

## Silloth Town Council

Report By: Silloth Town Clerk

Some topics of interest under discussion at recent Town Council meetings:

### Allerdale Decriminalised Parking Enforcement

A letter was received from CAPITA giving details of the proposed new waiting restrictions and amendments to existing parking restrictions at various locations. Comments were made about the new proposals which are to be included in a letter to CAPITA. The Council were pleased that they are proposing to shorten some of the double yellow lines that go around corners. Yellow lines are also to be put next to the dropped kerbs which will hopefully deter people from parking next to them.

### Public conveniences on the Green

Visitors to the town need access to the public conveniences which need to be kept open until at least 9pm through the summer months, it was agreed that a letter be sent to find out how much it would cost the Council if FOCSA came down and locked the toilets every night.

### Rented Properties in the Town

Silloth is looked upon as an extremely clean town with people taking a pride in their houses but there are a handful of out of town landlords who wilfully neglect their properties. It was proposed that a letter be sent asking landlords to paint them and keep them in a decent order.

### Erection of 37 dwellings

The Planning Application for the demolition of workshops and bungalow, erection of 37 dwellings and formation of new access at the former Wrathalls Garage, Greenrow, Silloth was discussed by the Full Council. A wide variety of housing is to be built - 2, 3 and 4 bed roomed, semi-detached, detached and bungalows. The Council

voted on the planning application and it was agreed that the application be approved.

### Summer Recess

The Town Council are to have a summer recess starting next year, with no meeting in August which is similar to many other Councils.

### Signs to the Discovery Centre

At a previous meeting, a request was made by Dr Brian Irving for signs within the town to direct visitors to the Discovery Centre. This was considered by the Town Council and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the County Council to ask that they look at what is needed, although the Council feel it is important to find the right balance - with signs only where they are really needed.

### Vehicles travelling down Criffel Street

The problem of noise from vehicles travelling down Criffel Street, particularly from empty wagons was discussed by the Council. It was agreed that a letter be sent to ABP and Carrs to ask that they do everything they can to get drivers to reduce their speed, preferably slower than 30mph.

### Bus Shelters

Due to vandalism and the problem of youths gathering in the Bus Shelters, the Town Council are going to consider whether to replace the existing shelters with vandal proof ones which may actually save money in the long term.

### Multi purpose Sports Hall

The "main" topic of interest at the September meeting was the multi purpose Sports Hall which attracted a large public attendance to the meeting. Cllr. Hart asked the question "Does the Town Council support the building of a multi purpose Sports Hall in Silloth?" The Town Council were all in favour. After being on holiday for a

week, Cllr. Allison was amazed by the reports and the amount of misinformation going around in relation to the Sports Hall. He gave a detailed run down of events and issues relating to the sports hall which started over three or four years ago, following the set up of the Silloth Regeneration Partnership. Many meetings had taken place and consultations carried out, the end result being that plans were submitted for a multi purpose Sports Hall which was to be sited on the Hollow. However, Cllr. Allison has received a statement from Jim Mitchell (County Council Property Services Officer), informing him that the application for the building in the Hollow is being withdrawn due to the concerns raised by the planning officers. There has also been strong opposition by local residents, many of whom were present at the Council meeting. They are now looking to move the location of the Sports Hall to in front of the school but within the school grounds which is outside the conservation area. The childcare centre will probably need to go elsewhere. Due to the change of location for the proposed Sports Hall, there was no vote taken on the original item on the agenda which asked for consideration to be given to identifying a suitable alternative location and for a full Public meeting to be called.

For the benefit of the public present the planning system was briefly explained - plans come to the Town Council for consideration, who can then make recommendations but the actual decisions are made by the Planning Authorities i.e. Allerdale and County Council.

The Town Council were all in favour of an alternative site in front of the school.

## Silloth Charity Fundraiser

Story by: Kelly Eve

Silloth lifeboat man Tom Stalker has raised more than £1,500 for Workington youngster Robert Errington, who has cerebral palsy.

He completed the Great North Run and a charity night was held in the Cumberland Inn, West Silloth. Brothers Mike and Steve Pearson, of Blackdyke near Silloth, have won a DVD player after all those who sponsored Mr Stalker were entered into a free prize draw.

Pat Wallace, Robert's grandmother, said: "We don't need to fundraise so much now. People come to us if they want to help and we've become good friends with Tom since he started doing the run for Robert. Our thanks have to go out to everyone."

Last year Tom and his friend David Bell raised £1,800, a remarkable achievement.

## Ragwort Rebels



Children from Silloth school assisted the AONB unit volunteers by carrying out ragwort pulling during July on Mawbray banks, as part of the South Solway Dunes Habitat Restoration & Access Project.

## RAFA Club Leek Show

On Saturday 13th September the tables in the RAFA Club were overflowing with members leeks and a variety of vegetables and flowers in the open sections of the annual show.

Entries were well up on last year. After an afternoon spent viewing the exhibits the prizes were presented by Mr Ben Clark from Carrs Flour Mills



S.Hankin with his winning leeks

who were one of the sponsors of the show. The prize winners are:

Members Section - 1st S. Hankin 226.11 cubic cm.  
2nd J. Atkinson 198.29 cubic cm.  
3rd S Buchanan 181.30 c.c.

Best Leek in show S. Hankin  
First Lady in show J. Atkinson  
Most improved member J. Dixon

Wooden spoon J. Simpson

Open Section

Class 2 - Trench Leek 1st B. McClymont 2nd A. Riddick 3rd B. McClymont.

Class 3 - Intermediate 1st B. McClymont 2nd S. Hankin 3rd J. Atkinson.

Class 4 - Tomatoes 1st I. Caulfield 2nd I. Dixon 3rd A. Riddick.

Class 5 - Potatoes 1st & 2nd C. Hubbard 3rd B. Todd.

Class 6 - Shallots 1st I. Caulfield 2nd B. Johnston 3rd B. McClymont.

Class 7 - Onions 1st B. McClymont 2nd & 3rd S. Hankin.

Class 8 - Carrots 1st 2nd & 3rd S. Hankin.

Class 9 - 4 Veg 1st B. McClymont 2nd J. Atkinson 3rd S. Hankin.

Class 10 - Parsnips 1st B. McClymont 2nd C. Hubbard 3rd N. Wilshaw.

Class 11 - Beetroot 1st 2nd & 3rd S. Hankin.

Class 12 - Vase of Flowers 1st S. Atkinson 2nd & 3rd B. Todd.

Class 13 - Flowering Pot Plant 1st I. Dixon 2nd B. McClymont 3rd C. Hubbard.

Class 14 - Foliage Plant 1st 2nd & 3rd C. Hubbard.

Class 15 - Open Pot Leek 1st & 2nd B. McClymont 3rd S. Hankin 4th A. Hankin.

Mr B. McClymont won the Brian Atkinson Trophy for the Open Pot Leek, also Best Exhibit in the show and Gardening News Shield for most points in the show.

The Leek Club would like to thank all the sponsors for their help and also all the exhibitors without which the show wouldn't be such a success. Thanks also to Shona and all the staff at the RAFA Club for their support throughout the year.

We look forward to even more entries next year. Anyone wishing to join the RAFA Leek Club should contact I. Caulfield Tel. 016973 31531 as soon as possible.

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