

Mayor's Civic Duties and Announcement July 2024

Building a more positive community and embracing every opportunity!

This month's Mayor's Civic duties have included the following:

- 27.06.2024 PPG meeting (Patient Participation Group) issues arising patients missing appointments, Millom being awarded PCN (Primary Care Network) meaning greater access to services. Good news for Millom.
- 01.07.2024 Meeting with Andrew Rigg regarding the flooding on the running track and lack of progress.
- 02.07.2024 Attended a zoom on resilience within the community.
- 03.07.2024 Meeting with Anne Todd regarding care home concerns in the surrounding area.
- 03.07.2024 Graffiti around the recreation Centre. Headteachers to hold assemblies about graffiti in general. if caught will be prosecuted.
- 05.07.2024 Lunchtime meeting with potential Youth Councillors. Really good productive meeting. PowerPoint to be created for delivery at a School Assembly in September. We need to encourage the youth of the Town to get involved in things that matter to them. Youth Hub was discussed and it was decided a necessity. To be followed up. In the new school year.
- 06.07.2024 Attended Millom Fest. Great opportunity to meet the community. Excellent PR. Six Councillors attended.
- 07.07.2024 Mayor's Civic Sunday. Thank you to everyone that attended. Special thanks to the Heritage Centre and Trackside. Both venues showcased the best in Millom. Dignitaries were very impressed. They were engaged, they were complimentary and to date Millom's Civic Sunday has been the best out of the four Towns. Let's build on this positivity!
- 08.07.2024 Popped in to the Tin Chapel where MIND hold their group sessions.
- 08.07.2024 Attended a Holborn Hill Royal Junior Brass Band Summer Concert. Presented a cheque for £600 from the Mayor's charity appeal. Excellent evening and so much talent on show. Two Councillors attended.
- 13.07.2024 Attended Haverigg Harbour garden Party. Again, a lovely atmosphere and money raised for selected charities. Three Councillors attended.
- 13.07.2024 Received phone call from the police regarding the "Halifax" building. Start of the run up to the holiday's teenagers in the building. Police wanted to know who the building belonged to. ****
- 14.07.2024 Attended Kendal Civic Sunday with the Deputy Mayor Councillor Kellett.
- 15.07.2024 Meeting with SEND Co-ordinator for Millom School. Discussed special needs resources in the Town which are extremely basic. The need for more professional specialist was stated. There is one educational psychologist for the whole of Cumberland. How can we as a town catch up

after Covid if resources are scarce. Being wedged between two counties one for Health and the other for Educational services is proving problematic!!!! The acquiring of skills Social/reading and writing Cumberland autism and Asperger spectrum Westmorland. Surely for cohesiveness all these should be under one umbrella? This is, in my opinion, a danger where a child with needs can slip through the net!

- 17.07.2024 Meeting with Running Track Trustees regarding the continuing problem of flooding on the running track.
- 18.07.2024 Millom School Concert.

Issues arising that need further consideration:

- Sinkholes are appearing around Millom and Haverigg with regular occurrence. This for me is extremely worrying. Equally the standard of repairs is questionable and poor.
- Road works and notification thereof. Some of the notices have become extremely confusing. The residents are finding it hard to plan ahead and maps on social media are hard to understand. Need better communications from Highways. All suggestions welcomed.

Community Plan

The need to close the gaps is now imperative!

I would like to publicly thank everyone involved in organising the Millom Civic Sunday. The food, for those that stayed, was exceptional. The venue did showcase the best of Millom to all dignitaries.

Special thanks goes to the Clerk Mrs Jopson and the RFO Mrs Hoyles for their continued hard work in the Offices.