

**Silloth-on-Solway Town Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 13 January 2020 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall**

**Present:**– Cllr. M. Orchard (MO).

**Councillors**

P. Donald (PD), A. Emmerson (AE), S. Graham (SG), M. Irving (MI),  
A.J. Markley (AJM), J. McCormick (JM), G. Wilkinson (GW), W. Jefferson (WJ), C. Bell (CB) & J. Snaith (JS).  
Also present: Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) & Ken Wannop (Park Manager).

<b>461.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr. J. Cook	
<b>462.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> As recorded. Also, Cllrs. J. McCormick and M. Irving re: Silloth Youth Club.	
<b>463.</b>	<b>Exclusion of Press &amp; Public</b> It was agreed that the public be excluded for items 25 & 27 on the Agenda.	
<b>464.</b>	<b>Chairman's Announcements</b> Nothing to report as it has been quiet.	
<b>465.</b>	<b>Minutes</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meetings held on 2 December and 9 December 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>466.</b>	<b>Police Report</b> PCSO Peter Nichol provided a police report which was circulated to members of the Council. It appears to have been a quiet month for Silloth.	
<b>467.</b>	<b>Adjournment of meeting</b> There had been no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
<b>468.</b>	<b>Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted. a) Allerdale Borough Council – Proposals regarding the future of footway lighting in Allerdale. The energy costs are to become the responsibility of the parishes from April 2021, with Allerdale responsible for the maintenance costs for the foreseeable future. Parishes will be informed of the approx. costs for energy usage within their parish by the end of February 2020. Highway lighting after changing to the new light emitting diodes (LEDs) seem very dark and there appears to be a few lights out around the town which need to be reported. b) Solway Coast AONB 2020-2025 Management Plan. The questionnaire can be accessed by the link below. <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SCAONB_MPConsult_MPoptins">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SCAONB_MPConsult_MPoptins</a> . Cllrs. to send their individual responses. c) Creative People and Places – Community Consultation. This is the link to the questionnaire <a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tIMJoTNyd0u4Woe_Ui0pyN-X7h6niPxOtqMkQtZ5u15UQldMTEIYV1RPWDcwUVJOMzIMQ0hFVVpJNy4u">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tIMJoTNyd0u4Woe_Ui0pyN-X7h6niPxOtqMkQtZ5u15UQldMTEIYV1RPWDcwUVJOMzIMQ0hFVVpJNy4u</a> . Cllrs. to send their individual responses. d) Allerdale Borough Council – Budget Consultation 2020/21. The consultation can be viewed at <a href="https://cumbria.citizenspace.com/allerdale-borough-council/budget-consultation-2020-21">https://cumbria.citizenspace.com/allerdale-borough-council/budget-consultation-2020-21</a> where there is an online survey to complete. The consultation closes on 20 January 2020. Cllrs. to send their individual responses.	
<b>469.</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	

	<p><b>Allerdale Borough Council has approved the following:-</b>  <b>Ref No:</b> ADV/2019/0019 <b>Applicant:</b> Mrs Sheona Nicoll <b>Proposal:</b> Proposed 10ft RAF sign <b>Location:</b> Royal Air Force Club 1 Petteril Street Silloth</p>	
470.	<p><b>Committee Reports</b>  Planning Committee - 2 December 2019 – Noted.  Allotment Committee – Meetings scheduled for 19 November and 3 December had to be cancelled as they were not quorate. Some of the allotments have been affected by flooding and it has been questioned whether drains may have been damaged when soil was moved from Stanwix’s field over to Fisons. There is only one main drain now which is quite close to the hedge and therefore unlikely to have been damaged. <b>RESOLVED</b> that an Allotment Committee meeting be held on Tuesday 21 January. Also, Cllr. P. Donald to join the committee.</p>	
471.	<p><b>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted.  <b>Joint Advisory Committee</b> – There will be a meeting between now and March to pull the consultation together and the Management plan. The Management plan is the only statutory document required of the AONB by the government and the consultation is now out. <b>STAG</b> – No report. <b>Sea Dyke Charity</b> – Not been a meeting. <b>Longcake Education Trust</b> – meeting is next month. <b>Solway Community School</b> – No report. <b>Sports Hall</b> – No report. <b>Friends of the Green</b> – See the next Agenda item. <b>Sports Association</b> – Nothing to report. When the football and rugby clubs both attended a meeting the plans all changed. Cllr. Bell wishes to resign from the Sports Association. <b>Coastal Community Team</b> – There has not been a meeting for a long time. Write to Joe Broomfield to ask for an update.</p>	
472.	<p><b>Friends of Silloth Green</b>  The Council considered suggestions from Friends of Silloth Green which included replacing all the posts in the raised beds at the Community Garden with recycled plastic posts. Costs to be obtained. The benches on the Green need attention and it was questioned if these could be brought in over the winter months and refurbished. It was suggested that a walk around the Green a few times a year with representatives from the grounds maintenance team, Town Council, Friends of the Green and Parks Committee would be useful, to identify what needs doing and to prioritise. Concerns were raised about the danger of duplication and the line management of staff but this would not change. The walk around would be a means of communication, with a small group comprising of representatives from the Parks Committee, FOG and grounds maintenance team. Meeting to be arranged for the middle of February.</p>	
473.	<p><b>Borough &amp; County Council Reports</b>  <b>Cumbria County Council (CCC)</b> - There will be a walk around with Ricki Crawford on Wednesday morning. The road at Dubmill was closed over the weekend and re-opened but there is a problem with the signs which can’t be switched off. CCC are monitoring any damage. CCC are looking at their budget for 2020/21, with a proposed increase of 1.99%. Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) will be producing a list of parish council websites. Cllr. Markley attended a talk with the Chief of Police. There have been 145 farm thefts in the County and people need to watch what is going on.  <b>Allerdale Borough Council (ABC)</b> – Bins are carrying on. Budget consultation currently taking place. Allerdale don’t charge for garden waste unlike other councils and there have been reports in the press about this going change which is not correct. Speeding at Blitterlees is a problem. Cllr. Bell has spoken to local haulage firms but providing the registration numbers of vehicles involved would be helpful. Criffel Street is also an issue although when speed monitoring was undertaken the average speed was shown to be 18mph. Provision has been included in the draft budget for two speed activated signs. A meeting is to take place on Wednesday at 10.00am with Ricki Crawford from Cumbria Highways to look at issues around the town. If anyone knows of any problems with</p>	

	potholes, signs or lighting please drop a note to the Clerk before the meeting. Cllrs. Orchard, Wilkinson and Jefferson will be attending the meeting.	
<b>474.</b>	<p><b>Park Manager's Report</b></p> <p>The Park Manager provided a report on work done over the last month. A lot of maintenance has been done to machinery last month. The ground is too soft to go on the grass with machinery. Money is available to replace the posts on the raised beds at the Community garden. The benches on the Green were all painted 2 years ago and are being brought in to be worked on. There is a hole in the tarmac at the car park. Some dry tarmac will be obtained and a repair done. Six dead trees will need to be taken down and will be attended to. Walk around on the Green will take place in the middle of February.</p>	
<b>475.</b>	<p><b>Town Clerk's Report</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting which was noted. Site meeting is to be held with Ricki Crawford from CCC on Wednesday 15 January at 10am. Get Safe Online event will be held in the Allerdale Council Chamber on 20 January at 5pm.</p>	
<b>476.</b>	<p><b>Payment of Accounts</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the payments listed in the register report to 13 January 2020 be approved for payment.</p>	
<b>477.</b>	<p><b>Applications for financial assistance</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
<b>478.</b>	<p><b>Applications for events</b></p> <p>The Town Council considered the applications received for events to be held on Town Council property:-</p> <p>a) Ragnarock 7 – 26-28 June 2020 – Permission is granted, subject to the necessary paperwork being submitted.</p> <p>b) Football Coaching course – 17-20 February 2020 – Permission is granted but charge to be made for using the facilities, as the organiser will be charging people to attend.</p>	
<b>479.</b>	<p><b>VE DAY 75 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b></p> <p>Consideration was given on whether the Town Council should mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe on the 8 May 2020. Allerdale Borough Council may want to do something. It was questioned whether the Christ Church would be doing something for VE weekend. The Council needs to know what funding will be available, if any. Outlying areas also need to be included.</p>	
<b>480.</b>	<p><b>Traffic Calming Measures</b></p> <p>The Town Council considered installing speed bumps at the car park at the recycling centre, with a ramp adjacent to the bins. Costs to be obtained.</p>	
<b>481.</b>	<p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>The Clerk provided a report comparing the actual expenditure to date with the overall budget for 2019/20 and some draft budget figures for 2020/21 which were briefly considered by the Town Council. The Council needs to look at cutting the budget in Silloth and it was questioned whether a separate meeting is needed to look at the budget in detail, in particular the verge cutting and machinery etc.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that a separate meeting be held on Wednesday 22 January at 7pm, to consider the Budget for 2020/21.</p>	
<b>482.</b>	<p><b>Silloth Tourism Action Group (STAG)</b></p> <p>Cllr. Cook was unable to attend the meeting and had sent his apologies. An item has been included on the Agenda since September but not yet resolved due to the absence of either Cllr. Snaith or</p>	

	<p>Cllr. Cook from the subsequent meetings. Cllr. Snaith suggested that there were questions to be answered with regard to missing receipts, the number of bank accounts and whether STAG had the authority to dispose of the trailer and marquee. The organisation should have a constitution, hold an AGM and have their Accounts audited. There also needs to be a proper audit trail. It has been 2-3 years since the last grant was given to STAG and various concerns were raised at the time. An explanation was provided and a grant of £2,500 was given, although there have been no further grants to STAG since then. It was questioned if anyone knew who is on the STAG committee. A response was provided by the Chair of STAG on 1 October to the questions raised at the September Council meeting. <b>RESOLVED</b> that a meeting be arranged between the Town Council and STAG, to obtain answers to questions and STAG also be asked to bring the last few audits.</p>	
<b>483.</b>	<p><b>Youth Club lease</b>  There has not been a meeting to create a sub-committee and beavers/scouts are now staying where they are. Usage of electric/water for the youth club is to be monitored. The Youth Club building belongs to the Youth Club. It was questioned whether there is a need for a full legal lease. Members of the Council are invited to the re-opening of the Youth Club on 29 January at 6pm. A draft agreement to be put together, between the Youth Club and the Town Council, based on the draft terms.</p>	
<b>484.</b>	<p><b>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda</b>  None.</p>	
	<p><i><b>RESOLVED</b> 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 they were instructed to withdraw.</i></p>	
<b>485.</b>	<p><b>Review of rents and tenders etc</b>  The Town Council reviewed the rents and tenders for the use of Council facilities etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ice Cream concessions – To be put out to tender.</li> <li>b) Putting Green – To be left with Vicky Hope, if she wishes to continue.</li> <li>c) Land Train - £600 to be charged for 2020 season.</li> <li>d) Fairground rent - £2,200 for the 2020 season and put out to tender in the future.</li> <li>e) Use of Council land - £130 for the 1<sup>st</sup> day and £80 for each additional day. No charge to be made for events organised by local groups i.e. Carnival, Vintage Rally etc</li> <li>f) Donkeys - £120 for the 2020 season.</li> </ul>	
<b>486.</b>	<p><b>Amounts owing to the Town Council</b>  Nothing of any concern.</p>	

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