

**MINUTES OF AN ZOOM MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 27th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr R Peter (in the chair), Cllr R Kelly, Cllr A Dixon, Cllr T Dixon, Cllr G Brace, Cllr B Crellin, Cllr S Faulkner, Cllr S Carter, Cllr R Pattinson, Cllr D Billing, Cllr J Jakubowski, Cllr T Fitzwilliam, Mrs Vicky Bradley (Clerk) and Mrs Cath Jopson (Assistant Clerk), CBC Cllr Ged McGrath

139/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Donnelly and Brown.

140/20: MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Clerk had circulated the Mayors statement to councillors prior to the meeting, this is the detail:

First of all I would like to thank our two Clerks for all their spectacularly hard work over the last few months. We now have a new home and they have done a great job in moving us with the minimum of fuss as well as dealing with normal Council business.

In addition, I would like to thank Cllrs for stepping up to the plate and driving our work forwards. I see no dead wood and it is a great help.

I watch with pleasure vaccinations moving apace and hope that our return to the new normal is not too far away.

Please be advised that I held a meeting with the prison on Monday morning. As you know, currently we can access only 10% of the workforce there and the bulk of skills lie in the 90%. MTC are not the cause of this. It seemed to me that some training in empathy might benefit both the community and prison residents. The prison agrees. The training is called Life swap and we are looking to run some sessions later this year. Covid allowing. If anyone would like to know more or even take part please get in touch.

141/20: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No declarations of Pecuniary Interest were received.

142/20: ACTIONS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – TO REVIEW ANY INCOMPLETE ACTIONS

122/20 – Clerk to chase Cllr K Hitchen for this information

The clerk confirmed all other actions had been completed by them, other than **135/20** – The Recycling Skips have been included under item agenda 10. a) and the Copeland Budget Consultation submission date was prior to this meeting so the clerk confirmed that this had been submitted via email, so there was no need to include on this agenda.

143/20: TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2020: Cllr A Dixon proposed and Cllr R Kelly seconded this and it was AGREED that the minutes be signed.

144/20: TO NOTE THE MINUTES FROM THE A&R MEETING HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER (ALREADY SIGNED) AND DRAFT MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 2021 AND TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES

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Cllr Jakubowski reported that the work is going to schedule, all old equipment has been removed and stored, the second funding agreement has been received. The clerk informed the meeting that a slight amendment had been made to the draft minutes by Denise Burness and the minutes would be signed at the next A&R meeting.

- A) Pavilion project – to assign a new project manager:** As Cllr Cummings has now resigned from the council it was discussed at A&R that we need someone else to take over the project managing of this. Cllr A Dixon suggested that we pay someone to take this on, Cllr Jakubowski informed the meeting that finding funding for this project is proving difficult, Cllr Jakubowski agreed to look at this project in a couple of weeks. **Action: Clerk to pass original document to Cllr Jakubowski**

145/20: TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES FROM THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 2021

Cllr T Dixon proposed and Cllr R Kelly seconded that these be signed, all AGREED, Cllr Kelly to sign as he was in the chair

146/20: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC None present

147/20: CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL: Any updates/issues to be addressed

- a) **Traffic flow/car congestion**, Cllr Kelly informed the meeting that it has been an ongoing issue for over 2 years regarding feedback for a one-way system in Millom, it was agreed that Cllr Kelly would raise at the 3 Tier meeting this week. **Action: Cllr Kelly**
- b) **Street Lighting Issues** – We have received several reports of lights not working for some time, these have been reported time and time again, and it was agreed to write to our CBC/CCC representatives about this issue. **Action: Clerk to write**
- c) **Grit Bins** – Cllr Billing had already requested the clerk to enquire about at grit bin at St Peters Drive, Highways response was emailed out to all councillors for information, as this is an unadopted road CCC would not place one, we could as a council be responsible for one there but would need to consider the implications of then becoming responsible for the maintenance of the road. Cllr Brace asked whether it was possible to obtain a list of the grit bins in Millom and Haverigg so these could be included in the ward inspections to be looked at around November time so we can then report which ones require replenishment. **Action: Clerk to write to Highway to obtain a list**

148/20: COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS: Any updates/issues to be addressed

The clerk had been asked prior to the meeting to make contact with our CBC councillors for their views and CBC opinion on the GDF proposal, the Copeland budget and the CBC strategic consultation, Cllr Ged McGrath gave a comprehensive email reply which was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting, Cllr Billing thanked Cllr McGrath for his response.

- a) Waste and Recycling – to form a working party to liaise with CBC Waste Department** – Cllr Billing has created a list of topics for possible discussion with the

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waste department, Cllr A Dixon stated that they had, had meetings before but to no avail. Interested Cllrs to form the working party are: Cllrs Billing, Brace, A Dixon, Pattinson, Kelly and Faulkner **Action: Clerk to make contact and to arrange a meeting**

149/20: MILLOM TOWN COUNCILLOR AND CLERKS UPDATE: Update from MTC Clerk

- a) **To agree to purchase a notice board for new office** – The clerk informed the meeting that we have a legal responsibility to display agendas and other documents both inside and outside the building so they can be accessible at all times. It was agreed to purchase a notice board. Cllr Billing queried the notice board at the library, the clerk informed the meeting that this was not our property but the library staff will happily display any notices sent to them, it was also noted that a poster should be put in said notice board to make the public aware that we have now relocated **Action: Clerk to purchase notice board and draw up a poster.**
- b) **Cllr Cummings resignation** – The clerk had received an email from Cllr Cummings regarding her resignation with immediate effect due to her imminent move and arrival of her new baby, the chair thanked Cllr Cummings for all her efforts and support whilst in office and it was agreed to send a card and flowers. The Clerk will now go through the procedure of advertising the vacant seat. **Action: Clerk to organise gift and vacancy**

150/20: SOUTH COPELAND PARTNESHIP UPDATE Cllrs Kelly and Billing attended this meeting and the main topic of discussion was the GDF proposed facility, Cllr Billing stated that we can, as a council agree to participate in the survey will potentially some financial gain. CBC Cllr McGrath pointed out the CBC are in favour of this. It was agreed to seek further clarification on how we start this process. Cllr Kelly pointed out that the towns fund bid steered away from nuclear development **Action: Cllr Billing to speak to David Faulkner**

Cllr Billing also pointed out the STEP Fusion Reactor project, and that Cumbria, specifically Copeland could be involved in this and the process is ongoing, we may need to possibly declare an interest in this. It was noted that the 2nd level declaration is required by 2nd March **Action: Cllr Billing to look into further**

151/20: TOWNS FUND BID Cllr Kelly informed the meeting that the submission had gone in and it was agreed to go ahead with all four key projects and the total of the Millom bid was 24.1million. the bid had been validated subject to scrutiny and each project will be looked at individual against the required criteria.

152/20: MILLOM IN BLOOM – ADDITION OF ALLOTMENT SECTION Cllr Billing would like a section adding to this competition to include allotments, all agreed this was a good idea. **Action: Cllrs Billing A Dixon and Pattinson to look into criteria**

153/20: COVID RESPONSE MEETING UPDATE – Cllrs Billing, A Dixon and Crellin attended this zoom meeting which was held with CBC to discuss what help could be needed to overcome the pandemic, food resilience, help with computers, loneliness etc. It was noted that some

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children do not have laptops or access to the internet. **Action: Cllr A Dixon to contact The Phoenix Centre for computer advice**

154/20: BEACH CAFÉ ROOF – Possible asbestos Following from the extraordinary meeting it was agreed to place this on full council. It was agreed that we need to get someone to look at the roof of the café to ascertain whether or not it contains asbestos and if so does anything need to be done. **Action: Clerk to arrange an inspection and if necessary obtain 3 quotes for the work**

155/20: PARK SUPERVISOR ROLE Cllr Billing raised this query to see whether or not we need to employ a park supervisor once all the work is completed in order to reduce vandalism. Cllr A Dixon stated that the CCTV is in place and a lot of the previous vandalism was due to old, dilapidated equipment so hopefully there won't be a need, and it was also noted that the vandalism would probably take place out of working hours so no benefit having someone up there. Agreed to defer at the moment. Cllr Dixon asked that the paths, Muga fencing and toilet roof be placed on the agenda for next month. **Action: Clerk to add to agenda**

156/20: PLANNING None receive prior to working papers been sent out, the clerk had received two application prior to the meeting and these would be email out for action.

157/20: ACCOUNTS All agreed that payments can be made. **Action: Clerk to arrange**

158/20: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Cllr Billing would like an email going to CBC/CCC - 2 weeks prior to full council asking for their comments on specific issues
Cllr A Dixon would like street cleaning adding to next months' agenda.

Meeting closed at 20.35.

Signed:.....(Cllr Ruth Peter) – Acting Mayor

Actions:

- 142/20 Clerk to chase Cllr Hitchen
- 144/20 Clerk to pass document to Cllr Jakubowski
- 147/20
 - a) Cllr Kelly to raise at 3 tier meeting
 - b) Clerk to write
 - c) Clerk to write
- 148/20 Clerk to liaise
- 149/20
 - a) Clerk to purchase notice board
 - c) Clerk to advertise vacancy and arrange gift
- 150/20 Cllr Billing to speak to David Faulkner
- 152/20 Cllrs Billing and Pattinson to look into
- 153/20 Cllr A Dixon to look into

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