

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING 12 NOON IN THE COUNCIL
OFFICES**

PRESENT: Cllr G McGrath (Chair), Cllr S Faulkner (Mayor), Cllr R Kelly, Cllr J Brown, Cllr B Amos, Cllr D Billing, Cllr D Barry, Cllr J Kellett, Cllr A Gager-Leibhart, and Assistant Town Clerk Mrs Gillian Hoyle
Cumberland Cllr A Pratt
1 Member of the public

179/23: APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr Jane Micklethwaite (due to other commitments)

180/23: EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC:

No items on the agenda needed the exclusion of the press or public.

181/23: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

182/23: HMO PROPERTIES

The meeting was called to discuss the development of HMO properties in Millom.

The chair thanked all members for attending the meeting, and added actions needed to be put into place with regards the ongoing issues of HMO properties being developed in Millom. A Millom Action Group has been set up, with approx. 1500 members and Dean Myers is representing this group (until they form a committee). There has been a meeting with MP Trudy Harrison, Cumberland Council Officers, the police, and members of the action group. Mayor Simone Faulkner read a statement, which had been given to the meeting.

The chair suspended Standing Orders, to allow a member of the public to speak.

Dean Myers read a response from Trudy Harrison MP, Attached

Cllr Andy Pratt read a document stating Cumberland Council were aware of a Home Office program, from May 2023, but this had not been passed to councillors.

After a discussion on ways to move forward, it was proposed to:-

- Write letters to known investors of properties purchased within the town.
- Write to Cumberland Authority regarding planning and licences for HMO properties. Also to ask about Cumberland's compulsory scheme planning.
- Write to SERCO, expressing the inappropriate location, for HMO's and asking about what integration strategies are in place for Millom.
- Put a Public Statement out condemning the
- behaviour/ vandalism of property/ racism.
- Arrange a Town Meeting for council and the Millom Action Group

The above actions were proposed by Cllr McGrath, seconded by Cllr Faulkner, and agreed by all councillors. **All actions to be completed by Friday 9th February.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 13:00 pm

Signed: Chair Dated: 28th February 2024