

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Accessibility Committee
held on Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 7.00pm

Present:– Cllr. C. Doran (CD)

Councillors

A.J. Markley (AJM) & G. Wilkinson (GW).
Also present: Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

965.	Apologies: Cllrs. M. Orchard, A. Emmerson & J. Snaith. Absent: Cllr. G. Betsworth.	
966.	Declarations of Interest None.	
967.	Exclusion of Press and Public None.	
968.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
969.	Adjournment of meeting There had been no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
970.	Changing Places Toilet Councils can now apply for a share of £30 million funding to install life-enhancing Changing Places toilets (CPTs) in their communities. Allerdale Borough Council is eligible to apply for funding and expressions of interest must be submitted by 26 September 2021. An item has been included on the Town Council Agenda for the September meeting for the Town Council to urge Allerdale to submit an expression of interest on behalf of the town. The funding can be used to provide a modular building, but it would be preferable to have the existing Criffel Street facilities modernised. The male and female toilets are adequate but the disabled facilities are cramped and not fit for purpose. The facilities are well used but are not as good as they could be and there is not enough space. The facilities need to be 'pay to use' facilities. The Town Clerk has sent emails to Cockermouth and Keswick Town Councils to find out how their facilities are operated. There have been a number of complaints about the Skinburness toilets being closed.	
971	Walkaround An enforcement officer was in town on 28 August issuing parking tickets. They have been told to come out to Silloth more often. A female enforcement officer had been seen walking past vehicles parked on dropped kerbs, but it can be difficult to see where the dropped kerbs are. A car with a blue badge was parked on the dropped kerb outside Mrs Wilsons and refused to move. Disabled people also need educated on where they can and can't park. Need to raise awareness. The dropped kerb across the road from the RAFA club has been temporarily marked with spray paint which has proved successful. Both sides of the road opposite Mrs Wilsons is also an issue. In the future, Councils could possibly look at taking over the enforcement of parking which could also include litter and dog fouling. It was agreed that Harry Collins be invited through to Silloth for a walk around during the Scottish half term to discuss the issues. It would be useful to know how many hours enforcement officers are in Silloth. There are 10 operatives who cover a large area. At the meeting with representative from Cumbria County Council and the Police on 18 August 2021, the Committee were asked to provide a list of priorities in terms of dropped kerbs. A list has been compiled in order of priority of new dropped kerbs required which is to be forwarded to Cumbria	

	County Council. The first three are the most important ones. Also, improvements to the existing dropped kerbs on Criffel Street to make them more useable should be a priority.	
972.	Date of next meeting Meeting scheduled to take place on Monday 13 September 2021 will no longer take place. Next meeting will take place after the meeting with Harry Collins.	

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