

PRESENT: Cllr G McGrath (Chair), Cllr S Faulkner (Mayor), Cllr R Kelly (MTC & Cumberland Authority), Cllr B Crellin, Cllr D Billing, Cllr A Gager-Leibhart, Cllr D Barry, Cllr J Kellett, Cllr J Micklethwaite, Cllr A MacDonald, Cllr J Brown, Cllr P Brown, Cllr D Myers, Clerk Mrs Cath Jopson and Assistant Clerk/RFO Mrs Gillian Hoyle. 5 Members of the public were present.

201//23: APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr Ormesher (ill health), Cumberland Cllr A Pratt

202/23: EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC:

No matters arising from the exclusion of press and public.

203/23: CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

Chair:

The Chair began the opening of the meeting welcoming the 2 new councillors and the members of the public who were present. He informed the council that Cllr Amos had resigned from the council and that he would be a sad loss. He informed the council and members of the public that there were still 2 vacancies available for any member of the public to apply for the position of town councillor.

The Chair following this did make comment about behaviour on social network and reminded councillors should they comment etc that they ensure they comply within the statutory guidelines, standing orders and code of conduct.

204/23: MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The mayor informed the councillors that she had attended a presentation meeting at Thwaites School and was very impressed with the work that the school was carrying out. Cllr Faulkner proposed that the clerk write a letter of thanks to the school. This was seconded by Cllr McGrath and agreed. **Action: Clerk to send letter of thanks**

Due to the lack of attendance at the workstream meetings Cllr Faulkner proposed that the Community Plan, Environment meet together as progress is needed within these areas. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th April commencing 4.30pm. **Action: Clerk to write thank you letter to Thwaites School**

205/23: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No declaration of interests were received.

206/23: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY 2024 AS A CORRECT RECORD:

It was proposed by Cllr Micklethwaite that the minutes from the meeting held on 28th February 2024 be signed as a true and correct record, this was seconded Cllr Faulkner and agreed.

207/23: ACTIONS UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING MINUTES:

The clerk informed the meeting that all the office actions arising from the meeting held on 28th February 2024 had all been actioned. To date no response had been received in relation to the Queen's Park development nor from Serco in relation to the HMO houses.

Cllr Kelly informed the council that the 2-hour parking request from Millom Town Council would be looked at in 2025/26 Cumberland review. Cllr McGrath proposed that a letter be written to Cumberland Authority making it known that this was fast becoming an issue especially when visitors visit the area as a 1-hour park is not enough. This was seconded by Cllr McDonald and agreed. **Action: Clerk to write letter to Cumberland Authority to try and expedite this request.**

208/23 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

The chair invited members of the public who were present to join the meeting. The main complaints that the residents had was the state of the Queen's Park Estate as it was fast becoming an eyesore with fencing falling down etc. The Chair proposed that a letter was re-sent to Homegroup asking for an update on the area.

Action: Clerk to chase up both Queen's Park and Serco correspondence.

A further highlighted issue from the members of the public was that the trees on the new road were now becoming too large and were starting to block out light for the houses behind. The clerk informed the meeting that she had requested some of the trees to be trimmed down but Highways Authority at that time did not see an issue with them. She did inform the meeting that she at that time thought it could be a health and safety issue as no street lights were in that area and it was an accident waiting to happen. This was reiterated by the residents too that they were afraid to walk on the footpath at night. It was proposed by Cllr McGrath that a further letter be written to Highways with regard to this issue, it was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed. **Action: Clerk to write to Highways Authority via Cllr Kelly.**

209/23: ACCOUNTS/FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Cllr Brown proposed that the accounts be signed as a true and correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Kelly and agreed. **Action: RFO to ensure all payments are made**

210/23: 80TH ANNIVERSARY D DAY:

Cllr Kellett informed the council that all arrangements were being sorted with the events workforce and updates will be given as and when meetings are held. The Clerk informed the council that the beacon had been ordered.

211/23: UPDATE ON HAVERIGG FEASIBILITY STUDY:

The clerk informed the council that the public meeting held in Haverigg on 22nd March had been very well attended, the Millom one in the pensioners hall on 23rd March not too much. Feedback looked positive for the project. Member of the public advised that she would be willing to display the concept in her premises for local people in the area to have a look at. Cllr Faulkner thanked the member of the public for this and would arrange for plans etc to be placed on display in Mafe Do and Mend. **Action: Clerk to arrange for more copies of the Haverigg concept to be sent. Cllr Faulkner to connect and take documents to the resident for display on her premises.**

212/23: TOWN DEAL UPDATE:

Cllr Kelly informed the meeting that things were starting to move now albeit slowly with regard to the various projects within the Iron Line. He stated that all monies were to be spent by March 2026. Following the lack of information filtering through to the council Cllr McGrath proposed that the Chair of the Town Deal be asked if he would come and explain

the town deal in more detail to the council, this was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed.

Action: Letter to Chair of Town Deal requesting a town council update

213/23: POLICIES TO ADOPT:

- Information Technology Policy – It was proposed by Cllr Gager-Liebhart that the policy be adopted by the town council, this was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed.

214/23: CUMBERLAND AND COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Due to the absence of Cllr Pratt Cllr McGrath read out his written response to issues in and around Haverigg and Millom areas. He also informed in regard to the closure of the road at Bootle.

Cllr McGrath informed the council that he was now the Joint Treasurer of CALC (Cumbria Association of Local Councils) and that he needed ratification from the town council for this. Cllr McDonald proposed that MTC write and fully support and ratify his position, this was seconded by Cllr Micklethwaite and agreed. **Action: Clerk to write letter of support to CALC for Cllr McGrath's ratification process**

Cllr Kelly informed the meeting that himself and Cllr Barry had attended the Summit Event conference in Carlisle and that the main item of concern was Climate Change. He informed the meeting that more enforcement officers were going to target the problem areas with regard to dog fouling and that they would be attending during out of hours to try and alleviate this issue, there would also be on-the-spot fines for anyone caught not picking up the dog mess.

Cllr Kelly asked to avoid social media criticism of the Cumberland Authority could all complaints, enquiries please go through himself of Cllr A Pratt.

Cllr Brown questioned Cllr Kelly as to what our council tax actually paid for, his response to this was it paid for schools, teachers, emergency services, doctors, roads etc and of course the Millom Town Precept. Cllr McDonald proposed that perhaps the council could write and ask the Senior Management Team from Cumberland Authority to come and talk to the councillors and to explain what their plans are in the future for Millom and Haverigg. This was seconded by Cllr McGrath. **Action: Clerk to write to leaders of Cumberland Authority asking for a meeting**

Cllr Barry informed the meeting that he had successfully succeeded in getting a veteran re-housed in Millom. Cllr Barry also reported that he had been looking into the Cumbrian Coast and Furness train lines and that it appeared that they receive a subsidy of £98.7 million.

Cllr Brown stated that she would like to thank the Haverigg Enterprise Groups for all the hard work they are carrying out in both Haverigg and Millom areas and proposed a letter be sent to the governor in this regard. This was seconded by Cllr Faulkner. **Action: Clerk to write to Haverigg Enterprises.**

Cllr Kellett informed the meeting that everything was coming into place for the 50th anniversary celebrations of Millom Town Council. The Clerk asked all councillors if they

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would donate a raffle prize for the event.

215/23: TRAINING – PREVENT DUTY/DBS CHECKS:

- Proposal for implementing Prevent Training for Town Councillors
- Proposal for implementing Paid & Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Checks
- Presentation on Prevent/Terrorism by Cllr Gager-Liebhart

216/23: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION:

Letter from Parishioner requesting a Survey in relation to the proposed GDF Project

A short discussion took place in regard to the request of a survey for the proposed GDF Project. The council felt that as no further information in regard to the siting etc of the project they should not carry out a survey of the people in the Millom and Haverigg area. Cllr Kelly proposed that a letter be written referring back to our previous response, this was seconded by Cllr Billing and agreed. **Action: Clerk to write to parishioner with outcome of meeting.**

Letter from Millom Amateur Operatic Society:

A letter asking for support from Millom Town Council had been received for backing of their funding application. Cllr McGrath proposed that this letter be written in support, this was seconded by Cllr Kelly and agreed. **Action: Clerk to write letter of support**

Letter received regarding an available house in Millom to Rent:

Cllr McGrath proposed that this letter be forwarded to Cllr Myers for consideration by the Millom Action Group. This was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed.

217/23: COMMUNICATIONS:

As this topic was originally put on the agenda by a resigned councillor, Cllr Gager-Liebhart agreed to take on this. This to be placed on the agenda at the next meeting.

218/23: TRAINING – PREVENT DUTY/DBS CHECKS:

Cllr Gager-Liebhart explained the rationale for training for councillors and the importance of DBS checks. As this will be a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Gager-Liebhart to hold an extra meeting in the offices in an evening when councillors could attend. This was seconded by Cllr McGrath and agreed. **Action: Cllr Gager-Liebhart/Clerk to arrange training date and time.**

219/23: PLANNING:

- **Highways Act 1980 Section 119 – Proposed Diversion of Footpath [No: 415026 – Parish of Millom** – The council had no objections in principle to this application.
- **4/23/2246/0F1** – Change of use of Property from Former Commercial (Bank) and Residential Use to Proposed Millom Arts & Enterprise Centre – Including demolition of Existing Outrigger Extensions and Bank Vault, Refurbishment & Landscaping and Proposed Extension to Accommodate a Ground Floor Café – National Westminster Bank Ltd – 5 St George's Road, Millom - The council had no objections in principle to this application
- **4/23/2390/0F1 – Amended/Additional Information** – Proposed new two storey dwelling and erection of Detached Garden Room with Front Garden -Land to Side of Whitriggs Cottage, Haverigg Road, Millom. The council had no objections in principle to this application

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
24th APRIL 2024 COMMENCING 07.00PM IN THE MILLOM COUNCIL OFFICES

- **4/24/2073/0F1** – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use-60 one-storey accommodation cells with 15 Ancillary Cells including multi-use areas, stores, staff areas and a servery. – HM Prison, Haverigg - The council had no objections in principle to this application

220/23: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

It was requested that the following be added to the next month agenda:

- Cycle Project
- Coast Guard – Honour of 47-years' service
- 50th Anniversary – Roll of Honour Certificate

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.45pm

Signed: Chair 27th March 2024

