

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
29th NOVEMBER 2023 COMMENCING 07.00PM IN THE TOWN
COUNCIL OFFICES**

PRESENT: Cllr G McGrath (Chair), Cllr S Faulkner (Mayor), Cllr R Kelly (MTC & Cumberland Authority), Cllr J Brown, Cllr B Crellin, Cllr D Billing, Cllr B Amos, Cllr A Gager-Leibhart, Cllr A McDonald, Cllr E Ormesher Clerk Mrs Cath Jopson and Assistant Clerk/RFO Mrs Gillian Hoyle. One member of the public was present.

115/23: APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr E Ormesher (ill health), and Cllr A McDonald (personal reasons)

116/23: EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC:

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

117/23: CHAIR/MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair:

The chair informed the council the meeting was being recorded, for the purpose of minuting.

Mayor:

The mayor gave a short presentation of the work that she had been carrying out this month. The recent coffee morning for the mayor's fund made £276.00. The mayor stated that she had been a little disappointed with the lack of presence from the councillors at the coffee morning and hoped that this would not be replicated at the remembrance Sunday in both Millom and Haverigg. (full report attached to these minutes)

118/23: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest

119/23: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 26TH JULY & 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD:

Cllr Brown proposed that both sets of minutes be signed as a correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed.

120/23: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD:

Cllr Faulkner proposed that the minutes from the extra-ordinary meeting held on 19th October 2023 be signed as a true and correct record. This was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed.

121/23: PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED HAVERIGG FEASIBILITY STUDY BY CLLR FAULKNER:

Cllr Faulkner gave a short presentation on the proposed Haverigg feasibility study from Hough Tullett. Following this presentation, a short discussion took place. Concerns were raised about this and the councillors would like proper drawings to look at. The chair explained that this was only an initial concept. Cllr Micklethwaite proposed that in principle the council accept this as a concept design. This was seconded by Cllr Kelly and agreed. The clerk to contact the contact Hough Tullett asking now for property artist drawings and ask for them to give a presentation to the Council prior to going to public consultation

Action: Clerk to contact Hough Tullett

122/23: ACTIONS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The Chair informed the council that all the office actions had been completed.

- CCTV – Cllr Amos stated that he was still looking into this. Cllr Gager-Liebhart informed the council that she had been in touch with a firm to give a quotation for the work and was still waiting the final figures. The chair informed that costs will be needed for the proposed budget.
- HMP Haverigg – The Clerk informed the council that she was now giving feedback/report back each month to HMP. All agreed that the work they were doing was good and has helped enhance areas around Millom and Haverigg that were previously neglected.
- EV Charging – The chair asked who would be taking charge for EV Charging for all the towns. Following a short discussion, the chair asked the clerk to investigate further where Cumberland Authority are proposing to put these charge points.
Action: Clerk to contact Cumberland Authority
- Palladium Gardens – The Clerk informed the council that she had been in touch with Cumberland Authority to try and get a TOA from them for the Palladium Gardens. It was proposed by Cllr Kelly, seconded by Cllr Faulkner for councillors to think of a project/plan for this area. **Action: Cllr Faulkner/The Clerk to look into this.**
- Daffodils donation – The clerk informed the council that HMP working parties had begun to plant all the daffodils that had been donated from the Millom Flower Club.

123/23: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

The member of the public asked a question about the ownership/planning on the old toilet block by Tesco. The Chair stated that as far as he was aware the sign on it does state the company who own it, whether this is still correct he did not know.

124/23: ACCOUNTS/FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Chair gave verbal feedback from the Finance Meeting that had been held on 25th October 2023. (Minutes will be circulated accordingly). The Chair stated that all seems to be on target following the budget.

Photocopier – As we currently own the office photocopier it had been agreed by the Finance Committee to go ahead and lease for 5-years.

Gas & Electric have been looked into and it had been agreed to go forward with the cheaper prices.

Beach Café – There was a few items that the beach café tenants wanted to carry out and the chair had suggested that a meeting with them to discuss going forward.

The RFO informed the Council that the AGAR had been re-submitted and that it had now passed the external auditor's remit. Dates of approval and publishing, were explained and noted, for future. The RFO then went on to present the following for approval by the council:

- Examine and Approve accounts for payment
- Receive and note the bank reconciliation

Cllr Amos proposed that these be signed as a true and correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed.

125/23: MILLOM TOILETS:

The clerk informed the councillors of the recent spate of incidents within the Millom Toilets, hence a request from the cleaners to close them at 5.00pm in the evening. The clerk also informed the council of the issues within these toilets. The clerk asked permission from the council if she could investigate further to perhaps look further into whether building an extension onto the toilets for the disabled and make the toilets a pay to go. This was proposed, seconded and agreed by all to do this. The clerk asked if there was a possibility of changing the toilet block with perhaps an additional disabled toilet added on and perhaps make the other toilets into pay to go. **Action: Clerk to inform Cleaner that the toilets can be going forward close at 5.00pm. Action: This project to be looked at with the community group going forward.**

126/23: TOWN DEAL UPDATE:

Cllr Kelly informed the councillors that the town deal had recently had problems with confidentiality and that he was restricted in what he could inform the council. He also had been involved in meetings two of the projects have gone to planning process and the third one will be soon. The chair asked that Cllr Kelly keep the council informed of progress.

127/23: COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

- Cllr Kelly proceeded to give out some information on Climate Action. He stated that there was also speed restrictions being discussed by Cumberland Authority. There were none for the Millom/Haverigg areas. The first one was for certain areas from Bootle to Waberthwaite to 40mph and the second one from Underwood to The Hill. If any councillors have objections to these proposals as an individual to Martin Taylor, Cumberland Authority before 3rd November 2023
- Cllr Kelly informed the council that there was deep clean in Millom and that this was going to happen within the next week. The clerk reported to Cllr Kelly that it did not appear that the road sweeper has not been down for some time, he stated that he would ensure that they come back down.
- Cllr Billing asked that the clerk ensure he was the representative for Millom Town Council on Ghyll Scaur Quarry liaison committee and had no notice of a meeting. Cllr Billing informed that there was a South Copeland GDF community forum which was held in the Guide Hall and was unsure if any other councillor had attended as he was unable to attend. Cllr Billing was informed that 6 representatives of MTC had in fact attended. **Action: Clerk to ensure Cllr Billing is sent invitations to these meetings.**
- Cllr Micklethwaite informed the council that the CAB are trying to stay insitu in the town and are not at present looking for alternative premises.
- Cllr Amos stated that he was still looking into a bus service.
- Cllr Liebhart-Gager reported that she had looked into the CCTV system and is in the process of getting quotations for a new system. Cllr Gager-Liebhart also informed the council that she had now signed up for Climate Champion with the Cumbria Action for Sustainability with Cllr Micklethwaite and was disappointed with them changing meetings and times. Cllr McGrath had been in contact with the headteacher of Millom School with regard to a youth council and that they would be happy to put forward one of their 6th form pupils following a request from MTC. **Action: Clerk to write to Millom School with this request.**

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- Cllr Kellett stated that all details/plans were in place for Armistice Day. The Heavy Horses will be in attendance. The clerk informed that the cenotaph has been power washed by the HMP Working Party and will be painted weather permitting.
- Cllr Crellin informed the council that when BT do the switch over to fibre people with alarm systems will have to contact their provider as they will not work with the new system.

128/23: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR ACTION:

- Correspondence from the CVS representative had been received for information. Cllr Billing stated that he was disappointed that the information does not reflect what has been processed. Cllr Amos explained that it was up to the separate enterprises to submit and not the CVS.
- Email from HMP requesting dog bins on North Lane, the clerk has informed them to deal with Cumberland Council direct.

129/23: PLANNING:

- **4/23/2270/0F1 – Change of Use of Old Toilet Block into Either for Retail Use (Class A1) or Office (Class A2) – Former Public Conveniences, Lancashire Road, Millom** – The Council had no objections in principle to this application.
- **4/23/2278/0F1 – Application for Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Development - Construction of a Flat Roof Dormer Projection to an Existing Dwelling – 23 Mountbatten Way, Millom** – The Council had no objections in principle to this application.

Action: Clerk to inform Planning Authority of Council's decision/comments

130/23: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 09.20pm

Signed: (Chair dated: 29th November 2023)

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