

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
15th MAY 2023 COMMENCING 08.005PM IN THE METHODIST HALL, MILLOM**

PRESENT: Cllr G McGrath (in the Chair), Cllr S Faulkner (Mayor), Cllr J Brown, Cllr D Billing, Cllr B Crellin, Cllr D Myers, Cllr P Bown, Cllr E Ormesher, Cllr D Barry, Cllr B Kelly (Cumberland and MTC Cllr), Cllr J Micklethwaite, Cllr J Kellett, Cllr A Pratt (Cumberland Cllr), Cath Jopson Town Clerk, Gillian Hoyle RFO/Assistant Clerk and 11 members of the public were in attendance.

19/24: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Cllr A MacDonald & Cllr D Billing

20/24: EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS:

There was nothing on the agenda to exclude the public or press from the meeting

21/24: CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

Following the previous meetings of the night the chair of the meeting had no further comments to make..

22/24: MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Following the Mayor's presentation there was also nothing more to add to the meeting.

23/24: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No Declarations of Pecuniary Interest were received.

24/24: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 24TH APRIL 2024:

Cllr S Faulkner proposed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 24th April 2024 be signed as a true and correct record, this was seconded by Cllr D Myers and agreed.

25/24: ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING UPDATE:

- Action: 224/23 – A response letter had been received from Cumberland Authority in regard to Social Services and it did state that they would be looking into refurbishment at Lapstone House.
- Action 228/24: No response as yet to the letter sent to Home Group with regard to Queen's Park Redevelopment Scheme.
- Action: 232/24: Cllr Kelly to ask Cumberland Authority to look again at the possible chevron parking in Market Street. **Action: Cllr Kelly to liaise with Cumberland Authority**

The clerk reported that all office actions had been completed.

26/24: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Pathway: Residents of the Queen's Park estate reported that they are still concerned about the lack of lighting on the footpath adjacent to the New Road. The clerk informed them that she had looked into this and that Highways did not see an issue with it.
- Once again, the question of whether or not the new proposed development plans will be out for residents' public consultation – As stated above no response had yet been received from Home Group although confirmation that Thomas Armstrong (Contractors) had been awarded the contract to build. Cllr McGrath did say that it would be good if those that had been moved from the area could be given first refusal to go back into the new properties being build. **Action: Clerk to write to Home Group in this regard**

27/24: ACCOUNTS/FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Cllr Faulkner proposed that the accounts and payments be accepted and signed off, this was seconded by Cllr J Brown and agreed. **RFO to ensure all payments be made**
- Internal Audit – Cllr J Brown proposed that the internal audit be carried out by Vicky Bradley, this was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed.

28/24: TOWN DEAL UPDATE:

Cllr Kelly informed the council that things were moving on the Town Deal as projects are being submitted for planning approval. More in-depth information will be given at the Town Deal meeting which will be held on 30th May in the Town Council Offices.

29/24: CYCLE ROUTES:

Due to no correspondence to Mr Powell to discuss the proposals this item to be included on the next agenda for June.

30/24: YOUTH CENTRE:

The clerk informed the council that she was still looking into empty properties that may be suitable for a youth centre.

31/24: CUMBERLAND AND COUNCILLOR UPDATES/WORKGROUPS:

Cumberland Councillor Andy Pratt updates:

- A brief update on the proposed road closures around Bootle and Waberthwaite was given to the meeting.
- An update in regard to the Alexander House in Bootle
- HMO Policy – Cllr Pratt informed the council that he was looking in more depth of Cumberland's HMPO Policy. He stated that there had been a sub-committee formed to look into an Article 4 being set in place. Cllr McGrath proposed that a letter be written that when the policy is looked at Article 4 be included. This was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed. **Action: Letter to Cumberland Authority regarding Article 4**

Cumberland Councillor Bob Kelly updates:

- Cllr Kelly reported again that Lapstone House would be undergoing a refurbishment as to the timeframe he had no knowledge of when this would take place.
- In regard to the old library building Cllr Kelly stated that he would take Millom Town's suggestions of bringing back the library and Cumberland Authority hot desk back into the newly building.

32/24: CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S UPDATE:

Update on Palladium Gardens:

The clerk informed the council that the application for funding towards the redevelopment of the Palladium Gardens needed approval from the council to submit this application. Cllr Kelly proposed that it be submitted, this was seconded by Cllr Micklethwaite and agreed. **Action: Clerk to submit application**

33/34: CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR:

Due to having three meetings this evening the Chair Cllr McGrath proposed that an extraordinary meeting be held on this be carried out at an Extra-ordinary meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Micklethwaite and agreed. **Action: Clerk to submit application**

34/24: PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following planning applications were considered by the council and no objections in principle to any of the following planning applications:

- **4/24/2197/0F1 – Replace Ground Floor Extension to Rear Elevation and Erect Conservatory Extension to Front Elevation - 27 Silverdale Street, Haverigg**
- **4/24/2198/0F1 – Erect Single Storey Extension to Rear – 13 Windermere Gardens, Millom**

- **4/24/2201/0F1 – Variation of Condition 2 (Plans – Addition of External Flue Pipe to serve Wood Burning Stove and Condition 18 (Approved Materials) – Amend Boundary Treatments & Paving for Plot 5 of Planning Application 4/23/2082/0F1 Residential Development Consisting of 8 Dwellings & Associated Infrastructure – Land at North Lane, Haverigg**
- **4/24/2204/0F1 – Single-Storey Extension to Rear and Two-Storey Extension to Side – 89 Lowther Road, Millom**

Action: Clerk to write to planning authority with Council comments

35/24: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Extraordinary meeting to be arranged by clerk
- Proposal to form a sub-group to deal with teenagers' issues in and around the area, this was seconded by Cllr McGrath.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 08.45pm

Signed: Chair Dated: 26th June 2024