

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Town Plan Committee
Held on Monday 10 March 2025

Present: – Councillor C. Baty (CB)

Councillors

J. Cook (JC), A.J. Markley (AJM), K. Orchard (KO) & A. Reynolds (AR).

Also present: Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk).

593.	Apologies: Cllr. C. Searle.	
594.	Declarations of Interest None.	
595.	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
596.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2024 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
597.	Public Participation There were no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
598.	Town Plan Transport – Bus service between Skinburness and Maryport has been re-established and the Sunday service to Carlisle is due to resume in April/May. Wellbeing – There is a community panel meeting in the Community Hall on 17 March at 10am and an event at Silloth Library on 15 April, 1pm-3pm seeking views on future events and activities in Silloth. Cllr. Baty will be attending the meeting in the library. Cumberland Council have also been in touch regarding the possibility of running some art/craft courses in the Community Hall. Sustainability – No meetings but STAG has been working on the walking trails around Silloth. A map has been produced for the Silloth Military Trail, with 250 distributed around the town and another 250 being printed. Currently waiting for permission from Solway Coast National Landscapes and Natural England for the information panels before the funding will be released from Hellrigg. Cllr. Baty was congratulated on the new map which promotes the town and its amenities. The Silloth Military Trail is not part of the Solway Military Trail as they were not willing to add it to the trail, but information has been included on the map about the Solway Military Trail and Solway Aviation Museum. It is also hoped to include it on the Cumberland Coast 200 route. Following the last meeting, Cllr. Martin got in touch with Markus Campbell-Savours (MP) who is happy to meet with the Town Council but would need a clear agenda to discuss. Copy of the Town Plan to be sent to him with the main priorities. Cllr. Searle had suggested we discuss how he can support us in accessing funding and support. Also focusing on transport links (buses/roads) and how we do not get support as a tourist destination when it comes to regeneration funding due to the metrics used for social deprivation. Also ask him to argue for rural isolation to be considered more given the nature of the area he serves. When the sun shines, people come to the town which was seen at the weekend. Now we have a Town Plan, we need to use it to access funding. Exhibition area in the Discovery Centre needs updated to provide another attraction for the town. The building belongs to Cumberland Council. Cllr. Baty had a meeting with Naomi Kay and the Cumberland Council Tourism officer. There needs to be a plan of what to use the building for and it was suggested that an exhibition of the history of the town as a whole – including the military, industrial and agricultural history. Cumberland Council would probably support the project in terms of providing the building, but it needs a plan on how to use the building and looking at the sustainability of it. There would need to be a feasibility study done to bring in any big grants and	

	also grants obtained to fund the feasibility study. It was suggested there was not enough information put together to have a meeting with Markus Campbell-Savours.	
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