

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 9 December 2019 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present:— Cllr. M. Orchard (MO).

Councillors

P. Donald (PD), A. Emmerson (AE), M. Irving (MI),
A.J. Markley (AJM), J. Snaith (JS) & G. Wilkinson (GW).

Also present: Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk), Christine Ray, Lynsey Henderson & Chris Kyles

457.	Apologies: Cllrs. S. Graham, J. Cook & J. McCormick. Also Tim Barker. Absent: Cllrs. C. Bell & W. Jefferson.	
458.	Declarations of Interest None.	
459.	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
460.	Youth Club Hut The meeting was arranged to discuss the Youth Club hut with representatives from the Youth Club and Silloth Scout Group. The Council don't know who actually owns the hut which is located on land belonging to the Town Council. A lease was put together years ago which was not signed. The Scout Group want to use the hut as a base for the group. Christine provided the Chairman with copies of emails and minutes and it was confirmed that the hut belongs to the Youth Club. NADT got involved a few years ago and tried to get a lease set up as there were funds available. The Youth Club own the building and the Town Council pay the electricity and water bills. It is 14 months since the building was last used by the youth club due to illness etc but there are more kids coming up now. There needs to be a lease in place going forward. It was suggested a separate committee could be formed of representatives of the groups using the building. Christine would prefer the Youth Club to stay as it is. Christine is happy for others to use the facility and approached the Scout Group and Rainbows/Brownies but there needs to be some sort of agreement in place which makes it clear who is responsible for what. The Council would be happy to continue supporting the building by paying the electricity and water. The Council could possibly assist with the maintenance of the building. The doors have just been replaced. The old kitchen has been removed. The kitchen from the old pensioners hut is going to be installed in the youth club hut. Paint has also been obtained and new carpet to go down. The Scout Group need to meet with the Youth Club and discuss the way forward. Need someone from the Council on the committee. Cllr. Irving has just joined the youth club committee. The Scout group need some sort of security, as they don't want to put all this effort and money into the building only to be asked to leave. Lighting at the side of the Community Hall needs improved. Youth club are to get together and then sort an agreement between them. Owen Martin suggested that the Youth Club's constitution would need to be checked and could be changed to Youth committee. If the Youth Club ever came to an end, the building could be handed over to the Council but retained for use by another organisation or committee for youth purposes. It was questioned what is happening with the pensioners hut. If it had been a useable building it would have been ideal for the Scout group. It could be a possible future project, as there may be funding available through the Scouts. RESOLVED that a joint committee be put together and come back in January. Draft lease with the Council to be put forward to the January Council meeting.	

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