

Eyesore Property

Allerdale Borough Council has prosecuted a Silloth man for failing to comply with the Building Act 1984, concerning the state of a dilapidated property in the town.

William George Tinnion, of Greenrow, Silloth, was issued with a Section 79 Notice, under the act, on 17th July 2003 which required him to either renovate or demolish the long-disused shop and house, known as Bank View, on Golf Villas.

In evidence heard at North Cumbria Magistrates Court in Carlisle, the run-down building was declared as being "seriously detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood" following complaints made to the Council about its condition.

Mr Tinnion was given 180 days after the notice was served to carry out the required works but an inspection made on 30 January 2004 found that a large majority of the renovation had not been done, nor had the property been demolished.

Allerdale Borough Council wrote to Mr Tinnion on 6 April 2004 informing him it intended to carry out the renovation or demolition work as the statutory notice had not been complied with. He subsequently submitted a planning application to redevelop the property

which was approved in October 2004.

It was expected that the redevelopment would have begun in the following few months but by March 2005 nothing had happened. Further negotiations took place during 2006, 2007 and early 2008 with little progress.

A list of the works still to be completed was sent to Mr Tinnion on 21 May 2008, asking why they had not been done and advising him the Council was considering legal proceedings. A further copy was hand delivered to Mr Tinnion on 6 June 2008.

District Judge Gerald Chalk found Mr Tinnion guilty of failing to comply with the notice under Section 79 of the Building Act 1984, after a trial on Monday.

He was also found guilty of failing to provide information as to the owner of the property after claiming it was jointly-owned, despite the Land Registry confirming it was in sole ownership. A notice under Section 16 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 was served on Mr Tinnion on 17 June 2008 – giving him 14 days to supply the requested information – to which no response was received.

Mr Tinnion was fined £100 for the first offence and ordered to pay court costs of £300.

Silloth Pensioners

Report by: Patricia Froggatt

Silloth Pensioners Coffee Morning

Despite torrential rain and gale force winds many hardy regulars turned out for the monthly coffee morning held on October 4th. Although the weather was atrocious, the feeling of warmth permeated throughout the building with old friends and new having a very relaxing time and enjoying the scones, biscuits, coffee and tea.

The cake stall as always was well stocked and proved very popular, together with the selection of bric-a-brac and books on sale.

The raffle was also well supported and the following were the lucky winners:

1st Mrs. Merchants

2nd Mary Story
3rd Isabel Gilmour
4th Diane Shaw
5th Diane Wallace
6th Pat Bell
7th Mrs. Mattinson

The Committee would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to those who managed to support their local monthly coffee morning on such an awful day.

The total amount raised was £102.90.

At our coffee morning held on the 13th September a total of £128.26 was raised towards the funds. A donation of £100 was made by the Over 60's club towards the cost of electricity.

It was a pleasure to see old faces and particularly to welcome new faces to these coffee mornings.

Abbeytown M.U.

Report by: Gladys Temple

Branch Leader Maureen Gibson

welcomed everyone to the September meeting, especially Linda McDonald, Head teacher of Holme Cultram Abbey School.

Prayers were lead by Gladys Temple and Maureen added prayers for Robbie Girdler who thankfully is back home and doing well also for Lyn Tembey who is attending the York Provincial Meeting in the Isle of Man.

Letters of thanks were received from Mary Mattinson and Elsie Donald for the flowers and cards received from members on the occasion of their 'special birthdays'. Thanks were also received from Boltons, Ireby & Uldale Mothers Union and Wigton Mothers Union for the welcome and lovely evening they enjoyed at Abbeytown. There was an invite to Flimby on 6th December at 2pm and the Christmas card catalogue was passed around. Freda Garner collected money for the new 'Families First' magazine. Linda McDonald was then introduced to talk on 'relationships'. She began by telling us about her family and her career before she became a teacher. She was in the meteorological office and never thought of teaching until she had

her first son. She helped at playgroup and then became a leader, read stories to the children and realised she enjoyed being with small children. She went to college for teacher training at Charlotte Mason, Ambleside and got her first job at Silloth Primary School where she stayed for two years then went to Bothel for 10 years. Linda has been at Holme Cultram School for 2 1/2 years and thoroughly enjoys it. The ethos of the school is that children will not learn properly if they are not happy at school, so the staff have good relationships with parents and children to try and make school a happy experience for all. The motto is 'you can do it'. There are several aspects to this scheme. Praise for good behaviour, good attendance, looking after your neighbour, etc. The school assemblies are well attended by parents and grandparents over the year and the Christmas play was in the Assembly Rooms as so many want to be there. They have lots of visitors from the local community and many relationships are formed outside school.

Freda Garner thanked Linda. Brenda Sim and Mary Mattinson served refreshments. Everyone enjoyed a good relaxing cup of tea with lots of old photos of past pupils to see.

Changes to Planning Regs

People wanting to make alterations to their homes are warned to be aware of changes to planning regulations coming into force this week. The rules which govern the need for planning permission for home alterations changed on Wednesday 1 October.

As a result, some small extensions and outbuildings may no longer need planning permission, while some other changes – including the creation of hard surfaced areas like driveways and patios – will now sometimes need

consent. Special controls will still apply in parts of Allerdale including conservation areas.

If you are thinking of altering your home then Allerdale Borough Council's planning staff can help you understand the new rules and explain whether permission is needed for what you have in mind.

The team can be contacted on 01900 702740, by e-mail: planning@allerdale.gov.uk or by writing to: Planning Department, Allerdale House, Workington, CA14 3YJ.

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