

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 4 February 2019 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present:– Cllr. A.J. Markley (AJM).

Councillors

I. Baty (IB), J. Snaith (JS), A. Emmerson (AE), J. Cook (JC), C. Fearon (CF),
G. Wilkinson (GW), M. Orchard (MO), O. Martin (OM) & W. Jefferson (WJ).
Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk, Ken Wannop – Park Manager,
David Davidson, Jennifer Rowlands and Amy Hoodless.

106.	Apologies Cllrs. S. Graham & PCSO Peter Nichol.	
107.	Declarations of Interest As recorded.	
108.	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for item 30 on the Agenda.	
109.	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman had attended various meetings at Solway School and also the Pagoda after it was damaged. A letter of resignation from Cllr. Reid was read out by the Chairman in which he thanked the Council and residents of Silloth for giving him the opportunity of being a Councillor and wished the Council all the best for the future. There was a minute's silence for Mr Jim Aird, a former member of the Town Council who sadly died in December.	
110.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
111.	Police Report Police report was provided by PCSO Peter Nichol. Enquiries to be made into getting better CCTV at the Pagoda following the recent damage.	WEJ
112.	Solway Community School David Davidson (Chair of Governors) and Jennifer Rowlands (Business Manager) from Solway Community School attended the meeting to discuss recent reports about the school and explain the recently published GCSE performance tables in the national media. A statement from Judith Schafer (Headteacher) was given out at the meeting to members of the Council. As a small school, with small year groups, the statistics need to be read in context. Wrong information went out on social media which has had a detrimental effect on staff and pupils. The collaboration with Beacon Hill has benefitted both schools and was praised by Ofsted as widening choice and raising standards in both schools. The Town Council are behind the school and fully support the school 100%. Remarks made on social media were the opinions of the individual and do not represent the views of the Town Council. The Town Council is fully supportive of both schools and look forwards to continue working with them in the future. RESOLVED that the Clerk produce a press release.	
113.	Adjournment of Meeting There were no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
114.	Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted. a) Email from resident of Skinburness Road regarding the parking on Skinburness Road and	

	<p>requesting the Council send a letter. There has been no damage to the grass. RESOLVED that no letter be sent as the Council are not able to take any enforcement action. Reply be sent to say that no action will be taken.</p> <p>b) Request from Andrew Stanley for some signage on the seafront car parks discouraging people from feeding the seagulls. Gulls can get quite aggressive when they are being fed but it would be difficult to enforce. RESOLVED that no signage be obtained but the issue will be reported to Allerdale.</p> <p>c) Email from a resident of Skiddaw Street regarding the problem of dog fouling. She has been advised to report it to Allerdale and the Police regarding any criminal offence. Incidents of dog fouling should be reported via the Allerdale website, with details of location, description of offender and photographs if possible.</p> <p>d) Elan City – re: Evolis Radar Speed sign – brochure & pricing information. The speed signs are costly and would need permission from Highways to put them up. It was questioned if the '20 is plenty' group bought a sign whether it could be put up. Permission would be needed from Highways but when they assessed the speed in the Crofts, it was deemed not to be excessive. There have been more speed checks carried out and the speed camera van has been a couple of times recently. RESOLVED not to purchase a radar speed sign but to continue reporting any issues to the Police, who will take any action deemed necessary.</p> <p>e) Letter from Clive Firth with an update on the various projects undertaken by the Solway Woodcarvers group, with various requests. Projects are being brought up to date and will need minimal maintenance in the future, with a annual re-oiling using OSMO oil. The Port sign is to be reinstated in the Community Garden with metal supports/legs. Request also for three plaques to be obtained to be sited on each of the projects with names of the carvers and the year. RESOLVED that plaques be obtained and also one to be located at the Community Hall to thank the Woodcarvers for all their work for the community of Silloth over the years.</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>
<p>115.</p>	<p>Planning Applications Allerdale Borough Council approved the following:- Ref No: HOU/2018/0253 Applicant: Mr Nick G Heap Proposal: Replace conservatory with new extension and alterations to infill internal yard to form study Location: 219 Skinburness Road, Skinburness, Silloth Ref No: HOU/2018/0219 Applicant: Mr & Ms Robert & Jayne Hawkins and Tye Proposal: Erection of single storey extension Location: Marsh Cottage, Skinburness, Silloth</p>	
<p>116.</p>	<p>Committee Reports Allotment Committee meeting will take place on Sat 9 February 2019.</p>	
<p>117.</p>	<p>Licences None.</p>	
<p>118.</p>	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted. Primary School – Meeting on Thursday to discuss about there being a Governor appointed by the Council Joint Advisory Committee – meeting was before Christmas. No problems. STAG – no report. Sea Dyke Charity – no report. Longcake Education Trust – meeting next week. Solway Community School – dealt with earlier in the meeting. Sports Hall – no report. Friends of the Green – no report. Sports Association – Cllr. Baty has resigned as Chair of the Sports Association. Coastal Community Team – no meeting but progressing.</p>	
<p>119.</p>	<p>Representatives on Outside Bodies The Town Council confirmed the following as a Representative on an Outside Body:- Silloth-on-Solway Sports Association – Cllr. M. Orchard.</p>	
<p>120.</p>	<p>Allerdale & County Council Reports RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Allerdale and County Councillors be noted.</p>	

	<p>Allerdale Borough Council – Cllr. Jefferson attended a finance meeting and Allerdale have agreed to provide £2,000 towards the cost of shrubs and plants for the Edwardian bed, Criffel Street bed and Community Garden.</p> <p>Cllr. Cook attended a Scrutiny meeting where information was provided about the new rugby/football ground.</p> <p>Cumbria County Council – They are asking local communities to come forward again regarding the Nuclear repository. A site evaluation will take place which will take into account safety, environment, transport, engineering, cost and community benefit. There will be eight national visits/drop in days. There is one at Penrith on 20 February, probably at Rheged. £10m is to be spent on the A66. Library services are promoting Valentines day. CCC have been given an allocation of money re: Brexit - £865k for last year and for this year. Coastal strategy has finished – results will be published in Jan 2020. Fire Services are revising their appliances and looking to convert pickup trucks which could be advantageous especially in the rural areas.</p>	
121.	<p>Park Manager’s Report</p> <p>A list of work undertaken over the last month was provided and noted. The Park manager thanked the Council for its belief in the grounds maintenance team who have received a lot of positive support from members of the public. Thanks also for the new set of mowers which are to be delivered this week. The Town Council would like the opportunity to do the grounds maintenance at the schools again. Cllr. Markley thanked the team for all their work.</p>	
122.	<p>Town Clerk’s Report</p> <p>The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting which was noted.</p>	
123.	<p>Payment of Accounts</p> <p>RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register reports to 14 January 2019 be approved for payment. The bill has been received from BPK solicitors for the Sports Association lease which has been kept to £1,000 + disbursements and VAT, however according to the solicitor the time recorded on the file is in excess of £2,500. Email to be sent pointing out that the extra time was due to the solicitor’s re-drafting the lease which was not down to the Town Council.</p>	
124.	<p>Applications for financial assistance</p> <p>None.</p>	
125.	<p>Applications for events</p> <p>None.</p>	
126.	<p>MUGA</p> <p>The Town Clerk made enquiries with Allerdale and CALC about the process of the Council becoming an Accountable Body for the Sports Association to enable the VAT on the MUGA to be reclaimed. CALC sought guidance from a VAT expert who has confirmed that the Town Council would be unable to reclaim the VAT on behalf of the Sports Association. The Sports Association may need to seek further funding to cover the shortfall or investigate the possibility of registering for VAT themselves as a charity. Next meeting of the Sports Association is on Tuesday.</p>	
127.	<p>Campervan Site</p> <p>There would be very little costs involved in setting it up. A Paypal account would be needed and a QR code. Paypal would charge 9% for each transaction. With 5 bays, there could be a potential income of £6900 per year. Payment would be done on an honesty basis. Silloth has always had free parking and we want to keep it that way. Clarification would be needed regarding any charge payable to Allerdale Borough Council. Any signage required would be donated by Cllr. Cook.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a detailed proposal is required, with details of costs for the next meeting. Cllr. Cook to provide the relevant information.</p>	JC
128.	<p>Fitness Trail</p> <p>No update received regarding the proposed outdoor Fitness Trail and therefore no further action</p>	

	for the time being.	
129.	Paths on Skinburness Road The footpaths on the seafront side of Skinburness Road from Silloth up to the entrance to Solway Holiday Village need to be looked at as they are in a poor condition in places. The matter has been reported to Cumbria Highways but RESOLVED that a letter also be sent to Amber Sykes and copied to Tony.	
130.	Football Changing Rooms Electrics at the Football Changing Rooms are in need of attention. An electrician has been contacted and will be having a look this week to see what is required. Report back to next meeting.	
131.	Footpath from Harvest Park According to the S106 agreement, the footpath from the Harvest Park was to be constructed before any of the houses were occupied. This has not been carried out and some of the houses are now occupied. There are four parties to the S106 agreement – Cumbria County Council, Allerdale Borough Council, Town Council and the developer. RESOLVED that Allerdale be contacted for guidance on the matter as the Promenade is the responsibility of Allerdale. Cllr. Jefferson to speak with Kevin Kerrigan.	WJ
132.	Events Concerns were expressed about the number of events being held on the Green and it was suggested that further consideration needs to be given to charging for events. Concerns have also been expressed about the security provision for the Pride event. Cllr. Martin advised that he had spoken with Inspector Gale and Police officers will be in attendance at the event and there will be no charge. All the necessary paperwork will be submitted prior to the event. Item to be included on the next Agenda regarding events, as it is less than 6 months since it was last considered. There has been an expression of interest for the land used by the fair ground but a proper request would be needed to consider it.	
133.	Ice Cream & Food Concessions/Facilities on the Green RESOLVED that tenders be advertised for Ice Cream & Food Concessions and also for the Putting Green & Deckchairs. It was questioned if the land used for the Fairground on the seafront could be used for the campervan site.	
134.	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda Events on Council land – Cllr. Baty Campervan site – Cllr. Cook Letter to be sent to Anthony Reid to thank him for his time as a Town Councillor and wish him well for the future.	
	<i>RESOLVED 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>	
135.	Amounts owing to the Town Council Nothing of any concern.	

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