

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 11 March 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), O. Martin (OM) & W. Jefferson (WJ).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk & Ken Wannop – Park Manager.

146.	Apologies Cllrs. S. Graham & M. Orchard.	
147.	Declarations of Interest As recorded.	
148.	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for item 26, 27, 28 & 29 on the Agenda.	
149.	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman had attended the Allerdale Civic Dinner at Greenhill and the Commonwealth Day flag raising today. It was good to see all the kids from both schools in attendance.	
150.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
151.	Police Report A Police report was provided by PCSO Peter Nichol which was circulated to members of the Council.	
152.	Adjournment of Meeting There were no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
153.	<p>Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications</p> <p>RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted.</p> <p>a) Fletcher’s Amusements – Email from Joyce Fletcher requesting to use the ground on the seafront from March to September for the funfair. It was questioned whether it should be put out to tender. It has not been done in the past and too late to do anything this year. RESOLVED that Fletchers be allowed to use the ground this year but to review the situation in the future.</p> <p>b) James Richards Circus – Request for the circus to be sited nearer the avenue which will provide more shelter from the wind. RESOLVED that there was no objection to the circus being sited nearer to the avenue when they visit later in the year.</p> <p>c) Radioactive Waste Management - Consultation on how they will evaluate potential sites for a GDF in the future in England and Wales. Closing date for comments 31 March 2019. https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/site-evaluation-how-we-will-evaluate-sites-in-england Cllr Markley attended a meeting in Penrith about the waste management. RESOLVED that a letter be sent to say that Silloth Town Council will not be volunteering to be a site for a GDF and that we don’t want it in our area.</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>
154.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Allerdale Borough Council approved the following:-</p> <p>Ref No: 2/2018/0485 Applicant: Mrs Avril Kate Wickham Proposal: Retrospective application for a raised lodge with balcony to be used for holiday letting purposes and addition of boundary treatment – Resubmission Location: The Annexe, The Anville, Blitterlees, Silloth</p>	

	<p>The Town Council considered the following:- Ref No: FUL/2019/0038 Applicant: Mr Joe Broomfield, Allerdale Borough Council Proposal: Proposed cycleway between Allonby and Silloth Location: Proposed footpath between Allonby and Silloth. Concerns were expressed about the safety of cyclists where the route uses the highway and the need for adequate signage. The Town Council is not in favour of the route going around Dubmill Point. RESOLVED that comments be passed on to Allerdale regarding the planning application.</p>	WEJ
155.	<p>Committee Reports Minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting held on 16 February 2019 were noted by the Council.</p>	
156.	<p>Licences None.</p>	
157.	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted. Primary School – No report. Joint Advisory Committee – meeting this month. STAG – no report. Sea Dyke Charity – no report. Longcake Education Trust – Three grants of £50 given to the Sunday schools, £300 to each of the four main schools and £150 to Mawbray play park. Solway Community School – currently waiting for Ofsted. Cllr. Cook spoke to the chair of governors and suggested that he comes to a Council meeting twice a year, to provide a report. Sports Hall – no problems. Friends of the Green – no meeting. Sports Association – MUGA is being built and the tarmac has been done. Coastal Community Team – planning permission has been submitted for the cycle route.</p>	
158.	<p>Allerdale & County Council Reports RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Allerdale and County Councillors be noted. Allerdale Borough Council – Heading towards Purdah and the last meeting at Allerdale took place last week. The sooner the election is over the better. Cumbria County Council – Proposed 20mph speed limit information is being published. Disability Awareness day took place in Workington last Thursday. Dubmill – 3.5T weight restriction has been put around Salta and Mawbray. County Council is waiting for the last compliance which is in relation to toads and grasses. MMO permission and Natural England permission has been granted. They are now stock piling stone ahead of the work which could take 2 months to complete. With regards to the B5301 Aspatria road, if the repairs were not carried out they could have potentially lost approx. £287k for the repairs. After concerns raised by Cllr. Markley and further discussions with CCC officers and officials, the estimated repair funding was agreed to be held over until the B5300 was re-opened. Criffel Street setts are to be done from 1 April. An apprenticeship event took place at Carlisle Airport to do with the logistics industry. From 1 March, parking on dropped kerbs can be enforced. A new timetable has been issued for number 60 bus service. LEP – need to look at more air travel.</p>	
159.	<p>Park Manager's Report A list of work undertaken over the last month was provided and noted. Work has been done to the various shrub beds. Work is also needed to the bed opposite the Balmoral and Judith has put together some proposals. The team have started cutting grass this week, holidays are coming up, Ken is due to have an operation in mid-April and the road verges will be getting cut in May. Therefore RESOLVED to leave the work to the Criffel Street bed until later in the year and look at filling the gaps in the bed rather than clearing it completely. The Vintage Rally committee have resolved to donate £1,000 towards the work being done to the shrub beds, to mark 20 years of the Rally and to give something back to the town. The Primary School have been in touch and asked for a meeting to discuss the Council doing their grounds maintenance. Ken and the Town Clerk to meet with Rachel Ingrams on Tuesday.</p>	
160.	<p>Town Clerk's Report</p>	

	The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting which was noted. Reports are needed from Councillors for the Annual Town Report ahead of the Annual Town meeting which takes place in May.	
161.	Payment of Accounts RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register reports to 11 March 2019 be approved for payment. £20,000 has been received from Harvest Park Developments, being the contribution towards the maintenance costs of the new footpath - per the S106 agreement.	
162.	Applications for financial assistance An application has been received from Silloth-on-Solway Sports Association for financial assistance towards the new MUGA. Additional funding of £4,300 has been provided by Cumbria County Council. Colin has done a great job in getting all the money together for the project. RESOLVED that £3,000 be provided towards the project which will be taken from reserves.	WEJ
163.	Applications for events None.	
164.	Application for Memorial Bench a) RESOLVED that the application from Silloth Rotary Club, for a memorial bench for Jim Aird to be sited near the Hudson plane, be agreed. b) RESOLVED that the application from Lee Davison for a memorial bench for Deborah Parker be agreed. Inscription on the plaque needs to be revised so that it is in accordance with the memorial bench policy. Town Clerk to email the family.	WEJ WEJ
165.	Application for Scattering of Ashes RESOLVED that the application by Lee Davison for scattering of ashes be agreed. Town Clerk to liaise with the family on the arrangements.	WEJ
166.	Campervan Site Cllr. Cook provided a report on setting up the proposed campervan site. There would not be a lot of set-up costs involved. A Paypal account would be needed and signage which will be provided by J. Cook signs. Payment would be on an honesty basis. There would be no water/electric supply or facilities provided. Allerdale would want a proportion of the income. It was suggested that it could be on a 6-month trial basis, with a monthly review. It was suggested that the views of the townspeople be obtained. It was suggested that Allerdale be asked for an initial trial period and then after 6 months assess the benefits or otherwise. No idea what percentage contribution Allerdale will require. Vehicles will be parked at the owners' risk. A lot are wanting honesty and to pay to be there. It should not impact the existing camp sites. Parking in Silloth has always been free but may run the risk of Allerdale wanting to look at charging for parking. They will also probably want to review the lease. The facility could be advertised on the website. Need to know the full implications and not rush into it but also need to try to bring money into the Council. RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Clerk speak to Allerdale Borough Council to find out the pros and cons and report back to the full council.	WEJ AJM
167.	Events It was suggested that every event should be charged for being on the Green and any revenue from the Fairground should be paid over to the Council. Need to look at other revenue sources. Events are run by groups and volunteers, with income raised being used to cover the costs of putting on the events. Previously, the Council used to financially contribute to the events but is unable to do so now, although it supports the events in other ways. The grounds maintenance team put the railings out and clean up after the events. As part of the lease, Allerdale allowed the Town Council to receive the income from Ice Cream concessions on the sea front and the fairground, to offset the costs associated with maintaining the Green. A lot of other Town Councils put events on in their own towns. By charging local events to be on the Green, there may be a risk of losing those events. Don't want to see events penalised but there needs to be transparency. RESOLVED that	WEJ

	the Chairman and Clerk speak to Allerdale to clarify the situation before a decision is made and to report back to the full Council.	AJM
168.	Sculpture Ray Lonsdale has been in touch with the Clerk about the sculpture to be installed on Skinburness. Work is to start on the bench and regular updates are to be provided. A concrete base measuring 4m x 2m x 150mm deep will be required. The sculpture will be delivered on a Hi-ab and will take approx. 1½ hrs to install. Work should be completed in August, with installation in September.	
169.	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda None.	
	<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>	
170.	Ice Cream & Food Concessions The Town Council considered the tenders received for ice cream and/or food concessions on the Green for the 2019 season. Tenders were received from three traders for the sites at the Lifeboat Station and BMX Track (Pines) car park. Tenders ranged from £2,000 to £4,206 for the Lifeboat Station and from £500 to £1,460 for the BMX Track (Pines) car park. RESOLVED that Shelley Morgan be awarded the licence for the Lifeboat Station and the BMX Track (Pines) car park. If a trader is not able to accept a concession, the next best tender will be accepted. Payment, proof of public liability insurance and confirmation of food standards rating is required, prior to the issue of the licences. No tenders were received for the Skinburness Road Car Park.	
171.	Putting Green RESOLVED that the concession to operate the Putting Green and hire out deck chairs on Silloth Green, including the option to provide light refreshments (excluding ice-cream) at the Putting Green be awarded to Vicky Hope, for the tender price of £50.	
172.	Quotations RESOLVED that the quotation received from Steven Henderson Electrical of £2,480 for re-wiring the Football Changing Rooms be accepted by the Council. Clerk to find out when the work can be done and inform the football club. The work needs to be done a.s.a.p. Cllrs. Martin, Cook and Emmerson requested that it be noted that they had asked for a sign be put up to notify people that the showers are dangerous and not be to used.	
173.	Amounts owing to the Town Council Nothing of any concern.	

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