

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31st JULY
2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor Cllr Angela Dixon (AD), Cllr Ruth Peter (RP), Cllr Janice Brown (JB), Cllr Tony Dixon (TD), Cllr Sandra Carter (SC), Cllr Tess Fitzwilliam (TF) Cllr Richard Pattinson (RPa), Cllr Barbara Crellin (BC), Cllr David Billing (DB), Cllr R Cummings (RC), Cllr R Kelly (RK), Cllr Jennifer Jakubowski (JJ), Cllr Simone Faulkner (SF), Cllr Jane Micklethwaite (JM), Cllr Graham Brace (GB), Clerk V Bradley, Assistant Clerk C Jopson, 2 members of the public

072/19 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: Cllr G McGrath CBC, CCC Keith Hitchen

073/19 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Mayor opened the meeting stating that the last month had had its ups and downs and that the council were doing their best to support the community.

Following attending a 3-tier meeting at Waberthwaite Village hall it had been discussed that better connections/communications with Town/Parish councils was imperative with CCC and CBC. Other parishes were finding it difficult also to liaise with the said departments.

Another drain flooding had occurred and the emergency plan was executed, this appeared to have worked well. In relation to future possible flooding events the Mayor stated that she would like letters sent out to neighbouring farmers asking if at all possible they could help with the pumping of excess water if called upon. **Action: Clerk**

The Mayors Civic Sunday Service will be held on 11 August in St George's Church followed by refreshments in the Palladium.

There is also to be a coffee morning in the Guide Hut on 31st August and the Mayor asked if anyone could help with the running of this. All donations towards this would be greatly appreciated.

074/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest

**075/19 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
26TH JUNE 2019**

It was **RESOLVED** that these minutes be signed as a True record. **AGREED**

**076/19 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING HELD ON 8TH JULY 2019:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a True record subject to an amendment on item: 067/19 Apologies of Absence that Cllr S Carter and Cllr R Pattinson had sent in their apologies.

AGREED

077/19 OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Irene Rogan informed the council about a project starting with the Arts Council of England aimed firstly at Millom to Broughton expanding the footprints of the cultural and art programmes in these areas. Some monies have already been allocated to the proposed projects such as stone carving and setting up of village workshops to help carve these stones. Firstly there are 3 stones to be carved 2 for Millom area and one for The Green following this the aim is to have several stone carvings for each village and voluntary help would be sought for funding, transport and siting these stones when finished. Burlington Slate Company has already stated that they would donate some of the slate stones for carving. The relevant Councils to be involved in deciding where to place the stones when finished. Support was also required to encourage tourism in the areas perhaps encouraging the schools to take part in upcoming projects to promote the areas.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the buses from Millom to Haverigg and suggested that it could also pick up passengers on its returning routes for eg: 9.45 and 12.45.

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078/19 CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Mayor announced that it was nice to receive an update from CCC representative Cllr D Wilson. A copy of his email was handed out incorporating a reply email from Ian McCoy of United Utilities stating that following an assessment of the recent flooding, “the pumps had been working correctly and they had found no evidence of sewer flooding either internally or externally at any of the properties involved”. They do, however, having secured grant funding, intend to carry out further investigations into options addressing the flood risks in Millom. They are hopeful that the appointed consultant will start work over the summer.

It was also felt necessary that following any meetings for eg: 3-tier meetings, the Council should receive updates from the CCC/CBC representatives if anything regarding our area was discussed. Formal letters requesting this to be sent. **ACTION: CLERK**

079/19 COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

No report has been received.

080/19 MILLOM TOWN COUNCILLORS AND/OR TOWN CLERK REPORT:

Nothing to report

081/19 AMENITIES AND RECREATION UPDATE:

AD reported that following a meeting with Gareth Douglas-Brown regarding the play area our business report was nearly there although one or two issues had been raised in regard to the plan with the need to split this into sections before attempting funding from perhaps the following: National Heritage – for the pavilion, Sport England – BMX track, Lottery and Copeland Community Fund.

DB identified CCF as a possible funder (contact Helen Conway). This is a possible route for funding but the need for a business plan was imperative along with costings, a list of what already had been carried out, what funding had been received to date and what monies, if any, had been given in kind. **ACTION: To form a sub-committee from A&R (as agreed at last meeting of A&R)**

082/19 REPORT FROM 3 TIER MEETING HELD ON 24TH JULY 2019:

Following a meeting of the 3-tier meeting held RC informed the council that other councils were experiencing the same problems as Millom

083/19 TO ADD NEW MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

The following councillors were additionally elected to serve as representatives on outside bodies:

- **Finance/Planning – Cllr J Jakubowski, Cllr J Micklethwaite**
- **Planning – Cllr J Jakubowski, Cllr J Micklethwaite**
- **CGP – Cllr J Micklethwaite**
- **Duddon Estuary Partnership – Cllr D Billing**
- **South Copeland Partnership - Cllr D Billing**
- **Millom Children’s Centre - Cllrs R Cummings & Cllr S Faulkner**
- **Ghyll Scaur Quarry Liaison - Cllr T Dixon**
- **Amenities & Recreation – Cllr J Jakubowski, Cllr J Micklethwaite, Cllr G Brace, Cllr D Billing & Cllr R Cummings**
- **Silecroft Education Committee – Cllr T Dixon & Cllr S Faulkner**
- **Norman Nicholson Memorial Fund – Cllr J Micklethwaite & Cllr S Faulkner**

It was also requested that all councillors be emailed when South Copeland Partnership meetings were going to be held. **ACTION: CLERK**

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084/19 YOUTH COUNCILLOR UPDATE:

It was reported that one of the Youth representatives was leaving the school to enrol in the Navy and although the other representative was invited to attend the meeting no-one had arrived.

085/19 CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

RPa informed the Council that there were no new updates and that information was still being collated for the Strategy which was getting larger.

Two main areas of investigation were the energy saving street lighting and possible yearly tree planting.

It was mentioned that there were various sources of funding/match funding available for tree planting. Possibilities to reduce carbon footprint was the planting of memory trees in park areas and other themed planting areas. RPa also reported that there is lots of information in relation to these projects and the possibility of working with the Tree Council on possible projects. If anyone interested to contact RP. SF proposed that the schools could be involved to design areas for planting. **ACTION: AD,RP**

DB proposed that traffic management/pollution should also be included in the Strategy. **ACTION: Sub-committee to be formed at a later date**

JM,DB proposed that another possibility was the installation of electric car points. RP reported that at a NWE meeting the option of planting batteries (area of designation to be considered) for this scheme to power the charging points which could possibly be situated at Millom Station. RP had a recent meeting with ENWL and they stated that as long as a field was provided for solar panels they would supply charging posts. As it was early days yet it was felt the need to involve CBC for a suitable site. **ACTION: AD**

086/19 SWIMMING POOL

Nothing to report

087/19 PUBLIC REALM:

No updates. The Clerk informed the council that as Cllr McGrath is no longer a member for Millom Town Council and represents the Blackcombe Ward we have no representatives available to update the council. **RK** suggested that a letter be written to CBC and ask what is happening with the Public Realm and to keep us updated. It was also suggested that the town council requires at least one representative from the Council to attend – letter to CBC. **ACTION: CLERK**

088/19 CCTV:

A letter from the Crime Commissioner stated that it was up to them where monies would be allocated and that they would also decide the areas for it to be situated if MTC were to be successful. It was agreed that an application should still go ahead. Moving forward as the Council had monies set aside for CCTV it was unanimously agreed that this should be spent on getting CCTV installed in the park area. This was once agreed it should now be ordered. The Clerk informed the Council that the original estimate received from Westmorland Fire & Security still stood. **ACTION: AD,TD, CLERK**

089/19 SPEEDING:

DB reported to the council that there were still ongoing concerns in regard to speeding throughout the town. Asking as to whether this could be monitored would be a question for Mr Craig McCarron and it was agreed to ask what if anything could be done to alleviate this problem.

A survey taken a while ago on Poolside, Haverigg showed that 70% of traffic travelling through were in fact speeding. It was stated following this survey that there was a proposal to possibly add a roundabout at the Harbour corner to alleviate accidents in that vicinity.

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SF asked if it would be possible to have painted signs on the road. DB suggested that a further discussion with Highways asking what could be done in relation to this problem. These problems to be raised at the next 3-tier meeting/highways meeting. **ACTION: CLERK , AD, TD, DB**

090/19 CYCLISTS:

SF raised concerns over young cyclists in and around the area in large groups causing concerns that they are not adhering to the proper Highway Code and that when confronted they appear to be very abusive and have threatening behaviour. It was agreed to contact police in this regard with the possibility of raising awareness. TD to contact the secondary school in the hope of arranging with the police in the re-education of the dangers riding a bicycle in an unsafe manner and updating them on the Highway Code in relation to cycling. **ACTION: CLERK, TD**

091/19 TRAIN SCHEDULES:

RP reported that it was becoming increasingly difficult to find train schedules in the stations, and information about trains which were either cancelled or being delayed/ **ACTION: RP**

092/19 DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS (OLD SCHOOL – HORN HILL):

DB stated that he had contacted the Mayor of Copeland M Starkie with details and photos of the above property and had reported over 2-years ago in a plan of dilapidated properties throughout the borough. He informed him he would look into the matter, but as yet it would appear that nothing has materialised. The matter has now been passed on to Mr Mike Graham who reported that as it is now up for sale there is nothing that they could do but wait and see if it was sold. It was agreed that we contact, CBC for an update and Open Spaces asking if they could help in relation to the overgrowing trees on this property that were encroaching the public footpath. **ACTION: CLERK**

093/19 EMERGENCY PLAN:

The Mayor reported to the Council that following the recent flooding the new emergency plan seemed to work well.

DB raised the question as to whether it would be appropriate to rehearse the plan and look at ways to maybe improve it.

It was suggested that a meeting be held for all councillors unfamiliar with procedures and training. **ACTION: TD/CLERK**

094/19 MILLOM DISASTER APPEAL FUND:

Following the circulation of the Constitution for the Millom Disaster Appeal concerns were raised with the following points:

- As it currently stands the names of Trustees appear on the Constitution if was felt that de-personalisation of names should be made.
- Item 3: Application of Income – To wide a spectrum needs to be restrictive
- Item 12: Vacancies – Must state that there is to be a quorum before any meeting can be held.

095/19 TO CONSIDER DONATIONS RECEIVED:

Two requests had been received for funding:

- Cumbria-Westmorland WI – help towards centenary project – **NOT AGREED**
- Slag-bank Play Association – help with insurance – **AGREED - sum of £467.30 to be given – ACTION CLERK**

096/19 PLANNING:

4/19/2208 - Outline application for Residential Development with full details of access land adjacent to Poolside/Whitriggs Close, Haverigg Road for Mr A Clark - The Council **strongly object** to this application. The answers to questions raised are as follows:

1. Within the planning statements

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- **1.1 Regarding access** - Is this using the access from the current new build or is there a new access proposed. It is also a concern that if a new access were to be made it would be opposite a busy junction which is already prone to heavy flooding following heavy rain falls
- **3.1 Assessment** - It states "the dwelling will be sited upon the footprint of the previously demolished building - this is **NOT** the case as the area is already being built upon with the other new build.

2. Drainage: Concerns were raising in regard to the proposed drainage proposals as there does not appear to be a main sewerage pipe available for connection; therefore, we need clarification on this matter.

Following these concerns the Council would like to request a site visit to discuss the above points.
Outcome: Strongly Object to application/Site visit requested

4/19/2224 - Change of use from Day Care (use Class D1)/Charitable office/activity space (use Class SUI Generis) to commercial office use (mixed used Class A2/B1(A) at the Bradbury Centre, St Georges Road, Millom for PPM Ltd.

Outcome: No objections to this application

4/19/2237 - Variations of Conditions 3, 4 & 5 (drainage) of planning permission 4/14/2304/0F1 - Midtown Farm, Main Street, Haverigg, Millom for Mr D Ridgway

Outcome: No objections to this application

4/19/2242 - Erect ground floor extensions - 3 Moor Park, Millom for Mrs K Hirst

Outcome: No objections to this application

4/19/2244 - Demolition of 60 No: Existing residential dwellings and erection of 66 No. residential dwellings (use Class C3) car parking, landscaping and association works. Nos 1-66 (exc 5, 6, 9, 10, 38 & 39), Queens Park, Millom for Home Group Development Ltd

Outcome: No objections to this application

097/19 ACCOUNTS:

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts presented be passed for payment. Cheques signed by Cllrs J Brown and R Kelly. **AGREED**

098/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

JB welcomed Cath Jopson to position of Assistant Clerk to the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm
Victoria Bradley, Clerk

Cllr A Dixon, Mayor.....

ACTIONS:

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073/19	-	Clerk
077/19	-	Clerk
078/19	-	Clerk
081/19	-	To form Sub-Committee – A&R
083/19	-	Clerk
085/19	-	AD, RP
087/19	-	Clerk
088/19	-	AD,TD,Clerk
089/19	-	AD,TD,DB,Clerk
090/19	-	Clerk
091/19	-	RP
092/19	-	Clerk
093/19	-	TD/Clerk
095/19	-	Clerk