

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
Held on 29 May 2018 in Silloth Community Hall

Present:- Cllrs. A.J. Markley, J. Cook, O. Martin, M. Orchard, A. Reid & W. Jefferson.
 Also present: Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk), Ken Wannop (Park Manager) and 3 members of the public.

819.	<p>Apologies Cllrs. I. Baty & G. Wilkinson.</p>	
820.	<p>Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 30 May 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
821.	<p>Annual Town Report The Chairman, Cllr. Tony Markley thanked the Clerk for putting the Annual Town Report together and all reports that go into it. He also thanked the town team and staff for looking after the Green. Green Day had been a tremendous success on Sunday, with Tony having opened the Fairy Trail with Tinkerbell & Elsa. There was also a good report on Border TV. It has been another successful year for the town, with the Hudson bomber project, Green Flag and Cumbria in Bloom and Britain in Bloom. The Council decided not to enter 'in bloom' this year but to concentrate on doing our own thing, without being judged. It was questioned why there are no Town Council elections? An explanation was given on how it operates, as well as Borough and County Council. The next Town Council elections are in 2019. If there are more than 12 candidates, then there is an election. When there is a vacancy in between elections the vacancy is advertised and if an election is not called, the Council co-opts to fill the vacancy. Wampool Street sign is badly rusted and needs replaced. Skinburness Drive sign was taken down and has never been replaced but is actually in the garden of the house on the corner. A lot of signs look as though they need replaced. Town Clerk to report them to Allerdale Borough Council. County Council have plans to refurbish the cast iron signs around the county and are doing a survey to find out where they all are. There have been a number of comments about the events on the Green. It was questioned whether the Silloth end of Skinburness Road, next to the tennis courts could be used for overspill parking which is nearer to the town centre. It was agreed that the Town Council would investigate it further. Comments have been received about the state of the Green which is going yellow due to the lack of rain and whether it should be watered. With a bit of rainfall, it usually grows back again in time.</p>	WEJ
822.	<p>Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2018 The Clerk was thanked for putting the Accounts together. The Accounts were received and noted. Grants are down this year. Last year's figures included the last of the HLF funding. Eden Street play area has been repaired and there are plans for a new play area on the Green. Plans for a MUGA are in the process of being done. Coastal Community project is also underway, with plans for a cycle track between Silloth and Allonby. Green Day was probably the busiest day ever and there were comments about the lack of toilets. May need to consider refurbishing the Skinburness and Criffel Street toilets and look at a funding package. Meters could be installed to pay for them but don't want to burden the ratepayers of Silloth with the costs involved. It was questioned where the funding would come from. It needs to come back to the Town Council to look at it further. It was suggested that the town needs a Town Plan in place which will enable funding to be obtained. The town is penalised with a high precept but the people from out of town are</p>	

	<p>benefitting from what the town has to offer. People are not aware of what Councillors do and a lot of the projects are for visitors to the town. It was questioned if residents could get tokens to use the toilets, so they wouldn't have to pay twice. A questionnaire was put together previously when the Council were looking to formulate a business plan. It was suggested that someone could stand on the door of the toilets and charge 20p to use the facilities and monitor usage.</p> <p>It costs £8,500 to run the Splash Pad each year but the Council needs to look at recouping costs in some way.</p>	
<p>823.</p>	<p>Matters of Interest</p> <p>It was questioned whether there is going to be a display board for the Hudson bomber. There will be a visual board and also considering an audio device.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Town Clerk for all that she does and said the town was lucky to have someone with her skills and dedication. He also thanked everyone for coming.</p> <p>The town looks as good as it ever did. There needs to be more publicity for projects that the Council is undertaking.</p>	

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