

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 4 October 2021 at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Hall

Present– Cllr. M. Orchard (MO)

Councillors

G. Wilkinson (GW), G. Betsworth (GB), C. Doran (CD), A. Emmerson (AE),
S. Graham (SG) & A.J. Markley (AJM).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ).

030.	Minutes Silence There was a minutes' silence at the start of the meeting for the local community during the current pandemic.	
031.	Apologies Cllrs. W. Jefferson, J. Snaith, J. Cook, V. Hope & M. Irving – all unwell or awaiting tests etc.	
032.	Declarations of Interest None.	
033.	Exclusion of Press & Public It was agreed that the Press and Public be excluded for items 23 & 24 on the Agenda.	
034.	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman has been busy catching up with work.	
035.	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on the 6 September & 20 September 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
036.	Public Participation There were no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
037.	Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications a) Carlisle Cycling association – Email thanking the Council for help with the Cycling event and enquiring about the possibility of running some coaching sessions on the Green. The Town Council agreed to allow coaching sessions on the Green as long as the necessary public liability insurance is in place. There would be np charge for using the Green as it is not an event. Reply to be sent. b) Cumbria County Council – Request received from a local resident for a seat to be placed in the Eden Street bus shelter. The seat was removed a number of years ago due to vandalism and antisocial behaviour and noise. RESOLVED that it would be left as it is. Letter to be sent to the local resident to explain the decision. c) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Light at Blitterlees (No: 17) – Light is not working, and they are looking to confirmation that Silloth Town Council still require the light in this location? An application for quotation is to be submitted to Electricity Northwest (ENW) to transfer the electricity supply to a new column. The usual cost for the transfer is £5,000 and £1,200 for a new column. If the cost is more that £5,000, it was questioned if the Town Council would be willing to contribute to the difference. The Town Council would need more information as to the cost before they could consider making a contribution. It was also questioned whether the light is actually within Silloth or if it is in Holme Low Parish. Clarification to be obtained. d) Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan - Public Consultation. Closing date 25 October 2021. Individual councillors to send in their comments. e) Email with proposals in relation to Paramount Amusements for consideration by the Town Council and the suggestion of having a site meeting. The email from Blakes was commended as it was very informative, with photos to illustrate their proposals. When progress is made in relation to the	WEJ WEJ WEJ All Cllrs.

	asset transfer of the Green, the proposals can be looked at. The Town Council don't want to set a precedent. The proposals are great but the Council does not currently own the land. Reply to be sent thanking them for the very informative email and that the Council will be happy to work with them when the time is right. f) Email questioning the location of the new safety barriers between the football changing rooms and the rugby club. The main issue was kids flying out on their bikes across to the MUGA. The bollards have simply created a pedestrian area between the football and rugby club. It was questioned how the barriers will stop cyclists. There needs to be vehicular access to the children's play area etc for emergency vehicles and grounds maintenance vehicles. It was understood that the barriers were for match days when it's busy. RESOLVED that an email be sent to the Rugby Club asking that sufficient barriers be removed to allow access and for them only to be used on match days. The posts also need HiViz tape on them to make them more visible to pedestrians and motorists. Reply also to be sent to the local resident. g) Invitation to the Service of Remembrance on 14 November 2021 at Christ Church, Silloth. Cllrs. Orchard and Wilkinson will be attending the service and a poppy wreath has been ordered.	WEJ
038.	Planning Applications None.	
039.	Committees Minutes of various committee meetings were circulated to members of the Council, the contents of which were noted. a) Accessibility Committee – 1 September 2021. There have been no complaints about the dropped kerbs which were recently painted. There is one opposite the Balmoral which would also benefit from being done. b) Planning Committee – 6 September 2021. c) Parks Committee – 15 September 2021. d) Play Equipment Committee – 28 September 2021. The train in the Eden Street play area is beyond repair and it was agreed that it should be removed. Other equipment will be repaired is financially viable. £10k included in this year's budget for play equipment and consider including the same in next year's budget. Some new equipment was considered by the Play Equipment committee which included a wheelchair accessible train, a Lifeboat and some smaller equipment. The fencing around the Eden Street play area will also need looked at in the future.	
040.	Representatives on Outside Bodies a) Appointment of a representative of the Town Council on the Sports Association – It was questioned whether there needs to be a representative of the Town Council on the Sports Association, as the Council will be provided with minutes of meetings. The Secretary has resigned and the Football club have stepped away from the association. Individual clubs can get their own funding but the Sports Association was instrumental in securing the necessary funding for the MUGA. Mark met with the Football club and representatives of the FA about plans for the changing facilities and funding of £120k has been allocated to build a new facility. They could possibly use the Town Council as the accountable body. They need to come together if other funding is needed. It was questioned what is the current status of the association? b) Reports from the following: - i) Joint Advisory Body – No report. ii) Silloth Tourism Action Group – No report. iii) Sea Dyke Charity – ongoing. iv) Longcake Education Trust – Meeting next week. v) Solway Community Technology College & Sports Hall – No report. There was an open day last week. Tom Hailwood is the new Head. Pupil numbers are quite low which is a concern. vi) Friends of Silloth Green – FOG is doing extremely well and Carol keeps everyone motivated. Various projects are in the pipeline and funding is raised. There will be a Silloth Community Fayre on 24 October at the Community Hall to raise more funds. There will also be a photo competition with £100 cash prize. A limited edition calendar is also being printed which will be sold for £5. Thanks were given to Carol, the	

	committee and the volunteers for all they are doing. vii) Sports Association – No report. viii) Silloth Coastal Community Team – No meeting.	
041.	Borough Councillor and County Councillors' Reports County Council – Work at Crosscanonby is moving forward. It will be good to get the work completed before winter. Environment funding has been allocated. A funding application has been submitted for resurfacing the car park up Skinburness. Local Government Reform is moving forward. The new mine at Whitehaven is ongoing. Allerdale – The cycling festival was a success although not well attended due to the weather but it may become an annual event. The Tourism conference will not be held at the beginning of next year. It is Cumbria Residents' week this week and there will be a draw to win a weekend away. The search area will be announced tomorrow by the Allerdale GDF working group. It will still need a community group to move it forward. Solway Coast AONB has asked to be excluded from the search area. If a community don't want it, it won't happen. Allerdale are unlikely to have any spare funding as they will need an amount of money to set up the new Council as part of the Local Government Reform. They are looking into the possibility of electric charging points for bicycles. No reports Allerdale reports are received from Cllr. Martin but as mentioned at the last meeting, councillors are not obliged to attend meetings.	
042.	Ground's Maintenance Report A grounds maintenance report was provided with details of work carried out over the last few months. It was agreed that arrangements be made for the shrubs along the avenue to be trimmed, particularly the higher areas where the grounds maintenance team are unable to reach. A price is to be obtained for cutting back some of the trees which are overhanging the MUGA and blocking the floodlight.	WEJ
043.	Town Clerk's Report A report was provided by the Town Clerk in relation to work carried out of the last few months and matters being dealt with.	
044.	Payment of Accounts It was RESOLVED that the payments listed in the register report to 4 October 2021 be approved for payment.	
045.	Budgets £10k to be included for play equipment. Any other suggestions for items to be included in the 2022/23 Budget should be given to the Town Clerk. The Football Foundation were impressed with our set up for maintaining the sports area and there may be some equipment available funded by the Football foundation once the building goes ahead.	
046.	Requests for financial assistance a) Great North Air Ambulance – It was agreed that a donation of £100 be provided, as in previous years. b) Solway Plain Magazine – No donation to be provided. It is only 6 months since the last payment.	
047.	Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) The External Auditor Report and Certificate 2020/21 has been returned and on the basis of their review of Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR, in their opinion the information is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. This was noted by the Town Council.	
048.	Events to be held on Town Council property None.	
048.	Changing Places Toilet on Silloth Green	

	Cllr. Doran and the Town Clerk have spoken with Allerdale Borough Council and provided a lot of information to support the bid for a Changing Places facility on the Green. An email has been received from Allerdale to confirm that Silloth has been included in the Expression of Interest, along with Cockermouth and Keswick. We will find out in November if the bid has been successful. Marion Fitzgerald at Allerdale is on board with it. If successful Silloth will be added to the Google app which identifies locations of all the changing places facilities countrywide. The Council will need to look at any extra funding needed and possible match funding. It can also be included into the Town Plan.	
049.	Anti-social driving It was suggested that the Town Council support a campaign to report anti-social driving around the town but Cllr. Hope was not present at the meeting. The Town Council agreed to support a campaign.	
050.	Possible funding Powering our Communities is an annual fund by Electricity North West which provides seed funding to support the development of community and local energy in our region. Deadline for applications 5 November 2021. The suggestion of solar lights on the Green was discussed which would provide an open area for locals to be able to get out in the darker winter months. Extra lighting in the Community Garden, around the edge of the Green and along the promenade could be an option. Costs to be investigated and an application submitted if possible, although this is an annual fund.	WEJ
	<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>	
051.	Estimates The Town Council considered the following quotations received:- • Tree surveys – Quotations were received from Tivoli, Jacksons Tree Surgery and Evolve Tree Surveys which ranged from £1,400 to £4,975 to undertake a tree safety inspection and provide a report to identify any issues. RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £1,400 from Evolve Tree surveys. • Line marking – RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £650 from Gordon Graham Roadmarkings Ltd for marking up 3 disabled parking bays at the Lifeboat Station car park and 3 disabled parking bays in the North View Car Park. • Resurfacing work – Quotations were obtained from D Tolson & Sons and Toman Contracting Ltd for various areas of resurfacing work. a) Community Garden - RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £1,790 from D Tolson & Sons to resurface the circular area in the Community Garden. b) Access road at MUGA – RESOLVED to consider making provision within next year's budget. c) Viewing Platform – Quotations ranged from £11,970 to £26,815. It was agreed that the existing wood needs to be removed and consideration given to creating a concrete path or scarifying, topsoil and re-seeding it d) Community Hall – Quotations received for providing a top layer of tarmac and for completely renewing the surfacing which ranged from £9,850 to £18,504. RESOLVED that the quotation of £9,850 from D Tolson & Sons be accepted and the work be undertaken during this financial year. The existing surface will need to be cleared of moss using a machine to provide a good surface to work on. • Raised beds – An initial quotation has been obtained for the provision of two raised beds on Criffel Street to match the raised beds in the Community Garden. Further consideration will be given and look at making provision within next year's budget.	WEJ WEJ WEJ WEJ
052.	Amounts owing to the Town Council There are no amounts outstanding.	

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