

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 2 March 2026 at 7.00pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present: Cllr. O. Martin (Chairman)
Cllrs. C. Baty, A. Emmerson, M. Irving,
K. Orchard, M. Orchard & C. Searle.

Also present: Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

013. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. J. Cook, W. Jefferson, C. Johnston, A.J. Markley, & J. Scott.

014. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. C. Baty declared an interest regarding the Fitness Centre lease.

015. Exclusion of Press & Public

It was resolved to exclude the press and public for items 19, 20, 21 & 22 on the agenda.

016. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman congratulated Cllr. C. Baty and his team on the installation of the Pickett Hamilton fort on the Green.

017. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

018. Public Participation

A member of the public addressed the Council regarding the fairground concession and the request for a rent reduction and payment by instalments. The Council agreed to a revised payment schedule. Concerns were raised regarding bonfires and a wood pile on the seafront. The Council will coordinate with the grounds team to ensure the area is cleared.

019. Schedule of Correspondence, Notices, and Publications

The schedule of correspondence was noted, with the following key items:

- a) **Cumberland Council** – Supported Housing Strategy consultation. Councillors are to complete the survey individually by 4 March 2026.
- b) **Solway Street** - A resident's concerns regarding road conditions were noted; the Council will follow-up with an email to Cumbria Highways.
- c) **Outstanding Contribution to Young People Award Finalists** – The Council agreed to send a letter of support.
- d) **Litter Pick** - The Friday Night Project (FNP) youth group (NADT) seeks to participate in the Great Cumbrian Litter Pick. The Council identified "the hollow," shrub beds, the Green, and the Pines as target areas.
- e) **HM Land Registry** – The Council noted a statement of truth regarding a prescriptive easement at Liddell House, Liddell Street. No objections were raised.
- f) **Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)** - The Council discussed proposed disabled parking bays and one-way systems. Disabled parking bays on Criffel Street must be relocated to avoid the dropped kerb. The proposed one-way system on Waver Street/Caldew Street needs to be reversed to better accommodate refuse vehicles. The Council will also follow up on the previously requested "zigzag" markings on Skinburness Road.

020. Planning Applications

The **Town Council** recommended approval for the following: -

Ref No: FUL/2024/0034 **Applicant:** Graham Stanwix, Stanwix Holiday Park Holiday Centre **Proposal:** Change of use of camping pitches to Cabin Bar, terrace, outdoor seating, bandstand and play park (retrospective), and change of use of tennis courts to car park **Location:** Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, B5300 West Silloth, Greenrow, Silloth, CA7 4HH **Amendment:** Amended documents and plans received 17 February 2026.

Cumberland Council has approved the following: -

Ref No: HOU/2025/0185 **Applicant:** Garry Bosward **Proposal:** Proposed Single Storey Side Extension and Internal Alterations **Location:** 270 Skinburness Road, Skinburness, Wigton, CA7 4QU

Electronic Communications: The Council noted the installation of Subtended Headend Sidepods onto existing BT cabinets at the following locations:

- Land beside Sunset View, 74 Skinburness Road, Silloth, Wigton CA7 4QF
- Land Beside Shingle Edge, 158 Skinburness Road, Silloth, Wigton CA7 4QH

021. Committees

Minutes Noted: Minutes of the Finance & HR Committee on 2 February 2026 and Parks & Play Equipment Committee on 7 February 2026 were noted.

Forthcoming Meetings: Finance & HR Committee (2 March 2026), Town Plan Committee (9 March 2026) and Parks & Play Equipment Committee (19 March 2026). Date of the next Allotment Committee meeting to be confirmed.

022. Representatives on Outside Bodies

- **Solway Coast National Landscapes:** No report.
- **Silloth Tourism Action Group:** Minutes of the meeting on 15 February 2026 were noted.
- **Sea Dyke Charity:** No report.
- **Longcake Education Trust:** Meeting last week and the usual donations have been distributed. Youth organisations can also apply.
- **Friends of Silloth Green:** Report was circulated. Plant sale planned and composite posts for raised beds have been ordered.
- **Sports Association:** Minutes of the meeting on 24 February 2026 were noted.

023. Cumberland Council Report

No report.

024. Grounds Maintenance Report

The monthly job sheets were circulated. It was reported that the wooden steps in the Pines to the woodland play area are rotten. After discussion regarding costs and durability, it was resolved to obtain quotes for replacing the steps and railings using composite material.

025. Town Clerk's Report

The Council noted the Clerk's report detailing work from the last month. Dates will be circulated for Data Protection training for the full Council. The Town Clerk informed the Council of a forthcoming hip consultation.

026. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: That the payments listed in the register to 2 March 2026 be approved. A transfer of £900 in allotment deposits to a separate account was approved.

027. Requests for Financial Assistance

None.

028. Events to be Held on Town Council Property

None.

029. Silloth Golf Club

A question was raised regarding a new gate installed on footpath No. 253004. The Golf Club confirmed this is to allow for temporary access during the installation of some drainage pipes to supply water for irrigation and will only have very occasional use for the maintenance of the system.

030. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr. Searle questioned the permissions and purpose regarding a fencing project along the edge of the golf course, noting its location within an SSSI.

***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 that were instructed to withdraw.*

031. Lease – Fitness Centre

A Tenancy at Will is to be granted, effective from 6 April 2026 which is a temporary interim measure to ensure the building remains occupied and the facility open to the community, while avoiding disproportionate professional fees. Following discussions regarding the rent for the new tenant, the Council resolved to set the rent at £2,000 per annum. This reduction from the £2,225 VOA 2026 ratable value figure used for the rent valuation was justified, on the grounds of maintaining a community facility. It was agreed that rent would be paid in 10 monthly instalments of £200, with a £200 deposit required upfront.

032. Concessions

No tenders were received for the food concession on Skinburness Road, and the concession will be re-advertised.

033. Quotations

Quote received from Multicare Medical Ltd to repair the changing bench in the Changing Places facility. **RESOLVED** that the Council defers approval of the £1,098.62 expenditure pending the outcome of the formal dispute with the original provider.

034. Amounts owing to the Town Council

The Town Clerk provided an update on outstanding amounts. It was noted that the football club's persistent late electricity payments may result in the decision to install a prepayment meter.

RESOLVED: Regarding the Fairground concession, £2,000 is to be paid immediately, with the remaining balance of £4,074 due by 27 April 2026.

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