

**Minutes of a meeting of Silloth Town Council**  
**Held 6 February 2012**

**Present:-** Cllrs. I. Baty, A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson, C. Graham, S. Graham, D. Wallace, E. Wannop, C. Baty & R.W. Allison, Also Duncan Stuart Stuart, PC Andy Robertson, Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) & Ken Wannop.

**981 Apologies**

Cllrs. A. Weightman & W. Jefferson.

**982 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. Markley - County Council, Allerdale Borough Council, school & Markley transport.

Cllr. Wannop - re: Ken.

**983 Exclusion of Press & Public**

It was agreed that items 22,23,24 & 25 be discussed without the Press and Public present.

**984 Chairman's Announcements**

No announcements.

**985 Minutes**

After some minor amendments, the minutes of the meetings held on 9 & 16 January 2012 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**986 Police Report**

PC Andy Robertson gave a brief summary of crime logs for January and early February. He warned everyone about cold callers. There had been a violent disorder at the Balmoral, with 6 people arrested and ongoing enquiries. Part of a skimming device had been found on the Co-op cash machine. JCB buckets had been stolen from Lambert Gill on the Green. Various disorder and damage offences. Next Pubwatch meeting is on 17 February at the Fire Station. Wigton Police Station is due for closure in the near future. Silloth Fire Station will be used more as a result and is used as a satellite station.

**987 Waver Wiza Wampool Waterways group**

Duncan Stuart attended the meeting to talk about the proposals to form a new Internal Drainage Board (IDB) in North Cumbria. In May 2010, the announcement was made that there would be no funding available to maintain land drainage. The HALCRO report was produced which recommended 3 options. The option taken was to withdraw from land drainage pumping stations. It was anticipated that co-operatives of local farmers be set up to run the pumps. The Lessonhall pump deals with more than just land drains. Coalmire also drains into that pump. Rumbling Bridge has been repaired. Funding for major capital work would have to be raised. IDB's have been operating since the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Burgh by Sands was the last one to be closed in the

1980's. Whatever happens in the Waver Wiza Wampool waterways will be used as a model/pilot. It has passed the public consultation stage. There is a meeting on Thursday morning to consider the outcomes. People on higher ground are not happy having to contribute to IDB's as they will not be flooded. IDB must be responsible for all aspects of land drainage not just the pumps. Various drop in sessions have taken place. Next meeting is on Friday at 7.30pm at Waverton church. If households are not in an IDB and have been flooded before they may not be able to get household insurance. Cllr. Markley represents Cumbria and NW England. In our area the premiums are slightly higher but in some areas they can't get insurance. If the pumps are switched off, areas will flood. The community have taken it so far but can't go any further. Email needs to be sent to the Environment Agency. If the pump at Rumbling Bridge is not working the main route into town will be blocked. Cumbria is a pilot for the IDB.

**988 Bike Park**

A presentation was done at the last meeting. The preferred site is behind the grounds maintenance sheds. It was suggested that the car park at North View car park be extended. An objection has been received from residents at North View. Plans were given out of 2 different types of tracks - one for doing tricks and the other a dirt track with jumps. The dirt track was the preferred option. A meeting is to take place on site on Wednesday 15 February at 2.30pm. Plans need to be brought through the Green project and talk with contractors. Contractors to be asked for a price to do it.

**989 Adjournment of Meeting**

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

**990 Correspondence**

- a) Running Imp - Catalogues of Diamond Jubilee mementoes and party products.
- b) Campaign to Protect Rural England - How to shape where you live: a guide to neighbourhood planning.
- c) Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2012 Issue 79.
- d) Email from Mr Neil Marshall expressing concerns regarding the possibility of a permanent bike/skate park being sited at the old tennis courts/all weather area.
- e) Letter from Peter Brough objecting to the proposal of a permanent bike/skate park being sited at the old tennis courts/all weather area.
- f) Letter from Irene Wilson giving reasons why the Pine wood opposite Alma Terrace would not be suitable for a skate/bike park.
- g) Email from Mr Clive Firth withdrawing his letter of complaint regarding Cllr. C. Graham.
- h) Email from Solway Woodcarvers seeking permission to erect the groups marquee during the weekend of any celebration and other events and requesting an application form.
- i) Solway Coast AONB - 9<sup>th</sup> North Cumberland style hedge laying competition on Sat 18 February at Burgh Head Farm.
- j) Letter of thanks from Silloth First Responders for the generous donation of £500 towards the costs of the pager rental.

- k) Letter from Allen Gray of Dearham expressing an interest in applying for application forms to trade ice cream from Silloth Lifeboat station and the Pines car park.
- l) Letter from Stephen Montgomery and Karen Murray expressing their interest in putting tenders in for the newly acquired ice cream pitches at Silloth.
- m) Waver, Wampool and Wiza waterways group meeting will be taking place on 17 February 2012 at Waverton church at 7.30pm to discuss the results of the recent consultation and discuss how the group intend to proceed with their proposals.
- n) Cumbria Highways - re: Bus Board meetings, Silloth. Copy of the minutes from the bus board meetings held on Friday 13 January 2012.
- o) North West Air Ambulance charity - Letter of thanks for the generous donation of £100 from the Town Council.
- p) Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation - Improving the Lives in Coalfield Communities - "A well kept secret". Information and leaflets about the organisation.
- q) Email from Ian Payne re: Public conveniences. Agreement at the moment is for Allerdale to clean and maintain the toilets, with the Town Council to close them in the evenings and be responsible for the utility costs and NNDR. This may need to change through discussion later in the year but it is not their intention to transfer costs or responsibilities just yet.
- r) Cumbria Highways - Community Travel Plans Review 2011. Details of the current list for the area and asking for views on whether any issues or schemes can be deleted or added. Deferred from last month. Cllr. Markley has gone through the list. Pedestrian crossing at Hylton Terrace has been taken off along with a few other things that can't be done. It was questioned how the neighbourhood forum got involved before the Town Council. The CTP funding was channelled through the Neighbourhood Forum. The list was compiled from requests made by the public at forum meetings.
- s) westcumbria:mrws - Geological disposal of radioactive waste in West Cumbria? Public consultation pack. Consultation closes 23 March 2012 and responses can be submitted online [www.westcumbriamrws.org.uk](http://www.westcumbriamrws.org.uk) Community drop-in event at Wigton market hall on 8 February from 1-7.00 pm.
- t) Cumbria County Council - Have your say on proposals for changes to Cumbria's household waste recycling centres. Cumbria County Council need to save £50m. Looking to close some of the recycling centres. Proposing to close Wigton and Brampton. No more than 15% of the recycled material comes thro these centres and they are 40% dearer to manage and keep open. Also looking to charge for some types of waste. It will not affect the crunch service.
- u) Email from Allerdale Borough Council regarding the management of the ice cream and/or food concessions on the Green. Deal with later.
- v) Email from Janet Moore re: future costs for the use of the Green and the restricted number of dates the Council has allocated the Solway Crafters. Explanation requested as to why the Jubilee weekend, the Kite Festival and Carnival weekend have been refused. Deal with later.
- w) Email from Amy Hoodless regarding dog fouling in Silloth and in particular on Esk Street. Since the Pines have been fenced off, the problem seems to have got worse. All streets in the town are bad. It was agreed that the matter be reported to Allerdale and notify them that the land does not belong to the Town Council. There are no dog

wardens at Allerdale now to monitor things. Reply also to be sent to Amy.

x) Allerdale Borough Council - Council Commitment to local communities 2012-2015. Comments before 7 February 2012. Very little mention of Silloth on the document. Email to be sent to say it will be considered at the next Town Council meeting and that the Council need extra time to look at it.

y) Allerdale Youth Council - Email asking if the Town Council would be interested in going into Solway school to meet with the school council and year 9's. Need to encourage the kids. It would be a good idea to get involved and the Council are definitely interested in working with the kids. Reply to be sent to arrange a convenient date.

z) Email from Jimmy Lettice asking the Council what the immediate and long term plans are for the sports area. Also asking if insurance is in place if someone got knocked over whilst walking or biking and who would be responsible for warning signs. Footpath across sports ground from West Silloth is not a dedicated right of way. The Town Council have not got any plans at the present time. Need to know what the Rugby Club are planning, as any plans would need to come through the Council. May need some signage put up to warn motorists of pedestrians and cyclists and one at the end of the pensioners hut, to warn of motorists. Reply to be sent to say Council are looking at what signage is needed and that there are no plans for development. Town Council have Public Liability insurance but it would depend on what type of incident occurred and who was responsible, as to whether it would come under our policy.

#### **991 Planning Applications**

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

Consultation on an application under section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to carry out works to trees in Silloth Conservation area.

**Location:** Land at 7 Pine Terrace, Silloth **Applicant:** Ms Tracy Galloway-Smith

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

**Ref No:** 2/2011/0884 **Proposal:** Demolition of rear extension and proposed single storey extension **Location:** 35 Eden Street, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr L. Moore

#### **992 Committee Reports**

None.

#### **993 Licences**

None.

#### **994 Reports from Representatives**

**Primary School** New Head Teacher is now in place.

**Joint Advisory Committee** No report.

**Silloth Tourist Action Group** Stepping things up for the Jubilee weekend. Meeting on Thursday of festival organisers. Also applying for funding.

**Silloth Regeneration Partnership** Meeting at 7.00pm next Tuesday, to formally close the Regeneration Partnership down.

**Sea Dyke Charity** New tenant at Swinsty Farm - the son of the previous tenant.

**Longcake Education Trust** Meet on Thursday.

**Solway Community Technology College** There will be a lunch on Wednesday 8 February - roast beef dinner. Silloth Rotary are having a do in the Solway school on 30 March.

**Sports Hall** Not been invited to a meeting.

**Silloth Community Hall - The Space** No report.

**995** **Allerdale & County Council Reports**

**Allerdale Borough Council** - No reports.

**Cumbria County Council** - Facing budget cuts of £50m. A school at Bootle is to be closed which only has 13 kids. County Council are trying to make cuts and savings and will be looking around the whole area. The Navvies bridge won a "Highly Commended" award. 1<sup>st</sup> prize went to Goat brow at Cockermouth for flood tank. Both are prestigious awards for Cumbria. The opening of the Carlisle bypass will be announced on Thursday.

**996** **Handyman's Report**

Bus shelters have been painted. Wood barking on flower beds around the Green. Repairs have been done to the play equipment etc. Gangmowers are going to cost £3000 + VAT to have refurbished. Henry Armers will be collecting them tomorrow. Peter Holliday will be getting in touch with Ken to see what can be done with gorse bushes up Skinburness. It was questioned who is funding the work to the footpaths between the Rafa to the school. New fencing around the grounds maintenance depot has not been done around path side. It had been questioned if the sandstone flagstones recently removed from Criffel Street, could be used underneath the new picnic areas and save some money. The track behind Skiddaw Street to the allotments needs reinstated. Stobbarts have been putting new windows in Home Housing properties and the track has been damaged as a result. Letter to Home Housing.

**997** **Town Clerk's Report**

Parks Committee meeting to be held on 13 February at 7.00pm.

**998** **Requests for Financial Assistance**

The Town Council considered the following requests for financial assistance.

- a) Great North Air Ambulance - It was agreed that a donation of £100 be made.
- b) Mencap - It was agreed that a donation of £50 be made.
- c) Citizens Advice Allendale - It was agreed that a donation of £50 be made.

**999** **Payment of Accounts**

The Clerk 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.

**001** **Applications for events**

The Town Council agreed to the request for the Vintage Rally which is to be held on the 16 & 17 June 2012 on The Green. Cllr. Markley reported that Silloth Rotary have been

accepted to have one of the Jubilee beacons.

**002 The former Criffel Inn**

The Town Council considered what action could be taken regarding the condition of the former Criffel Inn which has become an eyesore. Cllr. S. Graham had been given the contact number for Mr Clenth, the owner of the building. It was agreed to approach the owner first, with a view to asking him to tidy up the front of the property.

The Press and Public were asked to leave the meeting while the remaining items on the agenda were discussed.

**003 Ice cream and/or food concessions on the Green**

Advice had been obtained from Allerdale Borough Council with regard to the management of the ice cream and/or food concessions on the Green. Letters be sent to local traders and an advert put in the Buzz. It was agreed to follow the standard procedures (as per the guidance received) with a view to considering any tenders for the coming season at the next Town Council meeting.

**004 Solway Crafters**

An email was received from Janet Moore re: future costs for the use of the Green and the restricted number of dates the Council has allocated the Solway Crafters. Explanation requested as to why the Jubilee weekend, the Kite Festival and Carnival weekend have been refused. The Clerk had misunderstood what had been agreed at the last Council meeting. The Solway Crafters are also allowed at the above events but only with the agreement of the event organisers. Clerk to write to the individual committees to seek their permission. After some discussion it was agreed that a charge of £100 would be made for the first day and then £50 for each day after that which would also cover the cost of electricity used. Caravans are to be restricted to the number required for security purposes.

**005 The Green Project**

**A) Update on progress** - Cllr. Allison had been given the project Agreement between Silloth Town Council and Cumbria County Council. Clerk to get it signed by the Chairman and return it to Jason Dixey.

Sundog energy are looking to pilot a lighting scheme. Everything going well. Some of the footpaths are to get a new surface put on.

**B) Part-time Parks Warden and Community Engagement Officer**

Interviews have been done for the Parks Warden position and the panel are close to appointing someone. Jason Dixey has agreed to be on the interview panel for the Community Engagement Officer position. Cllr. Jefferson was not available and need to short-list and interview. Cllr. S. Graham agreed to be on the interview panel.

**006 Estimate**

An estimate has been received for the resurfacing of the footpath from the Bowling club down to the Rugby Club which was over £1000 and therefore it is necessary to obtain more quotes for the work. Clerk to contact other contractors and obtain further

quotes.

**007** **Amounts owing to the Town Council**  
Nothing of any concern.

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