

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting
Held on 10 November 2018

Present: G. Wilkinson (GW) – Chairman

Councillors

J. Cook (JC) & A. Reid (AR)

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ) & Tracey Wood.

016.	Apologies Cllrs. I. Baty & A. Emmerson. Also Jenni Lister.	
017.	Declarations of Interest None.	
018.	Site Inspection Plot 11b let to Mr Kirkup is now vacant. Mr Donald - Pigeon loft previously let to Mr Donald is to be transferred into Mr Morton's name as he has been using it for a number of years. The large shed has been taken over by Jim Cole and Ian Caulfield and is being repaired. They are also clearing the small plot next to it. Mr Donald's son, Paul has taken over his plot and had mentioned giving part of it up. Mr Gallon's pigeon loft site has been taken over by Brian Reeves. Pigeon loft site previously let to Mr Minnican has been taken over by Anthony Reid and will be cleared in the coming months. Plot 9b let to Mrs Henderson is also now vacant. When bills are sent out, a reminder is to be included to ask tenants to make sure their plots are secure as chickens are often getting loose. Plot 20b let to Vicky Hope – final letter to be sent as the plot is not being cultivated and needs tidied up within 4 weeks. David Holder has been doing work on it occasionally. Plot 20a let to Frank Denard – plot needs tidied up within 4 weeks. Pigeon lofts belonging to Mr Minnican are unsafe and need attention asap. Letter to be sent.	
019.	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
020.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17 February 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
021.	Matters Arising Dealt with earlier.	
022.	Public Participation There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
023.	Allotment Forum Nothing to report.	
024.	Waiting List/Vacant plots There are 5 vacant plots at the moment and 1 person on the waiting list. Bills to be sent out which will identify if there are any more vacant plots. Advertise vacant plots on Facebook and in the Solway Buzz. Further inspection to take place in February and during the summer months.	

<p>025.</p>	<p>Review of Annual Rents It was suggested that all the plots should be remeasured to make sure people are paying a fair rent. RESOLVED that the rents be increased by 10% as last year.</p> <p>West to East Large Plot £66.55 Half Plot £35.94 Qtr Plot £18.63</p> <p>North to South Large Plot £43.92 Half Plot £22.63 Pigeon Lofts £17.30</p> <p>Plots 21, 22, 23 & 26 are to be re-measured as they are not in proportion to other plots. Plots on the whole site to be measured later in the year. It was questioned what the water usage has been as it has been a difficult year. Some tenants have been filling large containers with water and then continuing to use hose pipes which is wasteful.</p>	
<p>026.</p>	<p>Problems and Issues Plot sizes which is to be addressed. New padlock has been provided. Next meeting to take place in February and another one in June.</p>	

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