

Mayors Report

As many of you know, I spent the first week of February in the Cumberland Infirmary seriously ill.

I am now on the road to recovery, having said that I was unable to attend the February meeting of the council so have compiled my report from the minutes.

The meeting was attended by Ashley Daymond and Julia Cooper of the Solway Community Technology College. Ashley gave a presentation to the Town Council and thanked them for their sponsorship of the Citizenship Prize. This enabled him and his family to spend two days in London sightseeing, shopping and taking in a show. They met Tony Cunningham MP, who showed them around the Houses of Parliament.

Correspondence: Allerdale are extending the scope of the dog control order whereby those persons who allow their dogs to foul and fail to clean up will be liable to fines.

The Town Council commend Allerdale BC for their efforts on a major concern relating to the sports field and Greens areas.

The Council received a letter praising the work carried out at the entrance to the sports field from the Crofts and the siting of a litter bin, which it is hoped the public will use.

Noted were planning approvals by Allerdale BC i.e. Change of use 9 Station Road, proposed sun room 8 Lattrigg Street and conversion of the old police station to five houses. A committee report was given following an inspection of the childrens play area in Eden Street, several items are getting old, plus they suffer a large amount of vandalism. It was proposed to replace the wood on the fort with metal and the structure to be sand blasted and painted. The climbing frame/monkey bars are to be removed. The small childs cradle seats require replacement yet again due to improper use. All these costs have to be met by the rate payers of Silloth.

Councillor Gus Proud sent in a letter of resignation.

Lent Lunches



Holm Cultram Abbey used the shop



St. Andrews Hall: A good turn out



Holme St. Cuthbert L-R: Margaret Thomson (grandmother) with twins Ella & Jack with neighbour Terry Neaves

Report & Photos by: Bill & Winifred Allan

Lent Lunches were held at Holme St. Cuthberts on Tuesdays, on Wednesdays the five churches of Silloth, Christ Church, Evangelical Free Church, United Reform, Roman Catholic and Methodist taking their turn in St Andrews Hall to supply the Soup and rolls with all proceeds going to the same charity.

Holm Cultram

Abbey had theirs on a Thursday and with the Abbey having no roof and the entrance being barred, the Shop entrance was used. The Lunches were served from the new kitchen into the shop which was just like sitting in a restaurant. Lunches were served by Mrs Hurst, Mrs Foster, and Mrs Harrison on the day the photo was taken, Mrs Donald sold Raffle tickets on entry.

There was a report from Silloth Regeneration Partnership on the recent meeting with Heritage Lottery regarding the proposed project for the Green. A meeting was held regarding the pre-application form. The application is being submitted for a project planning grant of £50k. Detailed plans will be drawn up by experts in the field.

The question of the Criffel St. market was raised again, it was agreed to write to Allerdale BC to try and get it moved along the street to avoid traffic congestion. A letter is to be sent to the Highways department regarding the missing street light on the rear corner of the Bowling Club, which gave a light to the users of the pensioners hut at night.

Stanwix Park Donation to Air Ambulance



L-R: Liz Nichols, Wilma Armstrong & Eric Stanwix jnr present a cheque for £500 to Jan Hawkins, Senior Co-ordinator for the Great North Air Ambulance

Liz Nichols and Wilma Armstrong said that after a lot of persuasion, Eric Stanwix Jnr finally agreed to try one Country and Western Festival.

Having got their way, in March 2004 Stanwix Park Holiday Centre was converted into Fort Stanwix for 3 days.

This was a bit of an adventure into the unknown for the Stanwix family, as they were suddenly faced with Native Americans, Mexicans, Gun fighters, Gamblers and Tarts,

plus the Union and Confederate Army.

There was good music, dancing and a room full of friendly people (with some shooting at each other).

Now, raising money for charity is what country folks do best and at the first festival over £1,200 was raised for charity. The whole event was such a success that Eric Jnr asked the people who helped organize the events do another one the following November.

This year has seen the 7th Festival and they just

get better and better. The success of these events is due to the excellent facilities on the site and the trusting Stanwix family virtually hand over the club to a load of mad country folks.

Up to now £6,500 has been donated to various local charities. This year the proceeds will go the Kidney Unit, and Alzheimer's Care. It is hard work for the organizers but most certainly worth it, long may it continue and go from strength to strength.

Council Website Best in Cumbria

Allerdale Borough Council's website is the best local authority site in Cumbria according to leading public sector IT association, SOCITM (Society of Information Technology Management).

SOCITM's review of local authority web sites awarded Allerdale Borough Council the highest score in Cumbria. The website rated particularly well in terms of news value, the A to Z of services and ease of navigation. Overall the site was judged to be "a compelling user experience". The report also highlighted the website's Plain English Campaign Crystal Mark and innovations such as the Workington town centre webcam and Allerdale Borough Council's recent 'Council in a Click' marketing campaign, which aimed to encourage Allerdale

residents to click onto its website to pay a bill, report a problem or ask a question.

Councillor George Scott, Executive member with responsibility for IT Services, said: "The Council is committed

to making information about Council services available online in an easy-to-use way and I am pleased that the hard work of the Council's IT team has been recognised. Well done to everyone involved".

Pussy Bee
by Philippa Howie
aged 6 from
Dalbeattie Primary School



Outerspace Bee
by
Faye Van Rotterdam
aged almost 7 from
Wiggonby School

Tom
by
Cameron Connor
aged 6 from
Whitelees Primary, Cumbernauld