

Mayors Report by Graham Wilkinson

The Mayors Report for March & April 2008.

The Chairman attended several events these included: The Civic Dinner for the Mayor of Allerdale, the Junior School Choir night at Stanwix Park and the Pool League presentation night in the Social Club.

PC Andy Robertsons' report included: drunk and disorderly conduct, door to door fish salesmen from the North East who should not be entertained, vandalism and theft from vehicles, the use of mini moto's within

the town and arrests for common assault. He was questioned on when will PCSO Noblet will be back on duty in the town, she returns at the end of June. A new inspector has been appointed to cover the area. The Town Council has made a request for cover until then, this will be discussed.

Mike Philips gave a report to Council on the transition of the North Allerdale Partnership into the North Allerdale Development Trust, which will come into action over the next three

months. This is the body whom we work with on regeneration projects such as The Green and the facelift schemes which business properties have taken up over the past year.

Correspondence dealt with: a letter to Cumbria County Council regarding the possible purchase of the sports area, this matter is ongoing. A request for financial support from Mencap a donation of £100 was agreed. A letter of request for the sports pitches to be declared a dog free area due to the dog fouling, this was discussed with Allerdale B.C. and refused as the area has no secure fencing to all boundaries so cannot be included in the Act. However a request will be made to Allerdale for the Dog Warden to make regular visits in hope that the offenders will be dealt with. Silloth Festival Ltd and Silloth Vintage Rally Ltd requested the use of The Green for their annual events, this was agreed. Proposals are being discussed for illuminated road signs at Maryport and Stanwix Park corner when Dubmill is closed.

Other reports came from S.T.A.G. who have distributed 30,000 publicity leaflets via the Tourist Information

Centres. Sea Dyke Charity, the Chairman John Graham has been re-elected and work goes on. The County Council work at Dubmill has held up the work on a zebra crossing at West Silloth but it will be done shortly. Silloth Football Club requested funding to purchase tracksuits or rain jackets at a cost of £650, this was agreed with the proviso that the garments endorse the support by the Town Council. Funding was also requested by the Vintage Rally in support of a sheep shearing demonstration by Australian clippers, a donation of £500 was agreed. Mobex have started talks with youngsters re-youth provision. The Highways department will be approached with a view to making the top end of Esk Street one way from the junction of Raglans Court to Solway Street due to the lack of parking provision.

A report re the HLF bid for The Green project was given, the bid is nearing completion and full details will be available soon, watch this space.

Outstanding matters from Allerdale B.C. were discussed i.e. Toilets at North House car park these have now been re-opened. The cemetery bridge, a contract of work has been awarded but

Report by: Gladys Temple

The Annual General Meeting of the Arthritis Group was held at Loveday House.

Chairman Edna Marper welcomed everyone especially Mary Heslam who would entertain us with some tales. Secretary Peggy Bray read the minutes.

Edna gave her report and we had a very interesting and informative year with slides from Norman Godfrey and Leo Holden, speakers Paul Gibson (rheumatology nurse) Jackie Barker (Alexander Technique), Jackie Herbert (herbalist), Lyn Hardie (Age Concern) and Mary Heslam. We had trips to Gretna and Grasmere and New Year dinner at Newton Arlosh. Treasurer Mary Harrison gave a comprehensive financial report and it was agreed that the annual subs remain at £6 with the meeting fee being £1. The appointment of officers took place and as Chairman Edna

awaits agreement from the Environment Agency. Missing Street lighting at the rear of the Bowling Club and on the road to the Convalescent home will to be taken up with Allerdale along with the missing street nameplates which are outstanding from 2005, we await the outcome.

Marper and Secretary Peggy Bray both wished to resign it was proposed that Christine Smithson be Chairman, Mary Peile Vice Chairman, Gladys Temple Secretary, Mary Harrison Treasurer, Anne Graham Refreshment Organiser, Joan Gilbertson Auditor and Peggy Bray a Committee Member. These appointments were passed unanimously.

Peggy had already organised the programme for the coming year subject to adjustments. Edna asked Mary Heslam to read some of her poems. She began with a one about Walton followed by The Wigton By-pass. As she is writing a book we requested a flavour of chapter 2 as we had enjoyed chapter 1 last year. More poems followed with one on an ear of corn, Ian's Effluent and The forgotten Army.

Joan Gilbertson and Mary Thompson served refreshments. Mary Harrison was kept busy collecting the subs and Mary Peile was the lucky raffle winner.



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