

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
8TH JULY 2019 AT 6.30PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor Cllr Angela Dixon (AD), Cllr Ruth Peter (RP), Cllr R Kelly (RK), Cllr Tony Dixon (TD), Cllr Barbara Crellin (BC), Cllr Tess Fitzwilliam (TF), Cllr Jenn Jakubowski (JJ), Cllr Graham Brace (GB), Cllr Dave Billing (DB), Cllr Simone Faulkner (SF) RFO Vicky Bradley and 7 members of the public

At the start of the meeting the Mayor welcomed the public but informed them that there was no public participation in this meeting

067/19 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: Cllr Jane Micklethwaite, Cllr Rebecca Cummings. Cllr S Carter & Cllr R Pattinson

068/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: All interested as Millom Town Councillors

069/19 To discuss and approve replacement play equipment for Millom Park.

The Mayor told the meeting that the toddler section of the park is currently closed and urgent action is needed to get the park open and accessible to the public again as soon as possible. Cllr T Dixon has been looking over the council's budget including any contingency budget that we may have. TD informed the council that we could commit £12,500 to the park immediately, it was noted that we had received a business rate refund for the toilet block at Haverigg and some of this could be used but we should look to hold at least £10,000 specifically for the toilets. There is also several possible funding streams that are been looked at so it was **PROPOSED** that we look to spend approximately £15,000-£16,000 on new play equipment – **ALL AGREED** The Clerk stated that we are looking at a lead time of 8-10 weeks for the new equipment as it is all made to order. A visit from Playdale is happening this week to move things forward.

The question about CCTV was raised and TD stated that following June's council meeting it was agreed that if nothing further had been received via the PCC prior to the July full council meeting then the council would revert back to obtaining our own system.

070/19 To agree the quote for the removal of exercise equipment, From JW Plant Solutions

The clerk informed the meeting that several quotes had tried to be obtained but this was the only one that came back in. RK pointed that the first 3 pieces had been removed free of charge and had this person been contacted – Clerk informed that the said person had now retired so was unavailable. It was **PROPOSED** to go ahead with the quote of £1200 from JW Plant Solutions – **ALL AGREED**. It was asked if maybe he could remove some of the toddler equipment while he was up there – **ACTION:** Clerk to contact.

071/19 HR – IN PRIVATE – To approve salary scale for Clerk and Assistant Clerk The chair asked the members of public to leave the meeting while this item was discussed. The RFO explained the new scales due to new job roles and the appointment of a new assistant clerk. **ALL AGREED** to the new scales as approved by NALC. **ACTION:** Clerk to update Payroll Company.

The members of the public were invited back into the meeting. The Mayor finished off by

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saying that she and the clerk are due to attend a funding fair this week to gain access to possible funding streams, and although we have been let-down from the Lottery the SCDG still hope to find other possible funding sources. GB asked that we ensure RoSPA carry out their annual inspections. It was noted also that some work is needed at Haverigg Park and we will look into this also. RP asked that any new equipment is accessible to all.

TD informed the meeting that the STEM group at Millom School are working on a project to design and build some musical instruments that will eventually go in to the Sensory Garden in Millom Park. It was asked if this group of girls could be invited to the September meeting to present their ideas. ACTION Clerk to contact.

RK asked that the public are made aware of our suggestion box and the council will welcome any ideas either via the suggestion box or by e mailing the clerk.

Meeting closed at 18.49.

V Bradley, Asst. Clerk

Cllr A Dixon, Mayor.....