth. Not received confirmation regarding claim. When confirmation is received the Council will be notified and any necessary amendments will be made to the Account. Apologies sent for the delay but will contact again by 9 July.
- g) Allerdale Borough Council- re: Chewing Gum on pavements. Pressure washer on the street cleansing vehicle can be used, as Allerdale do not have a specific machine for the removal of chewing gum. Work would be done early in the morning to avoid pedestrians but this may result in complaints about the noise. Mr Henderson will contact the Clerk with the work proposed plan. Email to be sent to Jimmy Lettice to update him.
- h) Cumbria County Council - re: Skinburness Marsh Road, Skinburness to B5302 Near Calvo. Local offices are aware of the deterioration. Substantial improvements were done on Skinburness Marsh and a new drain is to be installed at Sea Dyke Farm. The resurfacing scheme in The Crofts was of a higher priority. Further funding has been requested and the road remains on the reserve list. Any potholes found on a recent inspection of the road will be made good.
- i) Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum - Wednesday 4 July 7pm-9pm at Abbeytown Assembly Rooms.
- j) Email from Eric Telford re: Silloth Sports Hub. Town Council are to be kept informed at all stages. Drawings are to be worked up in more detail and uses identified in consultation with the existing sports centre. Proposals also to be put in the Buzz. Business plan will be put together. Small working group will be put together consisting of rugby and football clubs, the Sports Centre, tennis club and a member of the Town Council if they wish to attend. Cllr. I. Baty offered to attend on behalf of the Town Council which was agreed. The Sports clubs are currently trying to get funding for a feasibility study.
- k) Email from David Goodfellow asking where a copy of the bye-laws for Silloth can be obtained, specifically with regard to ball games played in the street late into the evening. There are no byelaws and any problems will be a Police matter. Reply to be sent.
- l) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Invoices for 10% funding for the Silloth TIC. Bills were sent out late but invoices still stand. If the Town Council does not have sufficient funds in reserve, then a mutual arrangement may be required to repay the total amount over a period of time. These bills have not been budgeted for. No invoices have been received by the Town Council since the Tourist Information Centre re-located in the Discovery Centre. Clerk to get some legal advice. Cllr. Jefferson to speak to someone at Allerdale.
- m) Letter from M.A. Collin asking if it would be possible to set up his gazebo next to the picnic area on the Water Play area during school holidays to serve light refreshments. He outlines the possible advantages. The Council are unable to agree to this, as it would need to go out to tender to all interested parties. Tenders would be considered at the start

of the year. It was also felt it that it would be too near to the Amusement Arcade.

n) Cumbria County Council - re: Travel Strategy - Comments requested into the travel and access needs in the Parish Area. Eventually cuts will probably be made to public transport i.e. buses as they are costing too much. The town is not badly served by buses but the Town Council do not want to lose anything. Sunday bus service is still running. A meeting was held regarding the bus stop at Hylton Terrace which is to be removed. Sign to be taken down soon but can't say when the lines will be removed.

o) ACTion with Communities in Cumbria - Letter about the organisation and asking if the Council would like to consider becoming a member. It was agreed by the Council not to become a member.

157 **Planning Applications**

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

Ref No: 2/2012/0287 **Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 of planning approval

2/2010/0227 to allow alterations to materials, floor plans and elevations **Location:**

Former West Silloth Motors, Beaconsfield Terrace, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Mark Orchard

158 **Committee Reports**

Minutes of the Parks Committee held on 18 June 2012 were provided to the Council. A further Parks Committee meeting is to be held to agree the Policy regarding memorial benches, before coming back to the full council. There are 7 seats with memorial plaques on and 2 without.

159 **Licences**

Application for street trading consent received by Allerdale Borough Council.

Applicant	Location	Date & Times
D & K Ices	Criffel St, Silloth - in front	Bank Holiday Mon
1 Low Croft	of The Green opposite	27 August 2012
Main Street	the junc with Esk Street	10am to 6pm
Ellenborough	(for ice cream)	
Maryport		

Objections to be received in writing by 2 July. Clerk sent a letter of objection from the Town Council, as in previous years, based on Council policy on the matter.

160 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Primary School Cllr. Markley has not been down to the school for a while. It will be Sports Day and end of year shortly.

Joint Advisory Body There are issues with Allerdale due to funding secured by the AONB. Cllr. Jefferson and Brian Irving have spoken with members of Allerdale. A ruling has had to be obtained from the National AONB's. There are issues about who runs the AONB. It is run essentially by the JAC and Brian Irving. There is confusion about the difference between the accountable body and the host authority. The AONB pay 10% of the top income to Allerdale. 75% of money comes from central authority. Allerdale are trying to say they have a say on Policy as they are the host authority. No-

one is liaising with the AONB regarding the relocation of the library. AONB have got funding of £3m from the Solway Wetlands and Allerdale are trying to make out that the JAC is not a legal body.

Silloth Tourism Action Group Another meeting next week. Following the jubilee celebrations a lot of people have said how much they enjoyed the firework display. STAG are now looking to organise a bonfire/firework event and have already had outline permission to hold the event on the Airfield. They are looking to get funding towards it and hopefully go ahead. Binfire was previously organised by the Rotary and held on the Sports field. The pyrotechnics on Skinburness Road have agreed to supply the fireworks.

Sea Dyke Charity No meeting.

Longcake Education Trust Meeting was on 14 June with various grants given out to schools etc.

Solway Community Technology College Colin Campbell took 10 kids to Wimbledon on Thursday which they really enjoyed. 48 flew out last night to Barcelona and will be visiting the football club.

Sports Hall No report.

The Space - Silloth Community Hall People are busy doing other things. A more detailed letter of support may e required for funding applications. Need a meeting with them to move things forward.

161 Allerdale & County Council Reports

Allerdale - There is the possibility of frauds and scandals at Allerdale and things are being investigated.

County Council - Cllr. Markley attended Derwent forest which is one of 60 named as a Diamond Jubilee forest which is good for Cumbria and Allerdale. There is a lot going on at the County Council. Highways re-surfacing and re-dressing in being done. Silloth library closes on 14 July and opens at the Discovery Centre on 21 July. Hours will be extended from 21 to 26.5 per week. Computers and phones have not been sorted out yet. Neighbourhood Forum meeting is on Wednesday at Abbeytown. Stank Bridge at Abbeytown will be getting replaced and the road will be re-surfaced. The road will be closed for quite some time and will cause a problem for motorists.

162 Handyman's Report

No report.

163 Town Clerk's Report

No report.

164 Payment of Accounts

The Clerk produced a register report to 2 July 2012 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.

165 Applications for events

No new applications received.

166 **Memorial Seats**

Minutes of the Parks Committee meeting were provided for the Council. Most Councils have a policy for memorial seats to prevent any misunderstanding. Draft policy will go to the Parks Committee and will come back to the Council for approval. Currently waiting for one piece of information from the Lottery to confirm whether memorial plaques can be fixed to the new benches. Memorial seat for Mr Trespaderne has been well kept. Metalwork on the Dixon memorial bench is breaking away. It was sited in 1994 so is beyond its shelf life. Other benches need pressure washed. Two benches are beyond repair and will be disposed of but plaques will be retained. The Council needs to retain control and install benches at a cost, with a cost for ongoing maintenance. We are now in a new regime. Will be left with 7 active benches, none of which are allowed to be sited on the main Green. Rotary may be in favour of the bench for Herbie Blake being sited at the Albion corner. A possible location is on the at the seafront. Down by the Dock entrance has also been suggested as a possible site. Parks committee are dealing with it.

167 **HLF Green Project - Update**

A list was put together by Cllr. Wilkinson and Ken of matters needing to be addressed which came to the Parks Committee and was then sent to the consultants. Water play area is now working. It was questioned when the new replacement finger post sign will be sited at the Rafa corner. Cllr. Markley to take the matter up with Jason Dixey.

168 **Parking on the Green**

On a hot day, there are not enough parking spaces in the town. Parking on the right hand side is not such a problem but it is not acceptable for vehicles to be parked on the Golf Hotel side of the Green. If the town is full it is acceptable but people don't want to walk but not on a regular basis. Skinburness is identified as overspill parking. The Green is for leisure activities. Cones or some sort of bollards are required to stop cars getting on to the Green on corner next to the avenue up to the Amusements. As a limited experiment bollards will be put in at corner. The Clerk and Ken to organise some lockable bollards to be erected.

169 **Public Conveniences**

There was a problem with the Skinburness toilets as the water was disconnected. Bills had not been sent to the right address which resulted in them not being paid. Mark is currently locking the main toilet block up on Criffel Street. There are a number of problems which need reported to Allerdale - one of the units in the gents is screwed shut, front door is hanging off, one of the driers is not working and the decoration is needing done. Agenda item for September - quote to be obtained to get the building wrapped. Also ask Ken to work out a cost for doing the building up.

170 **Silloth Thursday Market**

There have been complaints about the market on a Thursday and the fact it is stopping vehicles moving through the town, when there are only 4-5 stalls. The market was sited down at the rugby club previously. There will be a contract between the market operator and Allerdale Borough Council for the market to be sited where it is. It was suggested

that it go on the Green and initially an area opposite the Golf Hotel was going to be paved and the idea was to have stalls there. This has since been changed to a town garden. Things have improved since the market has been moved down to the next junction. Need to find out how long the lease was for. Could get responses from the public through the Buzz. Sunday market is good as it brings people to the town but the Thursday market doesn't really benefit the town. Clerk to find out the terms of the current agreement and put the matter back on the agenda for the next meeting.

171 Amounts owing to the Town Council

Nothing of any concern.

The press and public were excluded from the meeting.

172 Applications for Financial Assistance

An application had been received from the Football Club to cover the costs of training and kit etc for a new team. It had been decided that any requests had to be put to the Council at the annual meeting with the Sports clubs towards the end of the year. The Town Council cover all the electricity, water, council tax and repairs for the changing rooms which amounted to £8669.92 for the last year. It was questioned how the clubs are going to afford to pay the utility bills for the Sports Hub. The Silloth OAP's are talking about finishing, as the hut is going to cost too much to repair. The pensioners hut belongs to them and was gifted to them in 1959 by Jimmy Blake. Letter to be sent to Football Club to say that the Council are unable to give any money and that requests must be in for the Sports Club meeting. Email has also been received from Silloth RUFC asking for funding to help with the cost of gates to finish the fencing around the rugby pitch. It was agreed that the same letter be sent to the rugby club, to say that requests need to be in for the Sports Club meeting.

Signed..... Date.....