



Mayor's Civic Duties and Announcement March 2025

Building a more positive community and embracing every opportunity!

In the Community, for the Community!

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

- 28.02.2025 Attended Community meeting to try and prevent the closure of St Luke's church.
 - 01.03.2025 Helped at Veterans Breakfast Club.
 - 04.03.2025 Attended PPG meeting discussion to implementing the ARRS roles (Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme) this will be a focus for the surgery to attract future staffing.
 - 07.03.2025 Attended the "Proludic" meeting for a presentation regarding the teenager's playground at Haverigg.
 - Attended "Westlakes" Health and Well Being Conference. I provided a presentation how we as a Town Council are promoting this particularly important initiative through the projects we have completed so far. I also showed how we have included Health and Well Being in future projects.
 - 18.03.2025 Events meeting with Councillor Kellett and Mrs Jopson regarding Memorial Ceremony.
 - 26.03.2025 Cumberland Resilience Group workshop MNC.
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1. Town Deal Meetings this month: 6 meetings.
 2. Communication and Engagement group are working on PowerPoint presentation to take into schools.
 3. Millom Town Deal recognises the importance of updating the Millom Town Council Councillors on progress and timescales. A workshop is now planned for the 1st of April at the Lighthouse Centre.

Special thanks to the Clerk and the Finance Officer for their continued hard work.

Concerns 26.03.2025

I would like to thank this Town Council for all the hard-work they are doing for the community and the residents. As a Council of a very dedicated volunteers, we have been recognised as an "example of best practice around community health and well-being in the county". This has happened with civil dialogue and conversations with a variety of key stakeholders from around the community. However, I am becoming increasingly concerned with the continued barrage of insults and disrespect levied at this Council.

Insults regarding GDF and this Council's neutral stance.

Questions around how we help our community and our commitment to the welfare of our residents! (Read my monthly list of duties carried out!)

As a Council we had been excluded from the meeting with the local MP. I would have thought being part of a civil discussion would have been useful for all parties.

At the resident meeting in St Luke's Institute, Millom Councillors had all been told specifically not to attend!!!!

There has been an increase of negative comments around the honesty of the Town Council. Defamatory accusation has increased on the crass social media platforms.

Accusation of "Millom Town Council receiving bribe money"
"Millom Town Council receiving back handers"

We as a Council are advised not to engage with these social platforms.

Therefore, I can no longer sit back and ignore these comments which are bordering on libellous insinuation. As such I am asking the Clerk to seek legal advice in order to redress this unfounded accusation.

Councillor Simone Faulkner Mayor