

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30TH
OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES**

PRESENT: Mayor Cllr Angela Dixon (AD), Cllr Janice Brown (JB), Cllr Barbara Crellin (BC), Cllr Jane Micklethwaite (JM), Cllr Tess Fitzwilliam (TF), Cllr Jenn Jakubowski (JJ), Cllr Richard Pattinson (RPat), Cllr Sandra Carter (SC), Cllr Robert Kelly (RK), Cllr Graham Brace (GB), Cllr David Billing (DB), Cllr Rebecca Cummings (RC) and Cllr Tony Dixon (TD), Clerk Vicky Bradley, and 4 members of the public

PSCO Paul Booth met with councillors prior to the full council meeting to give his monthly report

136/19 APOLOGIES: Cllr Ruth Peter and Cllr Simone Faulkner

137/19 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Mayor informed the meeting that MTC have planted 2000 bulbs in the bottom of Millom Park this month and 65 trees have been donated by CBC to replace the trees cut down in Lord Street. A big thank you to all that helped with this. Actions from last meeting – The Mayor thanked the clerk for listing the actions at the end of the minutes.

There will be a Meet your councillors session in Millom Library on Saturday 2nd November for all who are able to attend, County Councillor Doug Wilson will also be holding his drop in surgery at the same time

We now have all the concept designs in for the park and are currently arranging to go into local schools to show the designs and consult with the local children. All the plans are in the office.

We are hoping to improve the triangle on Newton and CBC Open Spaces team are going to donate some benches to replace the current one.

138/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr J Jakubowski – Item 23 – Planning b) – 4/19/2339 own property, and Cllr R Kelly item 22 a) – Member of Bowling league

139/19 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Cllr T Dixon proposed and Cllr J Micklethwaite seconded that these be signed as a TRUE record – All Agreed, minutes signed

140/19 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2019

Cllr D Billing had one query regarding when donations should be considered – the clerk informed him that any requests are brought up at the next available meeting albeit full council or finance.

Cllr J Brown proposed and Cllr Jakubowski seconded that these be signed as a TRUE record – All Agreed, minutes signed.

141/19 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- a) HMP Governor Mr Tony Corcoran gave a short overview on the background of Haverigg Prison and the changes that were due to come in practice shortly. He has already held a couple of public meetings in Haverigg and Millom and has had discussions with Millom School. They want the local community to benefit from having an open prison and are already working with the School with regards to recycling collections and work been carried out in between term times on the grounds. It was discussed about the possibility of commencing community work within a couple of weeks and that a schedule of works is sent to Stuart Jaynes (his point of contact) by next week so that they can arrange. **ACTION: Clerk to collate list and forward.** The councillors welcomed this and agreed to produce a list, Cllr Cummings asked if they were able to do trade work i.e. plaster/plumbing, the answer been yes but the prison could only supply labour and not materials.
- b) Jonathan Powell gave a presentation about the Millom and Haverigg Civic Society following an e-mail which was circulated at the meeting. He told the council what the society hope to achieve and what their purpose is. They want to work with the Town

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Council on projects and possible funding bids so that together we can preserve our local heritage and improve the local community. It was discussed about forming a working party rather than a MTC sub-committee with possibly 1 or 2 members been councillors so that there is a link, Cllr Kelly and Cllr Jakubowski were concerned that working under MTC could have possible funding conflicts as some funders will only allow one bid, they would need to make a bid in their own right. The overall idea is great and it was agreed that we should include this on the agenda as a quarterly item so that we can be updated and feedback is recorded by MTC. **ACTION: Clerk to include a quarterly agenda item**

- c) Dan Powell – Gave a short presentation to the council regarding “Your food choices” and the impact that people’s choices have on others and how we all need to make small changes in order to reduce the impact on the environment. The presentation was very well given and gave the councillors some interesting points to note

All 3 were thanked for their time - All left the meeting

Howard Shimmin asked again about the bus schedule – Cllr T Dixon and Cllr T Fitzwilliam stated that the bus company are willing to pick up in Haverigg if people should need a return drop off to Millom after 12, they cannot guarantee a pickup in Millom prior to 10am as the bus used usually comes from a school run so not always departing from Millom. **ACTION: Clerk to advertise/amend poster**

142/19 CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL – Update from County Councillor

Cllr D Wilson and Cllr K Hitchen are keeping the clerk updated in regard to the Millom and Haverigg Flood Study and any correspondence sent to them is been looked at. They have both chased up several highways issues that have been reported and are aware the MTC want to be involved in the Stronger Towns Bid

143/19 COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL – Update from Copeland Councillors

Cllr F Wilson has been made aware of MTC concerns regarding the permitting of councillors at site visits relating to planning – A letter was sent by the clerk and this is going to be used at the Task and Finish group as evidence that we support the fact councillors should be permitted.

Cllr F Wilson is also aware of MTC concerns about the relocating of staff RK asked that we chase CBC re the enforcement of dog waste as this is still causing problems. **ACTION: Clerk to e-mail**

144/19 MILLOM TOWN COUNCILLOR AND CLERKS UPDATE: - Update from Clerk

- a) A letter has been received by the Millom Branch of the Labour party raising concerns about the lack of information forthcoming from CCC and CBC – It was agreed to copy this letter to our relevant representatives and respond to letter. **ACTION: Clerk to forward letter and respond**
- b) RBL – request to place a second flagpole at the Cenotaph – No objections to this. **ACTION: Clerk to inform RBL of decision**
- c) Wood bark for Haverigg Park – The clerk has received a quote for preparing the area and laying the new bark, this was £300. The council asked that we add this to the work schedule for the prison to see if they can undertake. **ACTION: Clerk to add to schedule, reply to estimate received**

145/19 UPDATE FROM 3 TIER MEETING HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER 2019

Cllr T Dixon gave a report back to the meeting stating that the key points were that CCC (Gillian Elliott) stated that nothing has been decided regarding the library building and that MTC would be consulted before any plans or movements made. Cllrs were happy that we all now seem to have a good working relationship are been kept better informed from all parties

RK brought up the subject of the need for a one way traffic system – they are taking this back for review

DB said that in regards to the Stronger Towns Fund bid, a working group would be formed, made up of 2 CBC reps, 2 MTC reps and 1 CCC rep – these are yet to be elected.

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146/19 AMENITIES AND RECREATION UPDATE: As the meeting was held prior to this meeting no minutes were yet available so an update will be given at the November meeting.

147/19 YOUTH COUNCILLOR: Our new youth councillor wasn't present; RK had arranged for her to come to the meeting but had no response. It was agreed to contact the school in regards to an update on the selection of an older student also. **ACTION: Clerk to contact School**

148/19 QUEENS PARK REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE/DEPT OF TRANSPORT ORDER: The clerk has received a update/background into the project for Queens Park which was read out, they are currently waiting for planning consent to be given before work commencing. Home Group is going to give bi-monthly reports to MTC. The council had no objections to the traffic order surrounding this project.

149/19 SELLAFIELD RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACTIVITIES CONSULTATION. This has been forwarded to Cllrs to make their own responses – the consultation ends on 1st December 2019.

150/19 BARCLAYS BANK WITHDRAWAL OF BANKING SERVICES FROM PO This was placed on the Agenda by Cllr Micklethwaite, the Mayor had sent a letter to Barclays stating the council's point of view on this matter and supporting the need for this service to remain. By the time this meeting was held Barclays have re-considered this matter and the proposal has been dismissed. Cllr Micklethwaite thanked all those who organised and signed petitions; the clerk confirmed she had received email confirmation of the decision.

151/19 CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: Cllr Pattinson gave a brief update and confirmed that this section has been completed for inclusion into the Town Plan, this is has been forwarded to Denise Burness

152/19 MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE Cllr Billing has looked at other local councils' website pages and it was agreed that ours is a little outdated and needs a fresh look, he proposed that this is reviewed. **ACTION: Clerk to check monthly contract and review**

153/19 ROAD CLOSURES DUE TO ACCIDENTS In the absence of Cllr Faulkner who added this items a discussion was held regarding the disruption caused due to major road incidents and the issues these cause, the alternative routes are not adequate for two way diversions and often cause hold ups and further incidents. RK informed the meeting that the South Copeland Partnership are looking into this and are aware of the issues and the fact the Duddon Bridge is inadequate for the transport needs in the area. GB stated that at the 3 tier highways would only activate works if the bridge collapsed or there was a major disaster. DB asked that highways be contracted via the SCP regarding this matter. **Action: Cllrs A Dixon, R Kelly & D Billing to take to next SCP meeting**

154/19 SWIMMING Pool: The clerk had written for an update and a response was received back via e-mail which was distributed to Cllrs. The Mayor informed the meeting that a press release/update was due in the next couple of weeks

155/19 PUBLIC REALM/MILLOM MARKET SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT Cllr A Dixon and G Brace have had a meeting with Jane Taylor from CBC regarding this, basically the plan that has been designed is over budget, they looked through the current plan and made a few amendments which Jane Taylor was taking back to CBC and the architects. CBC are aiming to carry out the project around March/April next year. We are awaiting further updates from Jane Taylor.

156/19 CCTV: The clerk informed the meeting that working is currently taking place on the installation of the new cameras and they hope to be up and running in a couple of weeks. **Action: Clerk to confirm with CCTV Company when system will be live**

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157/19 DONATIONS REQUESTED:

- a) Millom Bowling League – All agreed to donate £200
- b) South Cumbria Music Festival – All agreed to donate £200

Action: Clerk to arrange cheques

158/19 PLANNING

- a. **4/19/2330** – *Single Storey extension to the front of the property – AT 6 Willowside Park, Haverigg, Millom – **No objections***
- b. **4/19/2339** – *Conversion of existing barn into Granny Annex, tied to Foxcroft, Haverigg, Millom – **No objections***
- c. **4/19/2355** - *Demolition of existing stone and detached garage; construction of new single storey living room extension and first floor balcony to rear (east) elevation; construction of new porch and carport to side (south) elevation, AT 17 Salthouse Road, Millom – **No objections***

Action: Clerk to reply to CBC planning officer

159/19 ACCOUNTS: It was RESOLVED that the accounts presented be passed for payment. Cheques were signed by Cllr J Brown and Cllr R Kelly. **AGREED**

160/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE NOTED FOR NEXT AGENDA: Cllr T Dixon requested that the agenda items be limited as the meetings are running on too long, he requested that if any Cllr had an item or query to let the clerk know to see if this can be dealt with prior to the meeting to avoid added extra agenda items.

The Mayor would like an up to date CBC/CCC contact list to be circulated. **Action: Clerk to update**

The meeting closed at 21.09pm

V Bradley, Clerk

Cllr A Dixon, Mayor.....

ACTIONS:

- 141/19 – Clerk to collate list and forward to HMP**
- 141/19 – Clerk to include as a quarterly agenda item Millom & Haverigg Civic Society**
- 141/19 – Clerk to update bus posters/advertise**
- 143/19 – Clerk to chase up**
- 144/19 – Clerk to forward letter and respond to**
- 144/19 – Clerk to inform RBL of decision**
- 144/19 – Clerk to add to prison schedule and respond to quote**
- 147/19 – Clerk to contact School re Youth Councillor**
- 152/19 – Clerk to review website contract**
- 153/19 – AD/RK/DB to take to next SCP meeting**
- 156/19 – Clerk to chase CCTV company**
- 157/19 – Clerk to organise cheque payments**
- 158/19 – Clerk to contact CBC planning with decisions**
- 160/19 – Clerk to update contact list**