

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL 2025
IN THE METHODIST HALL, MILLOM AT 07.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr G McGrath (in the Chair), Cllr S Faulkner (Mayor), Cllr J Brown, Cllr A Pratt (Cumberland Councillor) Cllr J Kellett, Cllr D Myers, Cllr D Billing, Cllr A McDonald, Cllr B Crellin, Clerk Cath Jopson, Cllr Gillian Hoyle RFO/Assistant Clerk . Two members of the public were present.

227/24: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Cllr Kelly L& Cllr Williamson

228/24: CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Following the recent workshop with Town Deal representatives the Chair stated that it was a very informative meeting and proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to the chair.

Action: Clerk to send letter of thanks

229/24: MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The mayor's announcement of the work she has carried out during the month of April is attached to the minutes. The mayor then went on to give a short presentation in regard to the 100-year dedication for the war memorial on 24th May 2025. All agreed that it was an excellent presentation.

230/24: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

231/24: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING AS A CORRECT RECORD OF MEETING HELD ON 26TH MARCH 2025

Cllr Brown proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 26th March be signed as a true and correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Myers and agreed.

232/24: ACTIONS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The clerk informed the council that all the actions from the previous meeting had been completed although as yet no response was received from Home Group or NWS following the letters being sent.

233/24: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

A member of the public brought there concerns to the council about the two new pieces of land for sale for housing. The resident informed the council that following the flooding in Millom over the recent years the then Copeland Council promised that no further housing estates would be granted permission until such time as the sewerage system was upgraded. The resident asked if the council could contact Cumberland Authority to ask if this was still the case and push forward to have the drainage system upgraded. **Action: Clerk to write to Cumberland Authority regarding planning for additional housing properties**

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234/24: ACCOUNTS/FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Cllr Faulkner proposed that the accounts for payment be signed and agreed as a true and correct record along with the bank reconciliation, these were seconded by Cllr Myers and agreed.

The RFO gave a short update on the year end stating that it looked as though the council would come in just under budget..

Cllr Faulkner proposed that the yearly subscription for CALC be paid, this was seconded by Cllr McDonald and agreed.

The clerk informed the council that a quotation to assess the statue in the market square would be approximately £640 + VAT. Cllr McGrath was concerned about the ownership of the statue and proposed that the clerk look into finding out who actually owns it before paying for any works. This was seconded by Cllr Myers and agreed. **Action: Clerk to look into the ownership of the miner's statue.**

The clerk informed the council that it would cost £2148.42 nett of vat to install a connection into the Palladium Gardens. Cllr Brown proposed that the council pay for this and it was seconded by Cllr McGrath and all agreed. **Action: Clerk to arrange for electricity connection.**

A request had been made by the Friends of Millom Station for a donation towards the upkeep and a banner. Cllr Brown proposed that £250 donation be given, this was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed.

235/24: TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL STRUCTURE:

Cllr Billing proposed that the structure remain the same giving the chair a 4-year term unless someone else writes asking for the position. This was seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed. Anyone wishing to stand for chair or mayor must let the clerk know prior to the meeting on the 28th May 2025.

236/24: MILLOM & HAVERIGG TOGETHER CIC UPDATE:

No further updates for this meeting have been received.

237/24: TOWN DEAL UPDATE:

Cllr Faulkner gave a progress report with photographic evidence of the work that is being carried out in the old Nat West Bank. All councillors welcomed this update.

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238/24: PALLADIUM GARDEN UPDATE:

The clerk informed the councillors that work was now progressing and that an application had been put in for the planting etc. The clerk requested to submit a further application to South Copeland GDF Community Fund for the remaining works and band stand. Cllr McGrath proposed that the clerk submit this, it was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed. **Action: Clerk to submit application**

239/24: CUMBERLAND AND COUNCILLOR UPDATES/WORK GROUPS:

Cllr Kelly had sent notes about the work in Cumberland Authority which were read out by the chairman and circulated.

Cllr Billing informed the council that he had attended a meeting with the group trying to get a cycle route from Millom to Silecroft, unfortunately there was very little at present to report.

Cllr Williamson had left notes and updates on the work that he had been currently working on. In regard to the new Ninja Trail in Haverigg he stated that this was due to begin around the beginning of June. He is still in contact with Velosolutions in regard to the proposed pump track for Millom and will report as and when more information becomes available.

Cllr Brown informed the meeting that St Luke's church has now got a committee to help with holding events to enable the church to stay open. The recent Easter Egg Hunt had been well attended and thanked all for helping with this and in trying to keep the church open. Other events are being planned for the forthcoming months.

240/24: CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received had been forwarded to councillors for their information.

The clerk updated the Council with regard to the Salvation Army Building and that she had been informed that they were going to get a valuation and would let us know as soon as this had been carried out.

The chair asked if the clerk could highlight any correspondence when sending out to councillors of those requiring urgent replies etc.

241/24: PLANNING:

The following planning applications had been received for consideration by the council:

- 4/25/2117/0F1 – Removal of existing rear porch and the construction of a first-floor extension over the existing garage, two storey and single storey rear extension replacement

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windows throughout, new entrance door with glazed side panel, plus internal and external alterations to an existing dwelling – 2 Caton Street, Haverigg - **The council had no objections in principle to this application**

- 4.25.2119/0F1 – Variation of condition 2 (Plans) to increase roof pitch and ridge interlocking tiles to match existing property in lieu of anthracite grey steel profile sheet roof cladding of Planning Application 4/23/2263/0F1 – Construction of detached garage – 9 Cumberland Close, Millom – **The council had no objections in principle to this application**
- 4/25/22142/0F1 – Prior approval application for demolition of outbuilding – 5 St Georges Road, Millom – **The council had no objections in principle to this application**
- 4/25/2015/0F1 – Demolition of bungalow and the construction of a new single storey dwelling with integral garage and association landscaping – Penhaven, North Lane, Haverigg – **The council had no objections in principle to this application.**

Action: Clerk to write to Cumberland Planning with Council's comments.

242/25: ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO NOTE FOR THE NEXT MEETING:
The next meeting will be held on 28th May 2025 in the Methodist Hall commencing 06.30pm with the AGM, followed by the Mayor making at 7.15pm and then the normal council meeting at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 08.30pm

Signed: Chair Dated: 28th May 2025