

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 23 January 2017 at 7.00pm in the Community Hall

Present: A.J Markley (AJM)

Councillors

D. M. Pattinson (DMP), G. Wilkinson (GW), J. Cook (JC), A. Emmerson (AE) & O. Martin (OM).
 Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), Steven Hart (Football),
 Colin Baty (Fitness Centre) & Robbie Allen (Rugby).

272.	<p>Apologies Cllrs. M. Orchard, C. Graham & D. Graham. Also Lindsey Whitham (Netball) & David Wise (Tennis).</p>	
273.	<p>Declarations of Interest As recorded.</p>	
274.	<p>Exclusion of Press & Public None.</p>	
275.	<p>Reports from Sports Clubs Football – Club is going from strength to strength. Approx. 30 juniors each week. Veterans won the summer league. Men’s team is also going from strength to strength and won their league. A lot of people are training and there is a lot of interest. Various emails have been exchanged recently regarding the lease which should be finalised within a couple of months when the Community Asset Transfer is complete. Met with FA – can go for certain grants to improve the Changing Rooms, pitch and possibly grass cutting equipment. The building is 35 years old and needs new windows, doors and the interior updating. 100 ton of sand is needed on the pitch to fill the holes in which would need to be done by specialist machinery. Also needs selective weed killer again which was done 2 years ago. The grass is a lot better since it was done last time. Work would need to be done in May. RESOLVED that the necessary work be undertaken to both the football and rugby pitches. Clubs to liaise with the Council as to what needs done. Fitness Centre – The fitness centre is doing fine. New floor has been put down in the last year. New running machine has been put in. Front fascia boards are in need of replaced. Electrics also need look at to check that they are up to current legislation. RESOLVED that prices be obtained and brought back to the Council for consideration. Rugby Club – New building is up and more people are using the club now. Pitches are standing up to the usage. Tennis – David Wise provided a report via email. There has been a continued downturn in numbers in 2016. Coaching ran over the summer with only one group of mixed age/ability. Continued with the programme over the winter months but only 4 regular attendees. Running at a loss due to costs and will review things in February. They are hopeful of getting a few more to attend. Affiliation fee to LTA is £220 and ask for a favourable review of the court costs for 2017. Netball – Changed to Carlisle league and down to one team now.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">WEJ</p> <p style="text-align: right;">WEJ</p>
276.	<p>Sports Association The Sports Association is lying dormant, as clubs’ numbers are diminishing and everyone is busy doing their own thing. Football Association money is going to Carlisle due to the flooding. All weather area would benefit from being upgraded to Astro turf and fenced which would cost approx. £½m. If the area was grassed over, it would be a better alternative to how it currently is. Upgrading lights to LED would also be an improvement. Sport England and the FA etc. all work together now. The Sports Hall is being used by the Football club and by the Tennis. The Town Council would need details of a project before they could move anything forward.</p>	

277.	<p>Annual Rents</p> <p>Annual rents have been the same for the last 10 years i.e. Football £339, Rugby £411, Tennis £200 and Fitness Centre £1,030. RESOLVED that rents remain the same but they will need to be reviewed properly next year.</p>	
278.	<p>Sports Club Leases</p> <p>Football club lease is progressing. A draft lease was sent to Rugby Club in September 2015 but no feedback has been received to date. Another copy of the lease to be sent to Robbie who will forward it on to David Henderson. A further copy of lease with the Fitness Centre to be sent to Colin, after amending the name on the lease.</p>	WEJ

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