

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Play Equipment Committee
Held on Saturday 1 August 2020 at 10.00am at Eden Street Play Area

Present: G. Wilkinson (GW), A.J. Markley (AJM) & J. McCormick (JM).
 Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ).

644.	Apologies Cllr. M. Irving.	
645.	Declarations of Interest None.	
646.	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
647.	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20 July 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
648.	<p>Annual Inspection Report The committee visited the Eden Street play area and considered the various items highlighted in the annual inspection reports. The reports were noted and various items identified as needing attention will be attended to.</p> <p>Eden Street Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the condition of the wooden fence • Loosen wood chip which is compacted • Bench requires painting • Table – rust on metal work • Space net – graffiti • Train – treat rust and remove graffiti • Slide – treat rust • Boat – treat rust and fix platform plates • See-saw – paint • Swing – bushes worn & monitor chain wear <p>Pirate Ship Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play panel – reinstate ground • Interactive play item – remove graffiti • Metal bunker housing the controls for Splash Pad needs replacing. Cost was obtained from Ustigate which was almost £3,500. A price was also requested from the smiddy at Abbeytown which was also going to be over £1,000. Further investigations to be made into getting something built. <p>Woodland Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net climber – replace worn chains. • Loosen wood chip which is compacted • Boulder – clean off moss etc • Stilts – monitor wood rot in steps 	

	<p>Other items identified in the reports as requiring monitoring, will be monitored by the grounds maintenance team when they do their regular inspections. RESOLVED that arrangements be made for the smaller repairs identified to be dealt with and prices be obtained for any larger items.</p>	
<p>649.</p>	<p>Town Plan</p> <p>It was generally felt that the time has come to look at replacing the older items of equipment within the Eden Street play area i.e. ship, train, slide and swings. The last equipment purchased (i.e. roundabout and basket swing) is made from stainless steel which can withstand the salt air and requires very little maintenance. Proposals for replacing the play equipment can be included in the Town Plan which is to be put together over the coming months</p> <p>The future of the pensioners hut was questioned, as the pensioners committee seem to have walked away from the building. Letter to be sent to the pensioners committee. The building needs to be demolished and other possible uses of the land considered. There has been a suggestion of the football club extending the changing rooms to create a girl's changing room. If that could be combined to include a public toilet for use by people using the park, it could be another possible project for inclusion in the Town Plan.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Town Plan include the replacement of items of play equipment within the Eden Street Play area and consideration be given to uses of the land on which the pensioners hut is sited.</p>	

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