

PRESENT: Cllr G McGrath (Chair) Cllr S Faulkner, Cllr R Williamson, Cllr J Brown, Cllr J Kellett, Cllr D Myers, Cllr D Billing, Cllr B Crellin

242/24: APOLOGIES:

Apologies received from the following: Cllr B Kelly, Cllr Liebhart and Cllr Chatterton

243/24: EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS:

No members of the public or press were in attendance.

244/24: SALVATION ARMY BUILDING:

Due to time constraints this meeting was held to discuss the possibility of purchasing the Salvation Army Building in Nelson Street. The chair informed the council that Cllr Faulkner and himself had had a look around the building and as far as the eye could see the building was in a good condition. They felt that the opportunity to buy the property as a youth/community centre for the town was an excellent opportunity. The chair suggested that if successful it would be beneficial to seek an operator to run the building on behalf of MTC. Cllr Faulkner and himself had also spoken to the leaders of the Shackles Off programme to seek information as to whether they would be prepared to look into the running of the building if it was purchased. Shackles Off have been invited to give a presentation of their work at the June meeting. As there was a purchase offer of £50,000 on the table already from an unknown buyer.

Cllr McGrath proposed the following motion:

- That Millom Town Council make an offer to purchase the Salvation Army Building for a price of £51,000
- This asset to be purchased for the intention of providing a youth/community facility for this area
- Completion of the sale being subject to the following conditions:
 - The maximum council financial exposure of this purchase to be £11,000 plus fees, with the additional £40,000 to be covered by grant funding
 - Full due diligence of the purchase to include, full structural survey, 5-year electrical safety survey and gas checks, along with solicitors' conveyancing
 - Suitable, not for profit organisation, to be identified as potential lease holder
 - All councillors getting the opportunity to visit the building, before completion
 - The final decision to complete the purchase to return to full council, for ratification.

This motion was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and all agreed to proceed with the offer. Cllr Faulkner proposed that a funding application be made by the clerk, this was seconded by Cllr McGrath and agreed. **Action: Clerk to contact Salvation Army representative and make an offer, Clerk to**

source local solicitor if accepted. Clerk to apply for funding subject to acceptance of offer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed: Chair Dated: 28th June 2025