

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of a Parks & Play Equipment Committee
Held on Thursday 19 October 2023

Present:– Councillor M. Irving

Councillors

C. Baty (CB), J. Cook (JC), W. Jefferson (WJ), O. Martin (OM) & J. Scott (JS).

Also present: Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

947.	Apologies: Cllr. C. Searle. Absent: Cllr. L. Winter.	
948.	Declarations of Interest None.	
949.	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
950.	Public Participation There were no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
951.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
952.	Criffel Street Toilet Block The Town Clerk provided an update regarding the toilet block on Criffel Street. Electrical work has been completed. Joinery work has been done apart from one lock which will be completed on Saturday. The deep cleans were carried out and the probation service have been busy painting the fence and weeding the bed. The Town Clerk has been in touch with Stewart Henderson from Tivoli regarding bark mulch. They can supply as much as we need if the Town Council can arrange the transportation which will be organised. The grounds maintenance lads will be painting the doors of the toilet block. It was agreed to wait until February/March to organise the painting of the inside and outside of the toilet block.	
953.	Putting Green The Committee considered the suggestion of using the Putting Green for radio-controlled cars and putting a proper track down. People are already using it for that but it would be best to avoid using petrol cars. Cllr. Baty offered to put a full plan together and get it priced up. Grass matting could be used to provide a track surface. Also need to be mindful of health and safety as the putting green is in an open space with people walking by. The BMX track is an enclosed area and is also being used for radio-controlled cars which could be an alternative option, with specific times for each activity. Cllr. Baty to put a plan together, with costs and the full Council will consider both options.	Cllr. Baty
954.	Avenue The Committee discussed the avenue up to the amusement arcade which needs cutting back and the height reduced. Bins and benches are becoming hidden in the bushes. It was agreed that Peter Holliday be asked to cut back the avenue and try to reduce the height. The grounds maintenance lads will be asked to remove any dead bushes/trees and sycamore etc. The trees at the bottom of the avenue also need attention as they are causing an obstruction to vans etc going up the avenue. Jonathan Blackburn to be asked to have a look and see what can be done and the relevant permissions obtained.	WEJ WEJ
955.	Maintenance of the Green It was suggested that more maintenance is needed to the surface of the Green which is in poor condition in certain areas – i.e. selective weedkiller, fertiliser, and re-seeding etc. The detailed	

	maintenance schedule was circulated to members of the committee. Any re-seeding would have had to be done in September or in the Spring. It was agreed to leave the re-seeding until next September and any money left in the budget from refurbishing the toilets to be used on the re-seeding work. Grounds maintenance lads to continue doing what they can to improve the condition of the Green.	
956.	Future agenda items Email from a local resident concerning a tree in Norman wood which has grown at an angle, is leaning on another tree and is causing concern due to the potential risk of it falling on to their property. Tree surgeon to be contacted and arrangements to be made for the tree to be removed at the earliest opportunity. Cllr. Baty brought the plans for the Eden Street play area to the meeting to show members of the committee. The Town Clerk has submitted a funding application to Cumberland Council for £10k, to go with the £30k which has already been allocated to the project.	WEJ
957.	Date of next meeting Date to be arranged at the full council meeting when everyone is there.	

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