

SILLOTH-ON-SOLWAY TOWN COUNCIL

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Please note: due to the current Covid-19 Coronavirus situation, the Town Council will meet virtually via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>) Meeting ID: 917 3211 5937 as permitted in *The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020* ("the 2020 Regulations")

Councillors: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Council to be held online at <https://zoom.us/j/91732115937> on Monday 19 April 2021 at 7.00 pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the Public: Informal public participation will be held from approx. 7:30 pm. Members of the public wishing to address the Council during the public participation section must send their request to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

1. Minutes silence

2. Apologies

To receive and record with a reason, any apologies for absence.

3. Co-option

To consider candidates and co-opt to fill the vacancy on the Town Council.

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of members' interests in respect of items on this agenda.

5. Exclusion of Press & Public

To consider whether any items on the Agenda should be considered without the presence of the press and public, on the grounds of confidentiality, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1(2).

6. Chairman's Announcements

To receive announcements by the Chairman.

7. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 1 March, 8 March & 22 March 2021 as a true record.

8. Public Participation

Members of the public are invited to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes each. The maximum total time for public participation will be 15 minutes. At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council Members unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

9. Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

To receive a schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and to note items highlighted bold requiring action.

Publications & magazines etc

- a) Allerdale & Copeland Joint Covid-19 Newsletter – 28 February 2021.
- b) Local Council Review magazine – Issue 1 2021.
- c) Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2021 Issue 134.
- d) CALC Newsletter – February/March 2021.
- e) ACT Gazette – Spring 2021.
- f) Allerdale & Copeland Joint Covid-19 Newsletter – 15 March 2021.
- g) Great North News – March 2021.
- h) Radioactive Waste Management News – 26 March 2021.
- i) North West Coastal Access Update – 31 March 2021.
- j) ACT News Update – 1 April 2021.
- k) Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter - 30 March 2021.

Information

- l) NALC – Policy consultation briefing on the MHCLG con the Model Design Code.
- m) Email from local resident enquiring when work is to be done to gorse bushes on Skinburness.
- n) Copy of email from a local resident regarding the malicious posts on Facebook about the Town Council.
- o) NALC Legal Updates – LTN 28 Basic Charity Law, LTN 87 Procurement & LTN 13 Policing your area.
- p) Silloth Rotary – Invoice provided was for £1,500 but was not paid until February 2021 as it was missed due to the pandemic.
- q) Police and Crime Commissioner Cumbria – Info for parishes – Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking research.
- r) Letter from Mark Jenkinson MP regarding concerns raised by Joyce Fletcher and asking for an update on the progress of the tendering process.
- s) Solway Plain Magazine – Letter of thanks for the Council’s donation towards the printing costs.
- t) Cumbria County Council – re: Vehicles driving on Footpath between Golf course & Blitterlees. Path will be checked by an officer next time they are in the area. If the route is being used with the owners’ permission there is little that can be done but if not it is a police matter.
- u) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Vacancy on the Town Council. Email to confirm that only two requests for an election were received and therefore the Council must co-opt to fill the vacancy as soon as possible.
- v) Cumbria County Council – Urgent Temporary Speed Limit Restriction – B5300, Allonby to Blitterlees for a period of 5 days from 22 March 2021.
- w) Solway Fitness Centre – Email with suggestions for items to be included in a Town Plan in relation to the Fitness Centre – improved heating, air conditioning and possible extension.
- x) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Land at Blitterlees. Following a complaint received, letter will be sent requesting that items stored on site are removed with the exception of one static caravan within a period of 28 days.
- y) NALC – Guidance for the possible return to face-to-face meetings.
- z) NALC – Remote meetings update including copy of a letter from Luke Hall MP to Council Leaders of Principal Councils in England. Regulations allowing meetings to be held virtually are not to be extended after 7 May 2021.
- aa) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria. Email from Leader of Allerdale encouraging everyone to have their say on the consultation.
- bb) Cumbria County Council – re: Trees adjacent to 40 Skinburness Road. Land appears to be a disused Air Ministry footpath and not the responsibility of the County or Countryside Footpaths. Trees may have self-seeded and can only suggest that resident cut the trees down themselves.

Action

- cc) Email from an Allerdale Councillor regarding the condition of the Pagoda and other areas which are in need of attention.
- dd) Email from Simon McCall, Living Well Coach at Silloth Group Medical Practice with the proposal for some seating on the Green to be designated as ‘Happy to Chat’ benches.

- ee) Solway Plain Against Nuclear Dump (SPAND) – Email refreshing the Council’s memory of the decision taken 8 years ago regarding the plans to build a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF).
- ff) CALC – Government Call for Evidence on Remote Meetings which closes on 17th June.

10. Planning Applications

11. Committees

Planning Committee – 1 March 2021
Town Plan Committee – 25 March 2021

12. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

a) Joint Advisory Body b) Silloth Tourism Action Group c) Sea Dyke Charity d) Longcake Education Trust e) Solway Community Technology College f) Sports Hall g) Friends of Silloth Green h) Sports Association i) Silloth Coastal Community Team

13. Borough Councillor and County Councillors’ Reports

To receive reports from Allerdale and County Councillors.

14. Park Manager’s Report

To receive a grounds maintenance report for information and/or determine any action as appropriate.

15. Town Clerk’s Report

To receive a report from the Town Clerk in relation to matters currently being dealt with and notify the Council of any important dates of interest.

16. Payment of Accounts

To authorise the payment of Accounts listed in the attached schedule.

17. Applications for financial assistance

18. Events to be held on Town Council property

The following requests have been received:-

- a) Fri 27th August to Mon 30th August 2021 – Fair and Amusements
- b) Fri 25th June to Sun 27th June 2021 – Ragnarock Rally
- c) Email also received from James Richards Circus checking to see that their visit in August 2021 is still booked on the Green - Sun 15th August to Mon 30th August 2021. Permission was granted by the Town Council in September 2020.

19. Application for a memorial bench

To consider an application received for a memorial bench.

20. Pines Trees at the Eden Street play area

To receive an update on the recommended work to be undertaken to the pine trees at the Eden Street play area and consider what action to take.

21. Face-to-face meetings

The regulations that currently allow local authorities to hold meetings remotely until 6 May 2021 will not be extended by the Government, and so the Council needs to consider the possibility of returning to face-to-face meetings from 7 May 2021 onwards.

Recommendation: That the Full Council discusses the options and agrees a way forward.

22. Re-opening of Public Toilets & Splash Pad

From 8 March, people in England have seen restrictions start to lift and the government’s four-step roadmap offer a route back to a more normal life. By Step 4 of the roadmap which will take place no

earlier than 21 June, the government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact. With this in mind, the Town Council needs to consider the re-opening of the Public Toilets and Splash Pad on the Green.

23. Potholes in and around Silloth

We need to know what is happening with the potholes in and around Silloth as they are worse now than ever and will certainly deter some people from travelling to Silloth. Some work has been done on Solway Street but I would like an update on other streets/roads. (Cllr. M. Orchard)

24. Solway Street

The state of the Road surface on Solway street following repairs is an absolute disgrace. That this Town Council ask Cumbria Highways if this is the finished surface or if any additional work is to be carried out to improve it. (Cllr. S. Graham)

25. Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria

What is the Town Council's position for a single unitary Council or a combined unitary union? For the **Allerdale BC and Copeland BC Proposal on LGR**, can our Allerdale Councillors please explain how they are going to make savings of £31 Million? (Cllr. S. Graham)

26. Retirement of Phillip Irving

In August, Phillip Irving will have been cleaning the streets of Silloth for 30 years. I would like to propose some recognition from the town council for his service to the town.

(Cllr. V. Hope)

27. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

28. Amounts owing to the Town Council