

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
Held on 31 May 2011 in the Community Hall, Silloth

Present:- Cllrs. W. Jefferson, G. Wilkinson, S. Graham, A.J. Markley & 5 members of the public. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

1. **Apologies:-** Cllrs. I. Baty, C. Baty, R.W. Allison, E. Wannop & A. Weightman.
2. **Chairman**
Cllr. Wilkinson was appointed as the Chairman for the Annual Town meeting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. **Minutes**
Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on the 27 May 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
4. **Annual Town Report**
Only Cllr. Markley had submitted a report. The annual report has diminished over the years.
Sea Dyke Charity is continuing as it is. A new shed has been built and not a lot of money is going into charitable bodies.
Cllrs. W. Jefferson and G. Wilkinson always attend the town meeting to answer any questions.
Street cleaning on a Sunday and on Bank Holiday Monday's is a complete waste of time. It was suggested that surely the days can be alternated but it is part of a contract and cannot be changed. A lot of money is wasted with regard to waste collection etc. County Council have a contract with Shanks who could sort all the rubbish etc but currently household recycle and sort their own rubbish.
5. **Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2011**
The Clerk's level of pay and hours were questioned. It was also questioned what the job involves and how can it justify 20 hours per week. The cost of grounds maintenance was also questioned which covers the maintenance of the Green, sports pitches etc. Work starts on the Green in September, after the summer events. Things have been delayed due to the tendering process which had to be gone through. Tenders will also have to be obtained for the actual work to the Green. It should take 6-8 months to get the work done.
A scheme is also being put together for the Community Hall. The Space will develop the building. A survey of the building is being carried out on Friday, to find out the condition of the building.
The tennis courts have also been upgraded, having been repainted and new nets provided which were paid for by the Council.
6. **Matters raised**

There is a problem with the toilets between the RNLI and the Paddling Pool which are the responsibility of Allerdale Borough Council. Allerdale are currently carrying out a review and only carrying out emergency repairs until the review has been done. Water has been switched off at the cemetery following a burst but they continue to be used. Bus shelters are in need of repair, with new felt needed for the roofs. Ken will be asked to deal with it.

Seagulls are being a nuisance, with some having nested on the chimney of a property in Waver Street. This is an environmental health problem and needs to be directed to Allerdale Borough Council.

New doors are needed on the Town Council notice board.

It was questioned whether the town benefits when the craft fair is on the Green, as local shops may be affected and lose trade as a result. Some businesses probably do benefit i.e. chippies, cafes etc. It was questioned whether Cllrs. ask shops what they think? The Council can't stop things happening in the town.

There were a number of cars on the Green over the Easter weekend. There is no need for it but there was no damage caused.

Caravans and trailers can't be parked on the street unless they are attached to a car which is taxed and insured.

Trees are getting pollarded this year. There are over 150 trees in the town. Any damage to the pavements by tree roots will be repaired. Sycamore trees were planted which were the wrong trees. White beam is a better choice, as it is slower growing and a bushier tree.

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