

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 2 March 2020 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present:– Cllr. M. Orchard (MO).

Councillors

J. Cook (JC), P. Donald (PD), A. Emmerson (AE), M. Irving (MI),
A.J. Markley (AJM), J. McCormick (JM), J. Snaith (JS) & G. Wilkinson (GW).
Also present: Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) & Ken Wannop (Park Manager).

535.	<p>Apologies: None.</p> <p>Absent: Cllrs. W. Jefferson, C. Bell & S. Graham.</p>	
536.	<p>Declarations of Interest As recorded. Cllr. McCormick declared an interest in relation to the Youth Club. Cllr. Irving declared an interest in relation to the Youth Club and item 23 re: providing a bus shelter.</p>	
537.	<p>Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the public be excluded for items 27, 28, 29 & 30 on the Agenda.</p>	
538.	<p>Chairman's Announcements The Chairman attended the walk around on the Green with Cllr. Jefferson, Judith, Ann, Ken and the Town Clerk. The work being done by Friends of the Green to the shrub beds etc was explained. The work they are doing has to be commended and it was suggested a letter be sent from the Council to pass on the Council's appreciation. Volunteers have battled on despite the weather and thanks to everyone involved. There are ongoing projects and Cllr. Markley will keep the Council informed. The standard of the town is excellent and we want to continue to keep standards high. Mentioned at the last meeting, was how the Town Council get very little credit for what they do and the decision was made to organise a VE Day event. The Chairman received a phone call from Cllr. Cook the next day and was disappointed to be told that there was only one person capable of organising such an event and that Rotary should take the lead on it.</p>	
539.	<p>Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
540.	<p>Police Report Report on crimes is available online. Police are more visible around the town, particularly when the Youth Club is on.</p>	
541.	<p>Adjournment of meeting There had been no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.</p>	
542.	<p>Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications RESOLVED that the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications be noted.</p> <p>a) Letter from local resident requesting various information about the tractor and flail which was recently sold. Mr Graham will be welcome to view the books and records when the accounts have been audited. Mr Graham requested a full reply to his letter.</p> <p>b) Cumbria County Council – Review of the North Allerdale Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is to be undertaken which includes parking, weight and width restrictions, as well as traffic movement regulations. A one-way system at the top of Esk Street was previously suggested. Clerk to re-submit the request. If Cllrs. have any other suggestions then get in touch with the Clerk.</p>	WEJ

	<p>c) Silloth Football Club – request to consider the possibility of Silloth AFC leasing the grassed area that the club currently use as junior football pitches. Revising the lease will have cost implications and it was questioned why the club are wanting to lease it or would simply giving them permission be enough. Email to be sent to the Football Club.</p> <p>d) Sports Association – An anti-vandal proof office cabin has been obtained and will be sited in due course. Previously there were plans for a modular building which was to be located next to the Football Changing Rooms. The email doesn't say where the proposed cabin is to be sited. Email to be sent to clarify where it is to be located.</p> <p>e) Cumbria County Council – Reply regarding the process and costs involved for the provision of additional brown tourist signs. £200 application fee and £500 charge for CCC to carry out the design and obtaining a price for the sign or £250 charge if a design consultant is used and another contractor used to manufacture the sign. There would also be the cost of purchasing the actual signs. To add an extra finger onto existing signage on the Green would cost approx. £280 per sign. Further investigation to be made on whether the Council could put its own signage on the Green at strategic locations i.e. opposite the Golf Hotel, opposite the RAFA club and up Skinburness.</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>
<p>543.</p>	<p>Planning Applications Allerdale Borough Council has approved the following:- Ref No: HOU/2020/0003 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Toth Proposal: Rear single storey extension, remove front porch and render finish to walls Location: 200 Skinburness Road, Skinburness Ref No: FUL/2019/0302 Applicant: Mr Michael Davison Proposal: Retrospective application for change of use for ground floor tea rooms into sitting room and kitchen in existing dwelling Location: 9 Station Road, Silloth</p>	
<p>544.</p>	<p>Committee Reports None.</p>	
<p>545.</p>	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies RESOLVED that verbal reports received from Representatives on Outside bodies be noted. Joint Advisory Committee – meeting was postponed. Silloth Tourism Action Group – Accounts are back and will be given to Cllr. Orchard. Sea Dyke Charity – No meeting. Longcake Education Trust – Meeting was last month but Cllr. Wilkinson was unable to attend. Solway Community School – Beacon Hill have received a 'Good' rating which shows the right management are in place. Friends of the Green – There was a good turn out at the last meeting and a lot of keen community people involved. Grants have been obtained and work being done to the shrub beds, community garden, woodland area. Signage to the 'Big Fella' was discussed. Prices are to be obtained for the drinking fountain. Putting Green is to be renovated and a replacement shed and tool bunker obtained. A litter pick and sprucing up the fairy trail will be taking place this month. Sports Association – No report. Cllr. Donald has not been to a meeting yet. Coastal Community Team – Cycle track will be started this year and things are moving forward.</p>	
<p>546.</p>	<p>Borough & County Council Reports Allerdale Borough Council (ABC) – It is interesting times at Allerdale. The Leader has resigned. There is a seven person team and the Council is still running. Nothing changes. Cumbria County Council (CCC) – 1.99% budget has been agreed by CCC. Highways team have been allocated an additional £2m from the Government. B5300 Silloth to Maryport – storms have caused more damage at Crosscanonby which is well in. The repairs at Dubmill have held but 30 m has gone at the soft side. Beckfoot – gone around behind the rock enforcement. A structural engineer is being brought in. Allerdale are responsible for the coastal defences and CCC responsible for protecting the highway. There is a lot of criticism when the road is closed but it is closed due to safety reasons. Policy is to hold the line at the moment but they may look at a new road eventually. Pressure is being put on Allerdale and Mark Jenkinson MP to keep the road open. Allerdale and County Council need to be working together on this. Flooding at Stanwix corner – the work is</p>	

	<p>scheduled to start at the beginning of April but they need permission from Natural England to clear the gutters out first. The work is going to cost over £100k. Cllr. Donald questioned if experts from Holland could be brought in, as they have the necessary expertise.</p>	
547.	<p>Park Manager's Report The Park Manager provided a report on work done over the last month. Work has started on taking out any dead shrubs from the Avenue up to the Amusement arcade. To replace the wooden posts on the raised bed in the Community garden with recycled plastic posts will cost £3-4k. An alternative is to put metal straps around to provide extra support at a cost of £130 which was agreed by the Council. Ken to have a look at the condition of the benches and railings etc around the Rotary oak to ascertain what needs to be done and then email is to be sent to the Rotary club.</p>	WEJ
548.	<p>Town Clerk's Report The Town Clerk provided a report on work done since the last meeting which was noted. The Town Clerk reminded everyone about the presentation by Bryan Craig on 9 March at 7.00pm. Cllr. Donald gave his apologies, as he would be working.</p>	
549.	<p>Payment of Accounts RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register report to 2 March 2020 be approved for payment.</p>	
550.	<p>Applications for financial assistance None.</p>	
551.	<p>Events to be held on Town Council property</p> <p>a) VE Day event – 8 May 2020 – Peter Reynolds has been back in touch and they are currently working on getting an aircraft for the display team. A question has been raised about the proximity to the sea and the need for safety boats. Cllr. Donald will get in touch with him. Tim Barker has been in touch about a table wargames organiser in the area who may be able to put on a demonstration but they would need a marquee. Need to get everyone involved and come together. STAG still have the use of the marquee they had, if required. Need to move things forward as the event is only two months away. Army cadets could also be involved.</p> <p>b) Fairground – The Carnival is now on Sunday 30th and Monday 31st August, with a 'Silloth's Got Talent' event on the Sunday and procession on Monday. It has been explained to the Fairground that if they are there for any extra days, they will be charged by the Town Council.</p> <p>c) Silloth Music, Ale & Local Food Festival - 4th - 11th September 2020 – Permission was granted by the Town Council, subject to the necessary paperwork being submitted.</p>	
552.	<p>Application for a Memorial Bench An application has been received from Margaret Bland for a bench for her father Geoff Bland to be sited near the Rugby Club. The seat and plaque have already been purchased. RESOLVED that permission be granted for the memorial bench.</p>	
553.	<p>Youth Club Lease A 10-year draft lease agreement has been put together between the Town Council and Silloth Youth Club which was emailed to members of the Council. RESOLVED that the draft lease be sent to the Youth Club committee for consideration.</p>	
554.	<p>Friends of Silloth Green A walk around took place on the Green to look at what needs done and the work being carried out by the Friends of the Green. Also looked at the Avenue. The grounds maintenance team are currently working on removing any dead shrubs.</p>	
555.	<p>Meeting with Mark Jenkinson MP</p>	

	<p>There was a meeting with Mark Jenkinson on February which was a very positive meeting but only four Cllrs. turned up. The Government funding for Railway feasibility studies is for more than just railways. The study could highlight other priorities. The industry and big employers were discussed and what the town has to offer. Cllr. Donald apologised to Cllrs. Cook and Markley for his previous opinion but meeting Mark has had a positive impact. Silloth is a 'destination' town but need to steer away from that thought. Maryport, Workington and Wigton will be getting millions spent on them but Silloth didn't meet the criteria. Cllrs. Markley and Cook both have a big issue with Maryport getting £25m and not Silloth. Need to keep the pressure on to get more for Silloth. There needs to be a town plan put together, to decide on what people want in the town in 5 and 10 years. The town needs a big project to attract the funding. A meeting is to be arranged by Mark Jenkinson with the big employers in the town.</p>	
556.	<p>Town Plan A meeting has been arranged for Monday 9 March 2020 at 7.00pm in the Community Hall with Bryan Craig, who is the Neighbourhood Planning Champion for 'Locality' in the NW of England and volunteers his time to help and advise communities with the preparation of their plans.</p>	
557.	<p>Bus Shelter Cllr. Irving has spoken to quite a few residents who would use a bus shelter located on Skinburness Road, opposite the entrance to Solway Holiday Village. Nothing was included in the budget and it was questioned whether there would be any funding available. Something more substantial would be preferable to a bus shelter made from polycarbonate. RESOLVED to look at including something in a Town Plan.</p>	
558.	<p>Plastic Free Steering Group Still waiting for the date of a meeting.</p>	
559.	<p>School Council Need to get kids involved with the Council. Cllr. Orchard has spoken to the Deputy Head at Solway Community School but he has not got back in touch yet.</p>	
560.	<p>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda None.</p>	
	<p><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 they were instructed to withdraw.</i></p>	
561.	<p>Policies & Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Persistent and Vexatious Complaints and Correspondence Policy - RESOLVED that the Policy be adopted by the Town Council, after one minor amendment. Further guidance also to be obtained from Allerdale Borough Council. b) Statement on Staff Management – RESOLVED that the Statement be adopted by the Town Council. 	
562.	<p>Ice Cream & Food Concessions Tenders were received from one trader for the sites at the Lifeboat Station, BMX Track (Pines) car park and Skinburness Road Car Park. RESOLVED that Shelley Morgan be awarded the licence for all three sites for the sum of £5,576. Payment, proof of public liability insurance and confirmation of food standards rating is required, prior to the issue of the licences.</p>	

<p>563.</p>	<p>Solar Panels Funding of £2,500 has been received from the Hellrigg Wind Farm Community Fund and an additional £3,000 from the Robin Rigg Community Fund towards the cost of installing solar panels on the Community Hall. Three quotations were obtained which ranged from £7,500 to £8,216.67 plus VAT. The quotations were compared in terms of cost, electricity savings, system payback and % return on investment. RESOLVED that the tender received from Total Power Installations of £7,500 plus VAT be accepted which provided good value for money, highest savings, quickest system payback and highest % return on investment.</p>	
<p>564.</p>	<p>Amounts owing to the Town Council £153 owing to the Council by Keyfort for the use of the Community Hall which the Clerk will chase up.</p>	

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