

Silloth Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on 7 February 2011

Present:- Cllrs. I. Baty, A.J. Markley, , C. Baty, S. Hart, W. Jefferson, E. Wannop, A. Weightman, G. Wilkinson, D. Wilson & A. Emmerson. Also Ken Wannop & Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

664 **Apologies:-**
Cllrs. M. Snaith.

665 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr. Wannop - re: Ken.
Cllr. G. Wilkinson - re: Silloth Nursing & Residential Home.
Cllr. Markley - re: Carrs Coaches, County Council etc
Cllr. Emmerson - re: First Responders.

666 **Exclusion of Press & Public**
It was agreed that the Press & Public be excluded for item 20 on the agenda.

667 **Chairman's Announcements**
None.

668 **Minutes**
Minutes of the meetings held on 10 & 31 January 2011 were approved by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

669 **Police Report**
No report.

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

671 **Correspondence**
a) Westcumbria:mrws - Newsletter - Winter 2010.
b) Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2011.
c) The Royal British Legion - 'Great Poppy Party Weekend' brochure.
d) Heritage Lottery Fund - Letter to confirm that the Town Council have been awarded a grant of up to £1,112,700 (75% of the total eligible project cost of £1,483,718) towards the Restoration of the Green at Silloth-on-Solway.
e) The National Lottery Awards 2011 - Annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects. Entry forms to be in by 18 February.
f) Southern Green - Grant Payment Request/Completion Report and accompanying invoices. To be signed and sent off to HLF.
g) Silloth AFC - Letter of acknowledgement for the £1000 towards the cost of using the Sports Hall between Jan and March.
h) Local Government Boundary Commission - re: Local Government Review of Cumbria. Having considered the responses to the review, the Commission feels that it does not have sufficient evidence on which to base a decision. Further discussion will take place with Cumbria County Council on this issue and hopes to make a decision on council size at its

meeting in February.

i) Solway Community Technology College - Re: Quotation for grounds maintenance contract. Letter asking for confirmation that various procedures can be put in place and request as to whether the remedial works can be incorporated into the current price quoted for the work or the contract price reduced and a separate price given for the remedial works. Reply required by 19 January. A meeting of the Parks Committee was held on 18 January to consider the requests.

j) WA Fairhurst & Partners - Re: Redevelopment of the Former Fisons Factory, Silloth - Email asking for confirmation of ownership of the land for the new football via a copy of the Land Title.

k) Letter from Mrs Sylvia Darby asking for information about the hotels in the town. Cllr. Wilkinson provided the Clerk with a list of hotels which had existed in the town. Reply to be sent to Mrs Darby.

l) Letter from Miramar Lodge of Freemasons to register an interest and a complaint regarding the road adjacent to and at the front of the lodge. A planning application was received for the Station Mews to have certain conditions removed one of which was the requirement for the road to be made up. The Town Council recommended that the application be refused. Cllr. Jefferson is at planning ^{meeting} tomorrow and will consult the legal people at Allerdale and Steve Long to find out the answer. The road was going to be made up to an adoptable standard in the original plans but was never done. It is our understanding that any development of more than 4 houses required a proper road. Bowling Club and Station House etc have a right of access over the land. Residents of Station Mews have a purpose made parking area provided but have never been told not to park outside their properties. Bill will get an answer tomorrow.

m) WA Fairhurst & Partners - re: Redevelopment of the Former Fisons Factory, Silloth - Agreement to enter into a section 106 legal agreement to deliver a new shared route to the town centre. Letter following the meeting on 10 January 2011. A copy of the draft 106 agreement was received by email today and will be considered on the next agenda.

n) Letter from Mr Jack Henderson informing the Council that his wife spent a distressing 24 hours in hospital suffering from severe concussion after a fall due to very icy conditions on Lattrigg Street and asking who is responsible for taking care of our streets. The condition of the pavements are the responsibility of Cumbria County Council but they struggle to do what they do with the budgets they have. Silloth Town Council have always applied for our quota of salt and this year have done a lot more than usual, covering the main shopping streets and pensioners bungalows. The conditions this year and last have been extreme and difficult to plan for. Polite reply to be sent.

o) Silloth Nursing & Residential Care Home - re: Winter maintenance of the road leading from Silloth Golf Club to the nursing home. Letter asking whether it would be possible for the Town Council to make arrangements for the road to be gritted in icy conditions. The road is on land owned by Associated British Ports. The Nursing Home have a right of access. The maintenance team have put salt up there in the winter which has helped and also provided salt to other residential homes and the doctors surgery. The spreader is now working properly after the initial problems with gear box etc. It was questioned whether this is something the Town Council can do. The Town Council understand the points made but due to the present economic situation we will endeavour to help when we can.

672 **Planning Applications**

a) The Town Council have approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/2011/0004 **Proposal:** Two storey rear extension with internal alterations

Location: 290 Skinburness Road, Silloth **Applicant:** Mrs Katherine Cole

b) Allerdale Borough Council have approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/2010/0956 **Proposal:** Replace existing windows with double glazed sliding sash white uPVC **Location:** 14a Criffel Street, Silloth **Applicant:** Ms Carmel Bell Jumbo Party Ltd.

673 **Licences**
None.

674 **Committee Reports**

Minutes of the parks committee meeting held on 18 January 2011 were circulated with the agenda. Since the meeting the Town Council have been awarded the grounds maintenance contract at Solway Community Technology College. Cllrs. I. Baty & Markley, also Ken and the Town Clerk attended a site meeting to look at what remedial works needed done. We had thought there was a lot more work involved. The school wanted remedial works done to the lines on the tracks and football pitch and reseeding of the goal mouths. When the Clerk sends the school an invoice there will be a summary of what has been done that month accompanying the bill.

Cllr. Emmerson joined the meeting.

675 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Primary School The Primary school opted for the other firm to do their grounds maintenance simply due to cost. The school are facing cuts and may be losing some staff. The new library has been opened at the school. The school are still having to pay two salaries for head teachers. Cllr. Jefferson is going to speak to Education department. Chair of Governors is getting annoyed about the situation.

Joint Advisory Committee It was a good meeting last Friday with 18 people attending but without Brian Irving. The AONB have 3 ½ members of staff and over 200 volunteers. The budget cuts are sad. Agreed the formal draft of the Solway Coast AONB Landscape and Seascape Character Assessment. Printing 200 copies of the document which defines exactly what the landscape is that needs protecting.

Silloth Tourist Action Group Going ahead with all the Festivals etc. An application for funding is to be expected. Cyclists are wanting to camp on the area of grass next to the Fitness Centre on the 28 April. This was agreed by the Town Council.

Silloth Regeneration Partnership No report. Cllr. Allison had asked Cllr. Markley if the County Council will be continuing as accountable body for the Green Project which has been confirmed. Jason Dixey is being kept on.

North Allerdale Development Trust There has been a management review and some staff have gone. Report is being submitted to Allerdale Borough Council. Cllr. Wilkinson has resigned from the board as the meeting dates have been changed and now clash with another commitment he has.

Sea Dyke Charity No meeting.

Longcake Education Trust Meeting on Thursday.

Solway Community Technology College The school are finding it hard with the drop in student numbers and can't understand why kids are being sent to Nelson Thomlinson by their parents. Silloth school gives more value added per child. 4th on the scale whereas Nelson Thomlinson is 12th. Rotary chefs competition - 2 kids are going through to St Benedicts in 19 February - Carr and Megan Wise.

Silloth Sports Hall - Meeting on 9 February.

676 Allerdale & County Council Reports

Allerdale Borough Council - Nothing to report.

Cumbria County Council - Will be reviewing the winter maintenance policy.

Implementing the 'Better Highways' scheme with a lot of work being done around the county to rectify the potholes. Put through Cabinet budget saving £44.2m with £25m this year. The public were consulted to find where savings could be made. Cllr. Markley went to a meeting with the company who will be building the new power station at Sellafield. Cumbria Sea Fisheries will be finishing and will become a new IFCA. Policing of the Solway will be just the same.

677 Handyman's Report

General maintenance has been done and started back on the contract with the secondary school. When comparing the figures the Town Council were the cheaper quote. Some maintenance has been done to the machinery. We did not get the contract with the Primary School and Children's Centre who are making alternative arrangements. County Council will be starting to do more work in house. The hollow in front of the schools will still be cut by Amey.

678 Town Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

679 Applications for financial assistance

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

a) Silloth Rugby Club - Request for £2000 towards the cost of replacing/upgrading the floodlights. The Town Council sets its budget in December of each year. There was no-one present from the Rugby Club at the meeting with the sports clubs when requests for financial assistance are put forward. The Town Council have therefore not build anything into their budget for this and are unable to assist.

b) Silloth First Responders - Request for £1000 towards the cost of rental for the pagers. Due to the current financial restrictions it was agreed to provide a contribution of £500 this year but the group can come back for more if they are struggling.

c) Letter from Colin Baty enclosing an invoice for £50 for work carried out in repairing burst pipes in the Football Changing Rooms and asking if the club can be reimbursed.

d) Letter from Colin Baty enclosing an invoice amounting to £322.36 for electrical work done to the Football Changing Rooms and asking if the club could be reimbursed. The work needed to be done in an emergency due to pipes freezing. It would be better if the bills were made out to the Council for payment and then the VAT could be reclaimed. The Town Council agreed to the payment of both of the above bills. Clerk to speak with Colin Baty to check if they have already been paid by the Football Club.

680 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.

681 Community Hall - Refurbishment

Following the last meeting it was requested that the Town Council appoint two

representatives to join the committee. Cllr. Hart was approached by Clive and has agreed. Cllr. Baty also agreed to be on the committee. Town Clerk has offered to help where possible with form filling etc.

682 Update on HLF Bid

It is necessary to go out to tender or been seen to have gone out to tender for the next stage of work which is being done on our behalf by County Council. Southern Green were not on their list of approved consultants but as this is the Town Council's project, Jane Alexander (from HLF) has agreed that it should done according to the Town Council's tendering procedure, therefore 3 estimates required from our own choice of consultants.

683 Treatment of rats on the allotments

There is a serious problem with rats and as a result the Clerk obtained a price from a local pest controller which was prohibitive. Gordon Baker is looking into how much it would cost to do the job themselves. Clerk to look at other options and get further prices.

684 Amounts owing to the Town Council

Nothing of any concern.

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