

Silloth Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on 4 April 2011

Present:- Cllrs. I. Baty, G. Wilkinson, A.J. Markley, M. Snaith, R.W. Allison, A. Emmerson, C. Baty, E. Wannop & S. Hart. Also Trevor Gear & Sarah (Allerdale Borough Council). Clive Firth (Solway Woodcarvers).

707 Apologies:-
Cllrs. D. Wilson, W. Jefferson & A. Weightman. Also Ken Wannop & Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

708 Declarations of Interest
Cllr. Wannop - re: Ken.
Cllr. Markley - re: Carrs Coaches, County Council etc

709 Exclusion of Press & Public
None.

710 Chairman's Announcements
None.

711 Minutes
Minutes of the meetings held on 7 & 21 March 2011 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

712 Police Report
No report.

713 Fisons Factory Site - Section 106 Agreement
Trevor Gear and Sarah from Allerdale Borough Council attended the meeting to discuss various matters in relation to the 106 agreement. Questions were raised re: Highways projects in respect of 106 agreement with County Council. Only involvement the Town Council have had re 106 is in regard to the new footpath. The Highways projects have come via a traffic regulation order drawn up through consultation with the public at neighbourhood forum meetings. Highways have approved the development through the Travel Plan. The plan has now transferred to Harvest Developments. The Harkers names have been removed from the 106 agreement. Various questions were raised re: the Footway. The Town Council have not seen any section plans of the footway nor any drainage detail or lighting information. Concerns were raised in respect of footway encroaching on to the football pitch. At best it should be 10ft clear.
Also clarification of the maintenance of the footpath needs to be established. The site has outline approval only with the junction details agreed by the County Council. Any outstanding points need to be ironed out between the Town Council and the developer prior to signing. If possible another meeting needs to be arranged.

Trevor Gear and Sarah left the meeting.

714 Silloth Community Hall - The Space
Update on progress and consider how to move things forward. A.O.N.B. have turned down

the application for funding. A new bid for funding has been made to Cumbria Waste Management to be heard in May. Trying to find new funders - Awards for All etc. The project could be slowed down but the building needs urgent renovation I.e. toilets etc. Three quotes have been received ranging from £35 - £50 - £60K approx. In discussion it was agreed that the Town Council should be maintaining the property as we own it, with possible help from the users. There may be some funding via HLF bid as an office will be required. As a Town Council we should get a builder in as soon as possible to get to the bottom of the damp. There may be problems on the roof.

The woodcarvers are proposing to have an open weekend on 22 - 23 April to show the work to the public with possible other groups to join in.

Clive asked if they could mount a cabinet on the wall in the hall to show off what they make. This was agreed. He also asked if it was ok to place their sign out from when they are in the building. This was agreed.

There is a need for a first aider to be on site. It was suggested that they contact the first responders or St John's Ambulance.

Town Council should give written agreement to match the funding from Cumbria Waste Management.

715 Adjournment of Meeting

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

716 Correspondence

- a) Cumbria County Council - Rural Wheels - A new way to travel in your area.
- b) Clerks & Councils Direct - March 2011.
- c) The good councillor's guide - National Training Strategy for Town & Parish Councils.
- d) All about Local Councils - The National Association of Local Councils.
- e) It takes All Sorts - The National Association of Local Councils.
- f) Local Council Review - Spring 2011.
- g) Allerdale Borough Council - Review of services. Letter from Ian Payne asking for a breakdown as to how the concurrent grant for 2009/10 was used. Clerk to reply.
- h) Cumbria County Council - Review of County Council supported bus services. List of services being withdrawn, non of which affects Silloth.
- i) Cumbria County Council - Local Committee for Allerdale. Confirmation that grants have been awarded up to a maximum of £8000 for the year 2010/11 to support Silloth Youth Club (£3000) and Silloth Community Hall (£5000). We need to draw down the £8000 from the County Council.
- j) Citizens Advice Allerdale - Letter of thanks for the donation of £100.
- k) Cumbria Highways - re: Pavements. Concerns have been passed onto the Technician for the locality along with a request for repairs to be carried out quickly.
- l) Cumbria Community Foundation - re: The Jennings Rivers Ride 2011. New Charity Challenge launched - Sunday 18 September 2011.
- m) Christ Church & Solway Plain Team Ministry - Invitation to a social event on Thursday March 24 at 7pm to meet the candidates to become Team Rector to be based in Silloth.
- n) Information Commissioners Office - Data Protection Act - Confirmation of renewal.
- o) Derwent & Solway Housing Association - Silloth Community Hall - Letter of support for the plans to refurbish the Community Hall.
- p) Silloth Vintage Rally Ltd - Letter of thanks for the donation of £1000 towards the 2011 Vintage Rally.
- q) Silloth AFC - Letter from Colin Baty requesting that the football goalmouths etc be

repaired soon after 30 May 2011. The pitch will be used extensively up until that date. The contents were noted and Ken will deal with it.

r) Allerdale Borough Council - Email asking for suitable sites for the Moscow State Circus. Also complaints received from Mrs Ostle re: un-maintained area between trees on Skinburness Road. The Green will not be available between 17-20 June due to the Vintage Rally. Ref: Mrs Ostle re: The Green opposite 38-44 Skinburness Road. Mr Ostle was present and allowed to speak to the Council. A meeting is to be held with Mr & Mrs Ostle plus Ken and the Mayor to see what can be done. It may be that we can use the probation service to clean the area up.

s) Silloth Tennis Club - Letter regarding the possibility of upgrading the Skinburness Tennis courts together with three quotations for the work. Quotes were read out of £3780, £3200 & £4050. Questions were raised as to whether we could discuss this matter as the Town Council had not seen the quotes with the Agenda. Following discussions it was felt that the tennis courts are Council owned and we should maintain them. If funds are available in 2010/11 or 2011/12 budget. Another meeting should be held a.s.a.p. when we know what funds are at hand

t) Cumbria County Council - Email from Ben Spencer regarding the plan and boundary of the playing field following the letter from a resident of Links Close. Details from County Council noted that the line the walls have been built on is the estate boundary and the Town Council should inform the house owner as such.

717 **Planning Applications**

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

Ref No: 2/2011/0152 **Proposal:** Extension to provide additional accommodation

Location: Joechar, Blitterlees, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Gordon Messenger

Ref No: 2/2011/0158 **Proposal:** Conservatory to the rear **Location:** 227 Skinburness Road, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Pickering

Ref No: 2/2011/0161 **Proposal:** Single storey extension to garage to create garden room and utility room **Location:** Ravenstone, Ryehills Road, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Jim Sutton

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

Ref No: 2/2011/0004 **Proposal:** Two storey extension with internal alterations **Location:** 290 Skinburness Road, Silloth **Applicant:** Mrs Katharine Cole

Ref No: 2/2011/0047 **Proposal:** Proposed security bollards and replace existing windows with uPVC **Location:** Paramount Amusements, Criffel Street, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Paul Blake, Jaybee Blake Ltd

718 **Licences**

None.

719 **Committee Reports**

None.

720 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Primary School Previous Head has resigned. We will never know what happened. Interviews are to be held for a new Head.

Joint Advisory None

Silloth Tourist Action Group Fletchers are not willing to pay £500 rent as the Bouncy Castle is unfit. Can we reduce the rent or allow them to purchase a new one for £9000 and

use it on the Green. Discuss at the next meeting. A running club want to arrange a run around the Green to raise funds for sports clubs. This was agreed in principle but date would need to be agreed.

Silloth Regeneration Partnership It has been proposed that Regeneration Partnership would join with STAG and form a new group. Any funds held would come back to the Town Council.

North Allerdale Development Trust None.

Sea Dyke Charity John Graham has been re-elected as Chair. Funds are short. Discussions taking place re: Abbeytown playing field and the Farm.

Long cake Education Trust No meeting.

Solway Community Technology College A member of the Technical staff is leaving. Teaching staff having pay cuts. The Caretaker is retiring and adverts are out for a replacement.

Silloth Sports Hall No meeting.

721 Allerdale & County Council Reports

Allerdale Borough Council - Meeting tonight ref: Tesco at Workington.

Cumbria County Council - Savings are being made. Extra money for pot holes. Meeting re: LEP. Peter Marr met with G. Wilkinson re: trees around town. Hope to prune most of them. Possible upgrade of Dicktrud lane following a meeting with residents. It may be that the work could be done through the Town Council.

722 Handyman's Report

Ken had sent a report via Elaine. Re: complaint about rubbish - not our responsibility. The reason the mess is there is because the bins on the Lifeboat car park are overflowing, as Allerdale aren't collecting rubbish at weekends and the rubbish is blowing everywhere. A BMX type track has been created by persons unknown in the main Pines area. It was questioned whether the Council require the holes to be filled in and track removed to make safe. It was agreed that holes should be filled in a.s.a.p. A lot of time has been spent at Solway Community School on grounds maintenance. General grass cutting started.

723 Town Clerk's Report

No report.

724 Payment of Accounts

The Clerk had 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.

725 Applications for financial assistance

The Town Council considered the following requests for financial assistance:-

- a) North West Air Ambulance - No, as the Town Council support the Great North Air Ambulance.
- b) Silloth Festivals Ltd - Defer to next meeting as we do not know level of funding available at this time.
- c) Silloth Youth Club - As above.
- d) Silloth Tennis Club - As above.

726 Annual Subscriptions

The Town Council considered whether to renew the following:-

- a) CALC - Annual Subscription 2011/12 amounting to £306.50. It was agreed to renew the subscription.
- b) Local Council Review - Annual Subscription 2011/12 amounting to £15.50. It was agreed to renew the subscription.

727 Town Council Budget

Several residents have questioned the 24% rise in the Town Council precept and it was agreed to send a letter to the Buzz explaining the rise, as drafted by Cllr. Wilkinson.

728 Rubbish/bottles/cans etc in the Pines

A complaint was received about the amount of rubbish/bottles/cans etc in the Pines. Photographs were passed to Elaine to forward to Ken to clear up.

729 Update on HLF Bid

Only two bids were received for the consultants. One includes Simon Green. Scoring has been done by R.W. Allison and G. Wilkinson, plus County Council. Awaiting word from Jane at HLF re: a meeting, then the tenders can go out for the work. It is hoped that some time can be clawed back on the work.

730 Amounts owing to the Town Council

None.

Signed.....

Date.....9/5/11.....