

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on 3 September 2012

Present:- Cllrs. I. Baty, A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson, W. Jefferson, S. Graham & A. Weightman. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk), Ken Wannop & PC Andy Robertson.

184 **Apologies**

Cllrs. R.W. Allison, D. Wallace, E. Wannop, M. Snaith & C. Graham.

185 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Markley - re: County Council, Allerdale Borough Council, energy board, Carrs Coaches etc.

186 **Exclusion of Press & Public**

It was agreed that item 31 on the agenda be discussed without the Press and public present.

187 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman led the Carnival but it was a washout. It went ahead and there were a lot of people on the Green but the weather plays a big part in events.

188 **Minutes**

Clerk to obtain details from Allerdale regarding the terms of the current agreement between Allerdale Borough Council and the Thursday market operator. Cllr. Wilkinson had checked back through previous minutes. The market started in 1999 for 7 yrs, with an option to extend for a further 5 years. In 2006, it was minuted that the Council did not want stalls on the Green. It needs to be clarified and followed up on. After a minor amendment, the minutes of the meetings held on 2 July & 23 July 2012 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

189 **Police Report**

PC Andy Robertson attended the meeting and gave a report on recent incidents of crime, of which there were a few. An issue was raised about the policing of the Carnival. There had been problems with vehicles travelling through the town when the procession was on and roads not being closed which had resulted in two near accidents. The Carnival committee have paid £600 for two Police vans and £200 for the road closure order. The Carnival will not be going ahead next year. Letter to be sent to the Chief Constable and also Inspector Kelly, expressing the Council's regret that the Carnival was not policed properly. Police surgeries and still held. PCSO Wiosenski notifies when he will be there but it will be advertised in the Buzz and on the window of the fire station. Police surgeries enabled the public to feed into the police any problems there were. Hubert is always available by email or by ringing 101. Andy will liaise with Hubert. Double yellow lines and dropped kerbs will be enforced and fixed penalty notices issued although not all of the lines have been re-painted. Tickets can be issued for causing an obstruction.

190 **British Heart Foundation Heart Town**

Mr Stephen Layden, BHF Fundraising Manager (North Region), attended the meeting

to discuss the idea of Silloth becoming a British Heart Foundation Heart Town. This would attract resources from the British Heart Foundation into Silloth with a view to promoting heart health in the community. The Town Council thanked Mr Layden for his presentation and the Town Council were grateful for being considered for this opportunity. It was agreed that letters be sent to the schools and Silloth Rotary asking for their involvement, with a view to holding a launch event in late September/early October at the school if possible.

191 Adjournment of Meeting

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

It was agreed that item 20 on the agenda regarding the West Cumbria MRWS Partnership Final Report be dealt with earlier in the meeting.

192 West Cumbria MRWS Partnership - Final Report

Cllr. Markley declared an interest and cannot vote or speak on the matter as he is a member of the Cumbria County Council cabinet.

There was no point in having a full discussion in the nuclear debate but it is essential that a response is sent from the Town Council. A clear statement is required with a proposal. The following proposal was agreed by the Town Council:- ‘Silloth Town Council request Allerdale Borough Council executive and Cumbria County Council cabinet to withdraw their expression of interest in siting a nuclear waste repository in Allerdale at their scheduled meetings of the 11 October 2012. We have no confidence in the right of withdrawal at future stages in the process. We believe that the geology of the Solway plain is not suitable for such an undertaking. It appears to us that there is overwhelming support for our position in the communities we serve and in other parishes on the plain as well as in the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Please do not expose our people to further risk and worry by continuing.’

193 Correspondence

a) Toye & Co - Suppliers of Council Insignia and Identity Products.

b) Clerks & Councils Direct - July 2012.

c) Streetscape - Brochure for streetscape outdoor fitness system.

d) Kompan Playgrounds - Brochure.

e) Cumbria County Council - re: Bus board meeting, Wigton Road, Silloth.

Meeting held on 29 June. The recently installed bus stop on Wigton Road will be taken out with immediate effect. The road markings and sign will also be removed a.s.a.p. following concerns raised by local residents.

f) United Utilities - re: Recreation ground, Sports Pavilion and Changing Rooms.

Letter to confirm that investigation is now complete and the property is not connected to the public sewer and therefore all sewerage charges are to be removed from the accounts for the last 6 years.

g) Allerdale Borough Council - Pro-forma for a road closure order in respect of Silloth Carnival to be held on 27 August 2012.

h) Cumbria County Council - re: CCC Local Committee for Allerdale Local Revenue Scheme (Solway Coast Division) Project: Floodlighting for Silloth sports facilities. Confirmation that the Local Committee for Allerdale has agreed a Local Revenue Scheme Grant up to a maximum of £2000 for the year 2011/12 to support the named proposals.

j) CALC - MRWS E-Bulletin.

- l) Local Government Boundary Commission - Electoral review of Cumbria. Summary of the Commission's report, outlining its final recommendations for electoral arrangements for Cumbria County Council. Report can be accessed at www.lgbce.org.uk. Proposed changes will be put to Parliament and if accepted, the new arrangements will come into force at the next elections for Cumbria, in 2013. Online opinion survey on the review processes and procedures at www.lgbce.org.uk/about-us/satisfaction-surveys/opinion-survey.
- m) Email from Stephen Layden re: British Heart Foundation Heart town and asking to attend the Town Council's September meeting.
- n) Allerdale Borough Council - Road Closure Order in respect of Silloth Carnival to be held on Monday 27 August 2012.
- o) Cumbria County Council - re: 'A' boards and street café licenses. Intention to notify all local businesses/establishments that a license is required to enable 'A' Boards and Street cafes (tables & chairs) to remain on the highway. Comments requested from the Council. Deadline for comments extended to accommodate Town Council. The main reason is to keep pavements clear for disabled access. Licence will cost £105 for tables outside a café. Scheme is being implemented already in the south of the county. No comments to be sent.
- p) Email from Jackie Thompson regarding the public toilets on Criffel Street which have a tendency to flood due to people not knowing how to use the taps properly and leaving plugs in the sinks etc. Email to be sent to Allerdale Borough Council.
- q) Copy of two emails from Mr Colin Harrow regarding the Solway Crafters intention to pursue a complaint against Silloth Town Council under the Allerdale Standards Committee. Emails asking for clarification on various points and responses to a number of questions. Solway Crafters have never been banned from the Green. The Council have asked for payment of outstanding invoices which has not been received. The Solway Crafters are still welcome if the bills are paid. There is a system in place to deal with applications for events. Reply to be sent to Mr Harrow referring him to the minutes of the Town Council.
- r) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Silloth Town Centre. Email from Joe Broomfield, Town Centre Area Manager who is keen introduce himself and talk through changes at Allerdale. It was agreed that Mr Broomfield be invited to a Town Council meeting.
- s) Email from Arthur Millie regarding the Council's lack of response to the CALC request for views about the West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely Geological Facility. Response to be sent based on the Council's previous resolution - see Min 192.
- t) Allerdale Borough Council - Review of dog control orders across Allerdale. Requests to be considered. Closing date 21 September 2012.
- u) Further email from Mr Arthur Millie providing further information in the form of a map and a quantitative statement by Prof. David Smythe.
- v) Email from Prof David Smythe re: Details of the proposed target site in Allerdale for nuclear waste.
- w) STAG - Email from John Haywood re: Nuclear Waste Dump. Response to be sent based on the Council's previous resolution - see Min 192.
- x) Email from Stephen Hart regarding the locking of the toilets over the weekend of the Beer Festival and inviting the Council to the opening on 6 September. Also asking if the Mayor would like to open proceedings. It was agreed to leave it to the Beer Festival committee to lock the Criffel Street toilets over the weekend of the Beer Festival.
- y) Email from Steven Quas. Date for the Nuclear Waste meeting for Allerdale has

been changed to Thursday 6 September at Cockermouth Eco Centre at 6.30pm. Meeting is currently by invitation only and anyone who would like to attend must confirm by email. Cllr. Jefferson to send them the Town Council's resolution per min 192.

z) Email from Mike Buchan asking for confirmation on whether the Town Council has been considering plans 'in camera' for a Waste Repository in the Silloth area as reported in the Solway Buzz. Town Council have not discussed the matter behind closed doors. Copy of Council's resolution per min 192 to be sent.

aa) West Cumbria MRWS Partnership - Final Report has been published and is available on the Partnerships website as document 306 at

http://www.westcumbriamrws/all_documents.asp. Paper copy also requested.

bb) Email from Linda Cunningham-Brown - Re: Proposed nuclear dump and asking if there is any formal opposition in Silloth and asking for the Town Council's position on this. Reply to be sent giving details of the Council's resolution per min 192.

cc) Allerdale Borough Council - re: The Green, Silloth. Letter from Mr Paul Shackley regarding funding and resources necessary to maintain the Green and its associated buildings which will change from 1 April 2013. A meeting is needed with Mr Shackley to work through it all. Changes have come about since Ian Payne has left Allerdale. Town Council not only maintain the Green but also the housing estates. All the paperwork will be needed to show him what has been previously agreed.

dd) CALC's view on MRWS - Copy of letter written to the Leaders of Cumbria County Council, Allerdale Borough Council and Copeland Borough Council giving the Association's views on 'Managing Radioactive Waste Safely' (MRWS). CALC is holding a meeting for parish councils to discuss MRWS on Monday 3 September at 7pm at Hunday Manor Hotel, Winscales, Workington at 7.00pm. All Councils are invited to attend but particularly important that all councils in Allerdale and Copeland send a representative. Cllr. Chris Graham is attending the meeting on behalf of the Town Council.

ee) Allerdale Borough Council - Gambling Policy Consultation. Comments to be sent by 24 September 2012. The Town Council have not received any feedback from local establishments and have nothing to add to the draft policy. Response to be sent.

194 Planning Applications

a) Allerdale Borough Council have approved the following:-

Plan No: 2/2012/0398 **Proposal:** Installation of replacement floodlighting to rugby pitch **Location:** Silloth RUFC, Old Marshalling Yard, Eden Street, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr J. Lettice

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Plan No: 2/2012/0550 **Proposal:** Proposed new dwelling and demolition of existing building **Location:** The Bungalow, Blitterlees **Applicant:** Mr S Richards

Plan No: 2/2012/0517 **Proposal:** Demolition of existing garage and proposed single story extension **Location:** 66 Skinburness Road, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Law

Plan No: 2/2012/0518 **Proposal:** Retrospective consent for ducting to north west and south west elevations of swimming pool **Location:** Beech House, Blitterlees **Applicant:** Mr Frank Scott.

195 Licences

None.

196 Committee Reports

Parks Committee meeting - 28 August 2012. Final memorial seats policy has been put together. Cllr. Jefferson is to meet with Ken & Cllr. Baty to look at the seats which are in storage. If the Council are happy then a letter will be sent to the Rotary club about siting the seat for Herbie Blake opposite the Albion. Seat for John Trespaderne is to be sited opposite Petteril Terrace. The last resort would be to put plaque on an existing seat on the Green, worded in line with the memorial seat policy. Cllr. Jefferson to speak to those concerned and followed by letters from the Council. Remaining seats to be sited down towards the Dock entrance. The Clerk was thanked for putting together the memorial policy. A meeting is to take place with a guy from Wigton with regard to the maintenance of the rhododendrons. Concerns of residents on Lawn Terrace have been dealt with.

197 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Primary School Back to school on Wednesday. Nothing to report.

Silloth Tourism Action Group No report. Cllr. Graham is attending the MRWS meeting on behalf of the Council.

Joint Advisory Body Serious negotiations are in progress. Meeting tomorrow with Mr Shackley and Michael Heaslip. Allerdale is questioning the legal status of the JAC and the status of the AONB officer. They want to take over but JAC will be fighting it. National AONB are on board and will be looking to County Council for help. Allerdale are only a part of the partnership.

Sea Dyke Charity No meeting.

Longcake Education Trust No meeting.

Solway Community Technology College Back to school on Wednesday. No report.

Sports Hall No report.

The Space - Silloth Community Hall Meeting took place on 7 August with a view to moving things forward, to secure the funding to do the building up. Jason Dixey was there and representatives from FLAG. Jason has offered his help to fill in the application forms. Letter is needed from the Town Council to the Space, in support of the applications. Funding is there and needs to be accessed. Clerk to speak to Anne Sowerby to find out what they need in a letter of support. Work to the outside of the building should be completed shortly.

198 Allerdale & County Council Reports

Cumbria County Council - £12m to be cut from the budget. Will get there but it will be tight. Work to Stank Bridge at Abbeytown has been delayed. Beckfoot traffic lights are there to protect the road which is being damaged by the sea. Need permission from various bodies e.g. environment agency etc before work can be done to put sea defences in. County Council have to maintain their asset. Workington bridge will be open in October. All the bridges damaged by the floods will be open within the 3 year timescale. School funding is an big issue and a concern but Cllr. Markley will keep the Council informed. Cumbria is a big county and schools are needed to keep communities going.

199 Handyman's Report

Ken needs to speak with the Parks Committee to discuss the winter opening times for the shelter etc. New machinery is excellent.

- 200 Town Clerk's Report**
Clerk has received an email from Home Group regarding some estate meetings to be held on 4 September and 11 September. Due to short notice no-one is available to attend. Reply to be sent.
- 201 Requests for Financial Assistance**
None.
- 202 Payment of Accounts**
The Clerk produced a register report to 3 September 2012 which provided details of cheque payments and other transactions through the Town Council's current account. After a few questions, the list of cheque payments were approved by the Town Council for payment.
- 203 The Green Project - Update on progress**
Cllr. Wilkinson reported that there is a meeting on Wednesday at 9.30am with Cllr. Allison, Anna and Jason. After that, it should be clearer what funds are left. There is a shortage of bins when the town is busy which can be discussed in the next Parks meeting.
- 204 The Space**
Dealt with earlier in the meeting - see min 197.
- 205 Youth Club Lease**
It was questioned what the position is with regard to a lease between the Town Council and the Youth Club, as it never seems to be finalised and the Council are still paying the electric bills. This was started a long time ago when the Youth Club needed a lease to be able to access funding. Despite a number of emails to the solicitors - no further forward. Clerk to put something together in the form of an agreement between the Youth Club and the Town Council.
- 206 Public Rights of Way**
It was agreed that enquiries be made to Cumbria County Council as to how to go about registering various routes as public rights of way i.e. route to West Beach which caused all the problems earlier in the year, the path across the Playing fields and the path from Links Close behind the Brewery. Letter to be sent to Cumbria County Council to ask for clarification.
- 207 United Utilities Refund**
It was agreed that when the money is reimbursed by United Utilities that the Council have a discussion on how the funding is utilised. The Clerk was told it would take 28 days to process the refund but it has now been almost 8 weeks.
- 208 Christmas Lights**
There was an item in the Solway Buzz about the Christmas Lights being cancelled this year, as the Christmas Lights committee are no longer going to do it. A meeting was held recently and with help from Rotary, STAG and other volunteers who have come forward, the lights will be going ahead.

209 Solway Buzz

An article appeared in the Solway Buzz stating that the Town Council had been meeting behind closed doors regarding the waste disposal dump for Sellafield which is completely wrong. Cllr. Jefferson to respond to the Buzz and send a copy of the Council's resolution regarding the MRWS Final Report (see min 192).

210 Allotments

There is a problem with flooding at the allotments due to the weather, low level ground and clay. Only one of the drains is working which is the one that was jetted. It was questioned whether the other drain could be repaired. Stanwix dug through the tiles years ago. Ken to look in to the matter, to see what can be done.

211 Fun Fair - Drains

The Blake family contacted Cllr. S. Graham and would like confirmation as to who is responsible for the cleaning of the drains at the Fun Fair car park. This was due to the Fun Fair nearly flooding on Saturday 4 August, due to the high rain fall and pine needles blocking the drains. The car park is not the responsibility of the Town Council. Cllr. Graham spoke to the Clerk and Allerdale Borough Council have been contacted about the matter.

212 Town Council Staff - Roles & Responsibilities

The Clerk had provided the Council with copies of the roles and responsibilities of Town Council employees. The staff of the Council report to the Town Clerk and then to the Chairman, as leader of the Council. It is not for a member of the Council to get involved in staffing matters. It would be helpful if the Clerk could be available in the office at a certain time during the week, to be advertised in the Buzz.

213 Correspondence

It was agreed that the Clerk should check with the Chairman or Deputy with the regard to any sensitive letters that may need sent out on behalf of the Town Council need i.e. proof read prior to sending, to ensure that they give true reflection of the Council's decision.

That in the view of the nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw.

214 Amounts owing to the Town Council

Nothing of any concern.

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