



2024-2025 CIVIC DUTIES



**Millom Town
Council**

2024-2025 Memorable Moments in Pictures!





Mayor's Civic Duties and Announcement 2025

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

02.05.2025 Meeting with Councillor Kellet Memorial Events Planning

06.05.2025 Helped placed the blanket poppies on the memorial.

07.05.2025 Picked up the survey from Millom School evidencing youth engagement regarding pump track.

08.05.2025 Attended the VE Day memorial with the Veterans.

09.05.2025 Attended "Lest We Forget" with the Deputy Mayor Councillor Kellet. Most enjoyable!

19.05.2025 Last meeting with Councillor Kellett, Terry Marsh and Bill Lace Memorial Events Planning.

21.05.2025 Attended Lighthouse Centre Millom Connect. Opportunity to work with vital services, groups who operate in Millom. What is it that is needed to make Millom a better place. Dialogue is the key. Very useful.

22.05.2025 Attended a Finance Meeting Council Offices.

24.05.2025 Memorial 100 year Event. Deputy Lieutenant, High Sheriff Jolliffe, Bishop of Carlisle, Barrow mayor, Dalton mayor, Ulverston mayor and Kendall mayor. County Standards in attendance, Veterans, cadets, Inspector Massey.

Afternoon event Millom Rugby League buffet. An outstanding experience. Everyone did Millom proud.

A grateful thanks to all who attended. Teamwork will put Millom on the map.

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Mayor's Civic Duties and Announcement April 2025

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

- 26.03.2025 I need to correct last month's Mayor's statement. I mentioned a meeting between Bank Head residents and the MP without Council members, but it was actually a drop-in at the MP's surgery. Apologies for the misinformation.
- 27.03.2025 The Deputy Mayor and I attended the installation ceremony of the new High Sheriff, Dr. Joliffe, at Barrow Town Hall. An impressive ceremony dating back to Saxon times.
- 31.03.2025 Met with Melissa Mallin Development Officer for Active Cumbria looking at the provisions we already have in Millom for Health and Well Being.
- 01.04.2025 With the Town Council attended a very productive workshop regarding an update on the Millom Town Deal at the Haverigg Lighthouse. **Action: Economic Plan to be developed.**
- 03.04.2025 Meeting with Councillor Kellett, Billy Lace and Terry Marsh regarding Millom Memorial Ceremony.
- 03.04.2025 Visited Black Combe School to judge their Easter competition.
- 03.04.2025 Met with the Police Commissioner David Allen. Good discussion on community policing and current issues facing the community. I did ask that greater police presence during the height of tourism influx would be very welcomed.
- 03.04.2025 Meeting with Bry Cooper regarding Millom Memorial Ceremony.
- 05.04.2025 Veterans Breakfast Club.
- 05/06.04.2025 Worked on a PowerPoint for schools telling the story why Millom has a War Memorial. All primary schools have now received the PowerPoint and given one Old Penny. (Show PowerPoint)
- 25.04.2025 The Chair and I collected some ancient maps that had still been left in the Old Library.
- 26.04.2025 Attended Whicham Parish Council Meeting and Public Meeting.
- 27.04.2025 The Deputy Mayor and I attended Dalton Mayors appeal event.
- 28.04.2025 Allotment meeting. Received yesterday confirmation from Shayla Johnson Groundwork Cumbria they are looking to start Green Hub in the summer. Dates to be confirmed. So urgent clearance of the vacant allotments is imperative. Town Deal Meetings this month: 7 meetings.

Town Deal Communication and Engagement group are working on PowerPoint presentation to take into schools. Completed.

Millom Town Deal update workshop with Millom Town Council at the Lighthouse Centre.

Community Plan meeting to discuss an Economic Action Plan for Millom. 7th or 8th May. 7.00pm. Can you confirm availability? 7th May was agreed.

Melissa Mallin Cumberland Development Officer for Active Cumbria has been in touch. They are looking to get funding for Millom. This is through Live Longer Better and it is Safe Falls programme for elderly adults.

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Mayor's Civic Duties and Announcement March 2025

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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.

11.03.2025 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.

Town Deal Meetings this month: 6 meetings.

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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.

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03.02.2025/06.02.2025 we are working hard on organising the May 24th events. This is such an important milestone for Millom. I would like all Councillors to keep the date. Both the Bishop of Carlisle and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant have agreed to attend the event.

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02.02.2025 Mayor's Appeal coffee morning.

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Wellington back Street had been cleared. However, more household rubbish has started to collect.

Concerns still regarding the collections of bins in Millom. This is becoming a serious issue.

Town Deal Meetings this month: 5 plus 27th February local health and leisure workshop providing updates.

Planning permission has been secured and a contractor appointed Thomas Armstrong for the new Leisure Complex.

Community Plan Meeting: I will need **attending/not able to attend sent to the Clerk.**

Meeting 12.03.2025 7pm

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Mayor's Civic Duties and Announcement November 2024

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- 21.10.2024 Met with Councillor Kellett, Terry Marsh and Bill Lace finalising the Remembrance service.
 - 25.10.2024 Opening of the new Charity Furniture shop.
 - 27.11.2024 Halloween Park Run start and presenting medals at the end. Really big attendance.
 - 04.11.2024 Met with Mr Attwood Senior and Mr Attwood Junior. They brought some new ideas that they wanted to share and asked if we had any objections for them to further their research. We didn't. At this stage it would be speculative to inform the Council of their ideas. However, we have asked to be kept informed.
 - 07.11.2024 Attended with Councillor Williamson the Bootle Community meeting regarding the closure of the Alexander House Residential Care Home. Again, this was well attended they are seeking a survey to be completed by the residents and all catchment areas.
 - 09.11.2024 Attended the Voce concert at the Palladium for Remembrance weekend.
 - 10.11.2024 Attended Millom Remembrance Service and Haverigg Service. Again, the attendance by the Town was outstanding and it was a privilege to be part of this event.
- Many thanks to Mrs Jopson, Mrs Hoyle, Mrs Diane Harris and Councillor Kellet for organising the poppies and the refreshment at both venues.
- 11.11.2024 Attended with Councillor Kellett the Memorial for Remembrance. Thanks to Mrs Clarke who played the last post and the Reveille.
 - 19.11.2024 Attended a meeting in Maryport as part of the Town Deal initiative. Lessons learnt?
 - 20.11.2024 Discussion with Headteacher Nerissa Nicholas regarding St Jame's School singing carols at the Switch on of the Lights on Saturday 30th November and the proposed Memorial Rededication of the next year.
 - 26.11.2024 Teams meeting with Shayla Johnson discussing the Allotment/Green Hub project.
 - 27.11.2024 Meeting with Bry Cooper regarding 100- year memorial rededication next year.

Community Plan meeting this month announce 13th November. No one attended. The announcement was placed in the Mayor's announcement page!!

Town Deal Meetings this month: 8 plus 2 pop up sessions.

Community Plan Meeting: [07.01.2025 at 7pm](#). I will need attending/not able to attend sent to the Clerk.

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Mayor's Civic Duties and Announcement October 2024

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

- 30.09.2024 Communication regarding "Warm Spots" in the town with Rachel Street. Funding is now becoming available. To date there are 4 definite "Warm Spots" in the town. These with dates and times will be published after half term. The Library is only a warm room. Coffee is available from a drink machine £1.
- 30.09.2024 Met with "Growing Well" organisation. An initiative to invite people who may be having mental issues to go and garden in Egremont. Transport provided so too food during the day.
- 01.10.2024 Resilience Group meeting. We are nearly there. A bank account is now needed. Please encourage anyone to put their names forward.
- 02.10.2024 Meeting with Bry Cooper regarding the memorial rededication in 2025. There is still more to be done.
- 03.10.2024 Community Plan (4 Councillors in attendance!) PowerPoint (To be shown)
- 05.10.2024 Attended and officially started the Millom Park run.
- 08.10.2024 Meeting with the company "Proludic" specialising in play equipment.
- 09.10.2024 Meeting in the Council Offices with Graham Innes regarding the new bus service. He presented a PowerPoint giving information with regards to the different phases of this new bus route.
- 10.10.2024 Opened the new Shop "One Stop". Good to see the shop being used once again.
- 11.10.2024 Teams meeting with "Shackle's Off" Joanne Pears, Cllr Emma Williamson Deputy Cumberland Authority and Jane Wheeler Cumberland Authority. Discussion around the provision of youth hub and alternative provision for youngsters in our area. Plans for the next two years are ongoing and we were asked to hold off until more information has been agreed.
- 11.10.2024 Met Michelle Scrogam MP and Andrew Rigg regarding flooding issues with the running track.
- 13.10.2024 Invited to attend "Shackle's Off" Bingo afternoon. Organised by the youth of our town!! Poor attendance.
- 18.10.2024 Meeting with Jenny Brumby for Resilience Group.
- 21.10.2024 Meeting with Cllr Kellett, Terry Marsh and Jimmy Lace regarding arrangements for Remembrance Service.

Town Deal Meetings this month: 7 plus 3 pop up sessions.

Community Plan Meeting: 13th November 7pm. I will need attending/not able to attend sent to the Clerk.

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Mayor's Civic Duties and Announcement September 2024

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

05.08.2024 Meeting with John Sutton Sustainable Duddon at the Palladium Gardens. Discussing possible plants/tree pruning.

10.08.2024 Meet the Councillors Council Offices. Cllr A. , Cllr B. Crellin, Cllr R. Williamson, Cllr D. Billing. Thank you for those that did attend.

12.08.2024 Town Deal Teams. Bus services. Given the information that a new bus service to be introduced. However, no consultation with the Town Council regarding this issue (we have a contract with Ricky's) and more importantly still no consultation!

14.08.2024 PPG workshop.*

Meeting with Cllr R. Williamson looking at the Pavilion/spaces for Youth Hub/Possible Pump Track.

19.08.2024 6-7pm met with the police at the Library Hub.

21.08.2024 Meeting with Shayla Johnston Northern Network Groundwork to discuss possible Green Community Hub.

27.08.2024 Meeting with Kathryn Miller regarding the published description of Haverigg being the dirtiest beach in the country!!!

28.08.2024 Meeting with Bry Cooper regarding the 100 Year of the Memorial in 2025.

31.08.2024 Broughton Show as a Councillor and Town Deal Member. Question by a member of the public: With the increased use of the park by North West Ambulance. Is there a need for proper tarmac access to make transfer of patients easier? How much would it cost?

01.09.2024 Attended the Ulverston Civic Sunday with the Deputy Mayor Cllr J. Kellett.

04.09.2024 Haverigg Water Pollution meeting.

07.09.2024 Attended the Tin Chapel Mind Celebrating 10 Years in Millom. A very good afternoon.

12.09.2024 Millom School Presentation Evening.

13.09.2024 Meeting with the Clerk, Cllr Kellett and Cllr Liebhart. Regarding forthcoming events such as Coffee morning, Remembrance Service, 100 Years Millom Memorial.

14.09.2024 attended the Haverigg Inshore Fun Day. Attended with the Deputy Mayor Cllr Kellett Millom Rugby League Awards Evening.

17.09.2024 Millom Town Deal Pop Up in the Library meeting the public regarding projects.

Attendance at Millom Town Deal Meetings in August and September:15

Issues arising that need further consideration:

Millom possibility for a Green Community Hub.

Pump Track in the park?

Youth Hub Teams meeting with Cumberland Authority 9 am with Cllr Emma Williamson Cumberland Authority, Joanne Pears "Shackle's Off"

Resilience Meeting: 01.10.2024 7pm?

Community Plan

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Meeting Date:03.10.2024 6.30pm?

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Mayor's Civic Duties and Announcement July 2024

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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.



Mayor's Civic Duties and Announcement June 2024

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

- 03.06.2024 Recorded the proclamation ready for airing on the 6th DDay Commemoration.
- 04.06.2024 Invited to open the "Light Room" at the Children's Centre. a lovely afternoon and very impressive new room for children to use if needed.
- 06.06.2024 DDay Commemoration at the Memorial. Well attended by the public.
- 05.06.2024 Meeting with Sergeant MacDonald Millom updates.
- 08.06.2024 War Memorial Commemoration. Remembering the Seaborne Volunteers from Millom.
- 10.06.2024 Invited to talk to the Disability Group regarding Millom Town Council plans for the Park and Palladium Gardens. Positive feedback.
- 13.06.2024 Handed the Millom Army Detachment a cheque for £600 from the Mayor's appeal.
- 14.06.2024 Met with Mr Jewell Head of Technology regarding possible Civic Sunday gifts.
- 19.06.2024 Community Plan meeting. Discussion as to ways of making more progress with the plan. It is anticipated to show the Council the work in progress at the next Town Council Meeting.
- 20.06.2024 Events meeting regarding Civic Sunday menu. Met with Mr Warren Batty Tracksie about the menu later that day.
- 23.06.2024 Attended with the Deputy Mayor the Barrow Civic Sunday.

Visits to the Town Council Offices

- 30.05.2024 Visit by David Savage to discuss progress of the Town Deal. Attendance by Councillors poor.
- 05.06.2024 Visit by Councillor Mark Fryer Leader of Cumberland Council. Attendance by Councillors poor.
- 19.06.2024 Visit by a small group from Millom School. PowerPoint presentation as to the function of the Town Council. As a result, two possible students interested in being Youth Councillors. Meetings will be arranged and an Induction as to the way forward. Councillor Liebhart and Councillor Chatterton will take the lead. I think this is very exciting as we do need to encourage the young to be interested in their community and in particular the Town Council.

Issues arising that need further consideration:

CCTV in the Park has shown its inadequacies! A child had his bag stolen which contained his front door key. Mother so distraught she knocked on my door and asked for us to check CCTV. What we have in the Park does not cover the back, the front or the sides. Update of equipment is urgently needed.

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.

Would like to ask the Council for permission to seek funding for new toilets for Millom Park. What we have at the moment is an embarrassment to the Town.

Attendance at meetings and events is still giving concerns.

Memorial Evening attendance 60%, Memorial Day 46% and Buffet afternoon 20%

Two Councillors were left to meet the public after the DDay commemoration event. I was making excuses for my Councillors absences!!!!

The Clerk is also not receiving many apologies. If you cannot attend please inform the Clerk.

Community Plan Next meeting 17th July 7pm



Why a Civic Sunday?

Many ask what is the relevance to our Town. "It is just pomp and circumstance.! An opportunity to show off."

Civic Sunday should be an event that acknowledges the work and contribution made by many groups and organisations to enhance the quality of the Town. That includes Millom Town Council.

To look back on accomplishments such as:

- Progress being made through the Town Deal
- Progress with the Old Library
- Park Development
- Haverigg Play Park Phase 1
- 100 year Memorial Rededication
-