

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 1 April 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), G. Wilkinson (GW) & O. Martin (OM).
 Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk

180.	Apologies Cllrs. S. Graham, M. Orchard, C. Fearon & W. Jefferson. Also Ken Wannop & PCSO Nichol.	
181.	Declarations of Interest As recorded.	
182.	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for item 23, 24 & 25 on the Agenda.	
183.	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman and Deputy attended the Commonwealth flag raising ceremony which was well attended, with kids from both schools there.	
184.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
185.	Police Report A Police report was provided by PCSO Peter Nichol by email which was circulated to members of the Council.	
186.	Adjournment of Meeting A request was received from Mr James Graham to speak at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned to allow him to speak. Mr Graham expressed his concerns about the level of the Precept in Silloth compared to other towns and the number of staff employed to undertake the grounds maintenance. His comments were noted by the Council.	
187.	Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted. a) ABP Ports – Stakeholders meeting to be held on 11 April at the Golf Hotel. The Chairman and Deputy are not available to attend the meeting and therefore the Town Clerk will attend and represent the Town Council. b) Email from Bill Allan asking if the bushes on Lawn Terrace next to the Putting Green hut can be opened up. Ken to be asked for his views and whether it would be possible. c) Allerdale Day in Manchester September 2019 – Registration is now open to book a place at the 2019 Allerdale Day event in central Manchester on 14 September. Attended last year with AONB. Further consideration to be given and ask if AONB will be going again. d) Significant fossil found on beach – Letter from Steffi Mason with information about a fossil found on the beach. Email to be sent to AONB for guidance on who it should be reported to. e) Silloth & District Pensioners Association – re: Future of the Recreation Hall, Eden Street Playing Fields, Silloth. The hut was donated by the Blake family in the 1950's and is now in a state of disrepair but still being used for coffee mornings. It is on Town Council land but there is no lease. The Pensioners Association need advised on who to contact. The cost of removing the building should not fall on the Town Council. The building is the responsibility of the Pensioners Association and they would need to contact a specialist firm. The Town Council do	<p>WEJ</p> <p>KW</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>

	not have any use for the building and can't advise on whether the building can be sold. The only option is for it to be professionally removed due to the risk of asbestos. Letter to be sent to the Pensioners Association.	WEJ
188.	<p>Planning Applications Allerdale Borough Council approved the following:- Ref No: FUL/2019/0015 Applicant: Mr G Tinnion Proposal: Change of use of shop to 2 dwellings Location: Longcakes Golf Villas Silloth. The Town Council were not consulted on the application and this has been noted on the file at Allerdale.</p>	
189.	<p>Committee Reports Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11 March 2019 were noted by the Council.</p>	
190.	<p>Licences None.</p>	
191.	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted. Primary School – No representative. Joint Advisory Committee – big attendance at the last meeting. Defra have been and visited the AONB. STAG – new Treasurer in place. Still in action and need to put something in place for next year. Sea Dyke Charity – Farm is being refurbished and work to the cottage. Grant of £2000 given to the Convalescent Home and also grants of £500 to halls and 3 schools. Longcake Education Trust – No meeting. Solway Community School – waiting for Ofsted. Now a federation and governors joined. Schools are getting involved with big businesses and doing work experience now. Sports Hall – no problems. Friends of the Green – no report. Sports Association – MUGA is almost complete. Official opening takes place on 27 April. Coastal Community Team – no meeting.</p>	
192.	<p>Allerdale & County Council Reports RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Allerdale and County Councillors be noted. Allerdale Borough Council – end of term meeting taken place. Budget has been set by the Labour side which the Conservatives objected to but results in £5 extra on the rates. Hopefully things will change. Cumbria County Council – Cllr. Markey provided the Council with an update in relation work at Dubmill and gave out some drawings and emergency works timeline. The MMO and Natural England licences have been obtained. A European Protected Species licence is also needed for Natterjack toads which was applied for on 25 March and requires three lots of concurrent forms to be completed. The licence will hopefully come through this week. 6,000 tonnes of stone will be used and there is £500K of work to be done. The wall needs to be stabilised. The nesting season is upon us. A site is needed for a compound. When work begins they will be working 6 days a week but it will be dependent on the tide. It will be built up with washed stones. The site needs to be checked constantly for Natterjack toads and cordoned off to prevent toads getting access into the site. The process was started back in July. Traffic lights have been asked for but safety is paramount. This will be a temporary repair which should last 5-10 years. Consideration is being given to bypasses etc. The work will be done as quickly as possible and will not take the 18 months it is rumoured to take. Police are prosecuting people using the Salta road, as traffic was causing a problem for local residents. A weight restriction has been put on other roads. Allerdale are meant to look after coastal defences but there has been no input from them at all. The Natural England report mentions managed retreat. Cumbria County Council are protecting their asset. £278K for the repairs to the Aspatria road is being held over. Repairs to the setts on Criffel Street takes place from today. The work couldn't be done in the winter, with a lot of the issues due to United Utilities. Solway Street is on the working list.</p>	
193.	<p>Park Manager's Report</p>	

	A list of work undertaken over the last month was provided and noted.	
194.	Town Clerk's Report 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 will be on 29 April. Nomination forms for the election on 2 May need to be handed in at Allerdale by 4pm on 3 April.	
195.	Payment of Accounts RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register reports to 1 April 2019 be approved for payment. Business rates bills for the public toilets amounting to £3985.06 have been received which was not budgeted for, despite the announcement in the Government's budget last year that there would be no charge in the future. The necessary legislation has not gone through Parliament yet.	
196.	Applications for financial assistance None.	
197.	Applications for events None.	
198.	People Health Trust Active Communities Fund Following a consultation event in Silloth organised by Cumbria County Council, it has been suggested an application be submitted to the People Health Trust Active Communities Fund. The application will be submitted via Friends of the Green, in consultation with Cumbria County Council and the Town Council, to fund various projects including the Fitness trail etc.	
199.	Campervan site & Events on the Green The Chairman and Town Clerk are to attend a meeting at Allerdale Borough Council, to discuss the pros and cons of a campervan site and charging of events on the Green. Currently waiting to hear from Charles Holmes and Neil Banks with some suitable dates.	
200.	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>	
201.	Staff Vacancy In view of the recent staff vacancy, it was suggested it would be an ideal opportunity to review staffing requirements. The Town Council discussed the matter and considered staffing requirements. It was proposed that the new contract should be a 6-month temporary contract. Vote 3 for and 4 against. RESOLVED that the position be filled as advertised, full-time permanent contract. There will be a probation period written into the contract as standard and staffing will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.	
202.	Interview Panel Chairman and Deputy Chairman, with assistance from the Town Clerk and Park Manager.	
203.	Amounts owing to the Town Council Nothing of any concern.	

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