

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of a Parks & Play Equipment Committee
Held on Thursday 8 February 2024

Present:– Councillor M. Irving

Councillors

C. Baty (CB) & A.J. Markley (AJM).

Also present: Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

058.	Apologies: Cllr. C. Searle, O. Martin, W. Jefferson & J. Scott.	
059.	Declarations of Interest None.	
060.	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
061.	Public Participation There were no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
062.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
063.	Criffel Street Toilet Block The Town Clerk provided an update regarding the toilet block on Criffel Street. Electrical and joinery work has been completed. The deep cleans were done and the probation service have painted the fence and have been weeding the bed. There are still a couple of doors to paint which the grounds maintenance lads will be doing. Cllr. Martin had spoken to the ground's maintenance team, and they'd mentioned about painting the inside of the toilet block. It was agreed that prices be obtained for painting the inside and outside of the building. Town Clerk will get in touch with Singletons.	WEJ
064.	Eden Street Play Area An updated quotation has been received from Playdale for the new play equipment amounting to £42,272.83. A swing seat has been removed from the quote and it takes into account the increase in prices since the first quote was provided. Funding of £40k is in place - £20k from reserves raised through the precept, £10k from Robin Rigg Community Fund and £10k from Cumberland Council. There is a lead time of approx. 11 weeks once the order is placed. RESOLVED that the order be placed as soon as possible.	WEJ
065.	West Silloth Play Area Funding of £15k has been raised. Applications for £35k have been rejected but applications have been submitted for a further £35k. Cllr. Baty has applied to the Green Spaces fund via the Copeland Community Fund. Without the zip wire, funding of £26k is needed, so at least another £11k raise.	
066.	Maintenance of the Green Peter Holliday has been this week and cut back the bushes on the avenue up to the Amusement arcade. The grounds maintenance lads will be removing any dead trees. The woodland area near the Edwardian toilets needs attention but is looked after by Friends of the Green. Shrub bed near the grounds' maintenance yard has been totally cleared out but the lads, leaving only the pine trees and it looks a lot better. It is to be grassed over for easier maintenance.	
067.	Annual Inspection Reports The annual inspection reports have been received for the play areas and BMX track which are arranged through Cumberland Council. The Town Clerk provided a summary of the recommended	

	actions from the four reports. There was nothing really of any major concern. The swings at Eden Street were mentioned but they are to be replaced in the coming weeks. The chains in the woodland area are also going to need attention at some point. RESOLVED that the grounds maintenance lads be asked to work through the action list and external contractors brought in to deal with anything they are unable to do.	
068.	Future agenda items Radio controlled car track - Cllr. Baty has obtained three prices for creating an astro-turf track around the putting green ranging from £27k to £57k which is a possible project for the future. Fitness Trail – Cllr. Baty has also obtained quotes for a 10-station fitness trail between the tennis courts and the lighthouse. Prices range from £12k (without installation) to £32k (with installation). This is already included in the Town Plan which is to be signed off by the Council. Hudson Bomber – Work is underway on refurbishing the Hudson Bomber which should be completed by the Spring. Memorial area - The former viewing platform and path has been removed, and topsoil added to build it back up and level it. It is to be grass seeded and then the lighthouse feature will be added in the Spring, on to which memorial plaques will be attached. Eastcote lighthouse – It was questioned what is happening with East Cote lighthouse which has been fenced off for quite some time. Email to be sent to Tim Riley at ABP to enquire.	WEJ
069.	Date of next meeting Next meeting to take place in early May.	

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