

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 17 October 2017 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present:– Cllr. G. Wilkinson (GW)

Councillors

I. Baty (IB), J. Cook (JC), A. Emmerson (AE), O. Martin (OM),
D. Pattinson (DP), J. Snaith (JS), S. Graham (SG) & A. Reid (AR).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), PCSO Hannah Donaughee & PCSO Peter Nichol.

564.	Apologies	Cllrs. A.J. Markley, M. Orchard & W. Jefferson. Also, Inspector Rachel Gale.
565.	Declarations of Interest	None.
566.	Exclusion of Press & Public	None.
567.	Adjournment of Meeting	There had been no requests from any members of the public to speak at the meeting and therefore there was no need to adjourn the meeting.
568.	Youth Shelter	<p>It was questioned whether the damage to the shelter when it was tipped over had been reported to the Police. Any crimes need to be reported via 101, to obtain a crime number. Cllr. Martin asked that it be minuted that he had requested the damage to the shelter be reported to the Police. Anyone can report a crime or an incident using the 101 number or email address. It was questioned if the Police are going to Police the shelter or if parents are going to take responsibility. Peter and Hannah cover Silloth but also need to deal with other priorities as they come in. It was questioned if the Police recommend having a youth shelter. Kids need something to keep them occupied but there has previously been an issue with noise, underage sex and drugs etc. Youngsters have been spoken to via the youth club and NADT. Environmental health often deals with noise issues but criminal damage etc is dealt with by the Police. PCSO's only work until 10.00pm but a lot of the problems happen late at night and in the early hours of the morning. A local resident was told not to ring the Police, as the noise was an Environmental Health issue. The temporary Inspector was unable to attend the meeting and it was therefore difficult to discuss things and get proper feedback on the issues. After the recent arson attack at the Co-op, the Police were requested to attend but no-one came. The tin bin concentrated the bad behaviour in one location but now it is happening all around the town. It was questioned whether there should be a shelter at all. The Police can't always be there and the lack of resources is an issue. Investigations are taking place in relation to the Co-op incident. The 101 number doesn't seem to be working and people find it difficult to get through. It was suggested to leave the matter for 6 months and review it in the Spring or alternatively not provide any sort of shelter at all. NADT and Rotary have funding for a shelter. People are getting disillusioned with the whole situation. Kids are racing about on bikes and in cars on a weekend and it will only be a matter of time before there is an accident.</p>
569.	Parking on Wampool Street	<p>The angled parking on Wampool Street is nothing to do with the Town Council and is the responsibility of Cumbria Highways. With the angled parking down one side of the street there is plenty of room and it has solved the problems of parking which has made a difference in the last month. Local residents discussed it and sorted the problem out. The traffic Police have said to PCSO Nichol, that as the vehicles are not causing an obstruction, it's not a problem. Parking done properly would not be an issue. An insurance company has said that a vehicle's insurance would</p>

	<p>not cover it if there was an accident when it was parked in that manner. The Highway Code states vehicles have to park as close to the kerb as possible, in the direction of the traffic at night. The matter has been raised on social media and it was suggested that it has brought the Council into disrepute, as members of the public believe it was the Town Council who were behind the angled parking. It was suggested that if residents of Wampool Street want diagonal parking, then it should be suggested to Highways. At a previous Council meeting, Cllr. Markley had asked for suggestions for possible projects for consideration by Cumbria County Council and angled parking was one of the suggestions put forward. If proper parking bays are marked out, it would be a lot better. The parking scheme has stopped double parking on the other side of the road, with vehicles going down Wampool Street a lot slower now and has solved the parking problem.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Cumbria Highways, to invite them to see the issues and get them to look at the parking on Wampool Street. Residents have trialled it and it is a success.</p>	WEJ
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