

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 3 December 2018 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

**Present:**– Cllr. A.J. Markley (AJM)

**Councillors**

I. Baty (IB), A. Reid (AR), J. Snaith (JS), A. Emmerson (AE), J. Cook (JC), C. Fearon (CF),  
G. Wilkinson (GW), W. Jefferson (WJ) & M. Orchard (MO).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ) & Ken Wannop – Park Manager (KW).

<b>035.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllrs. S. Graham & O. Martin. Also PCSO Peter Nichol & Janine Ward.	
<b>036.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> As recorded.	
<b>037.</b>	<b>Exclusion of Press &amp; Public</b> It was agreed that the public be excluded for items 29 & 30 on the Agenda.	
<b>038.</b>	<b>Chairman's Announcements</b> The Chairman went to the drop-in event regarding the B5300 and coastal erosion between here and Barrow which was well attended. Also attended the prize day at the school and Remembrance Day service. Thanks to the Christmas Lights Committee and grounds maintenance team for sorting out the Christmas Lights this year. MUGA is moving forward.	
<b>039.</b>	<b>Minutes</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meetings held on 5 November and 19 November 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>040.</b>	<b>Police Report</b> Police report was unable to be sent by email, so a paper copy will be sent, to forward on the members of the Council.	
<b>041.</b>	<b>Adjournment of Meeting</b> There were no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
<b>042.</b>	<b>Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted. a) Update to NALC's Model Standing orders according to amendments set out in the Legal Briefing no: L09-18. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the amendments be adopted and incorporated into the Council's Standing Orders. b) Email from Simon Cottam asking if the Council would be willing to lease the toilet block on Skinburness to him, with proposals for an alternative future use of the building. The Green which includes the public conveniences is leased to the Town Council by Allerdale Borough Council. Grants are available for the change of use of toilets. It was questioned whether the Council could possibly buy the building. <b>RESOLVED</b> that more information and guidance be obtained from Allerdale Borough Council. c) Emails from Naomi Hewitt, Solway Coast AONB seeking to identify some land on Silloth Green to improve for pollinating insects, as part of a Cumbria Wildlife Trust project. No action was taken due to short deadline.	
<b>043.</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b> Notification that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Allerdale Borough Council to refuse an application:- <b>Site Address:</b> Marsh House, Skinburness <b>Development:</b> Demolish wooden garage and erection new garage <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs Sandra Turner <b>Ref No:</b> 2/2018/0092	

044.	<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <p>Minutes of the following committee meetings were circulated to members of the Council and were noted:-</p> <p>Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 5 November 2018.</p> <p>Allotment Committee meeting held on Saturday 10 November 2018.</p>	
045.	<p><b>Licences</b></p> <p>Jaybee Blake Ltd has applied to Allerdale Borough Council for a Premises Licence for Paramount Amusements, The Green, Silloth, CA7 4DA for the sale/supply of alcohol between the following hours: Monday to Sunday 11:00 to 23:00 hours. Representations in writing by 10 December 2018.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllrs. send in their own individual comments.</p>	
046.	<p><b>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted.</p> <p><b>Joint Advisory Committee</b> – meeting next week. <b>STAG</b> – meeting next Wednesday night. Joe Broomfield will be attending the meeting – to re-assess what STAG is. <b>Sea Dyke Charity</b> – ongoing repairs to Swinsty farm. Spent a lot on the farm to improve it. Tenant is now milking on the farm.</p> <p><b>Longcake Education Trust</b> – next meeting is in February. <b>Solway Community School</b> – At the Prize giving, the Head boy did a really good talk about all the support he’d received from the school. Waiting for OFSTED to come back. <b>Sports Hall</b> – Everything okay. <b>Friends of the Green</b> – another meeting will be held in February. <b>Coastal Community Team</b> – Joe has organised an open meeting in the Community Hall on 12 December in relation to the cycle path between Allonby &amp; Silloth.</p> <p><b>Sports Association</b> –Crowdfunding has finished now and raised over £11k which is matched by Sport England. Lease is needed to progress things. The Clerk has been in touch with the Solicitor again. A re-drafted lease was sent by email for approval and the solicitor has said a hard copy will be sent out in the post. Clerk to keep in touch with the solicitor, to speed things along.</p>	WEJ
047.	<p><b>Allerdale &amp; County Council Reports</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that verbal reports received from Allerdale and County Councillors be noted.</p> <p><b>Allerdale Borough Council</b> – The next full Council meeting is on Wednesday.</p> <p><b>Cumbria County Council</b> – A Health event is taking place at the Golf Hotel on 6 December, with funding available for local projects. Cllr. Markley attended the AONB conference at London last week. A Cllr. from Hinkley Point was there. Also attended a presentation by the Wildlife Trust about getting Cumbria ‘Buzzing’. Some verges will be re-seeded with wildflowers which will cut down on verge maintenance. Path from Links Close may be tarmacked when the cycle route is done. Drop in event is to take place at the Community Hall in 12 December. C.C.C. are looking to reduce speed limits at Allonby, Newton Arlosh, Waverton and Waverbridge. Footpath at Dubmill was closed and will cost a lot to repair. Cumbria Transport Group are holding an event in March to promote the training of bus drivers. C.C.C. has to save £49m in 3 years. Broadband will be coming into the towns which will be installed on lampposts to distribute the broadband. Results of the recent speed monitoring on Criffel Street is well within acceptable limits.</p>	
048.	<p><b>Park Manager’s Report</b></p> <p>A list of work undertaken over the last month was provided. There have been a few complaints about the Christmas lights being off but the grounds maintenance team simply put the lights out and are not responsible for having to keep checking them. They need sorted once and for all. Railings have been loaned to the Primary school but not heard anything more. Clerk to send an email. There have been a number of comments about the Victorian lights along the edge of the Green being left white rather than the coloured bulbs being put in. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the coloured bulbs be put in for Christmas.</p>	WEJ KW
049.	<p><b>Town Clerk’s Report</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting which was noted. Janine Ward had hoped to attend the meeting tonight but sent her apologies. The exercise and wellbeing sessions for women are to start in January 2019 in the Community Hall for 25 weeks.</p>	

050.	<p><b>Payment of Accounts</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the payments listed in the register reports to 3 December 2018 be approved for payment. Christmas Lights committee have forwarded an invoice for payment for £1300 + VAT from LITE for Christmas lighting. £800 cheque received from the Christmas Lights committee, with £500 to be used from this year's budget provision.</p>	
051.	<p><b>Applications for financial assistance</b>  None.</p>	
052.	<p><b>2019/20 Budget</b>  The John Deere tractor is coming up 10 years old and the gang mowers are coming to an age where they need replaced – prices to be obtained, to look at swapping equipment.  It was suggested that funds be included in the budget for Tourism - to cover the cost of printing brochures. 2019/20 Budget will be considered at the January meeting.</p>	
053.	<p><b>Applications for events</b>  The Council agreed to grant permission for the Silloth Soul Saturday which is to take place on 2 August 2019, although careful consideration will need to be given to the positioning of the stage and the volume of the music, due to a complaint received from a resident of Lawn Terrace.</p>	
054.	<p><b>Edwardian Shrub bed</b>  The Council considered proposals received in relation to plants and shrubs/trees for the Edwardian shrub bed to encourage pollinators. The proposals look good and fits in with encouraging pollinating insects. It should cost approx. £1200 for the plants. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the proposals be accepted and plants obtained.</p>	WEJ
055.	<p><b>MUGA</b>  Dealt with earlier in the meeting. See minute 046.</p>	
056.	<p><b>Campervan site</b>  A response was received from Allerdale Borough Council in relation to the provision of a Campervan site on Silloth Green. The lease of the Green is for 25 years. Don't want any potential for charging for car parking in Silloth. Parking has now been allocated to each County Council local committee to make a decision on. It was questioned how a campervan site could be monitored. Allerdale would want a proportion of the revenue. No machinery would be required and payment would be on an honesty basis. Need to know what proportion Allerdale would be expecting. Detailed costs are required on what is involved and what it would cost the Council. Cllr. Cook will put figures together and bring them back to the next meeting. Need to generate some money from the Green and further consideration to be given when figures provided.</p>	
057.	<p><b>Fitness Trail</b>  HAGS supplied the fitness equipment for Bute Park. Details of the equipment and costs for the individual items were obtained. The equipment has no moving parts and would be ideal for the seafront. <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Reid obtain more detailed information and bring back to the next meeting. Crowd funding could also be obtained to help fund the project.</p>	AR
058.	<p><b>Kathleen Ferrier plaque</b>  The Kathleen Ferrier plaque was taken off the former NatWest bank building and not put back but the building is now up for sale. The Clerk contacted the owner of the building, Mr Alan Maggs. who said the plastic plaque has been damaged and needed to be replaced. However planning permission would be required for a new plaque as the building is Grade 2 listed, and permission wasn't granted or requested for the original one. Mr Maggs suggested the Council ask for an official plaque which could speed up the process. <b>RESOLVED</b> that an email be sent to the Planning Department at Allerdale to request that a blue plaque be placed on the outside of the building, to commemorate the fact that Kathleen Ferrier had lived there.</p>	WEJ

059.	<p><b>Scattering of Ashes</b> The Town Council considered a request from a member of the public to scatter the ashes of a loved one on the Green. The Clerk had obtained guidance from Allerdale Borough Council on the matter. <b>RESOLVED</b> that a proper policy on the scattering of ashes is required. Policy to be drafted and considered at the next meeting.</p>	WEJ
060.	<p><b>RAF100/ Hudson Aircraft Project</b> The Council would like to have audio interpretation at the replica Hudson Bomber but the project does not meet the funding criteria to qualify for a grant from Lockheed Martin. <b>RESOLVED</b> that a standard interpretation panel be obtained. A QR code could be included to link to the Airfield Project film.</p>	WEJ
061.	<p><b>Community Hall Key Holders</b> There has been an issue recently with meetings being held in the Community Hall without permission first being obtained from the Town Clerk which is not satisfactory. A CCTV camera has been installed outside. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk consider additional arrangements to be made and implement the necessary changes, including the possibility of electronic door locks etc.</p>	WEJ
062.	<p><b>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda</b> Footpath from Harvest Park – Allerdale should be chasing up the developers.</p>	
	<p><i><b>RESOLVED</b> that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and that were instructed to withdraw.</i></p>	
063.	<p><b>Quotations</b></p> <p>a) <b>Community Garden Footpaths</b> – An additional quotation has been received to put a top coat of anti-skid buff material costing £2,070 (180m<sup>2</sup> x £11.50 per m<sup>2</sup>) which is more expensive than the slurry seal top coat at £1,260 (180m<sup>2</sup> x £7 per m<sup>2</sup>). Slurry sealing the footpath is not an option at this time of year due to the cold weather. The delay in getting the work done was not caused by the Council. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk speak to the contractor to see if there is any flexibility but arrange to get the work completed.</p> <p>b) <b>Floodlighting to Christ Church</b> – An initial quotation was obtained for a floodlight to the front of Christ Church to illuminate the church spire. This was forwarded to the church Council. Concerns were expressed about the potential light pollution but suggesting that two floodlights would be better. A meeting took place with Darren from Express Electrical at Maryport to look at the options available and various lights were suggested. Shaun has provided a further quotation for two floodlights but it was suggested that further guidance be obtained. Clerk to contact Premiere Electrical and Yess Electrical. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the work be undertaken up to a maximum cost of £1200, with the Clerk liaising with the Chairman and Deputy.</p>	
064.	<p><b>Amounts owing to the Town Council</b> Bills to allotment holders and sports clubs have just been sent out. Nothing outstanding of any concern.</p>	

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