

**MINUTES OF A ZOOM MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2020 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Dixon (Mayor), Cllr T Dixon, Cllr S Carter, Cllr R Pattinson, Cllr T Fitzwilliam, Cllr R Cummings, Cllr R Kelly, Cllr R Peter, Cllr D Billing, Cllr G Brace, Clerk V Bradley and Assistant Clerk C Jopson

Members of the Public: Russell Adams, Gavin Towers, Mike Lim

001/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr J Brown, Cllr B Crellin, Cllr J Jakubowski

002/20 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest

003/20 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2020: Cllr R Pattinson proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 26th February 2020 be signed as a true and correct record. This was seconded by Cllr T Dixon

004/20 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2020: Cllr D Billing proposed that the minutes from the Amenities and Recreation Committee be signed as a true and correct record. This was seconded by Cllr R Kelly

005/20 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Russell Adams gave a short summary in regard to the planning application 4/20/2182/0F1 – Redevelopment and extension of the Millway building for restaurant, kitchen, café/restaurant, reception area: erection of community assembly building; 13 residential units (including 4 No Accessible units; 4 No Vardo Wagons; 12 Airstream caravans; 3 ancillary toilet blocks; sculptures; warehouse; associated parking and infrastructure with ancillary facilities; - Land at the Millway, Devonshire Road, Millom . He informed the Councillors that he hoped planning would be approved within the next 3-6 months. Costings have been done with utilities and works sorted ready to go. Realistically he stated that it would be around 6-months before commencement. He informed the councillors that work had already begun in renovating the vans and that the Millway office was already insitu. He agreed to keep the Council know of any updates when appropriate and would be happy to answer any questions in relation to the project. **R Adams left the meeting.** Gavin Towers spoke to the Council stating that he would also be happy to talk to the Council if they had any concerns. **G Towers left the meeting.**

006/20 MILLOM TOWN COUNCILLOR & CLERK'S UPDATE:

a) Acceptance of Office: The Clerk informed the Council that Cllr S Donnelly's Acceptance of Office had been sent to Copeland Borough Council.

b) Breaking Strains Event: A letter had been received from Copeland Borough Council and partners in regard to Breaking Strains Events are intending to hold a brand new challenge event using the length of the borough. The event is called Run the Edge and is being hosted

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in partnership between Breaking Strain Events and CBC. The event is scheduled to take place on the weekend of 20th-21st March 2021. It will largely follow the line of the designated English Coastal Path stretching from Millom to the south of Whitehaven. **Action: Clerk to confirm ok**

c) Local Electricity Plan: After looking further into the requirements for Council's to become involved with this it was agreed by all not to go ahead and support this action at the present time mainly due to unforeseen costs that might arise. **Action: Clerk to inform them of decision**

d) Christmas Lights: It was agreed by all Councillors that we should go ahead and choose West Lakes Electrical to supply the town with its Christmas lights. Cllr A Dixon signed the contract. The only downside to the Christmas lighting as the Mayor informed the council is that they may have to pay to install a power point in the market square to enable us to have a real tree placed in there. Cllr Billing raised the question of where the plan for the Public Realm is up to. The clerk to gather this information before next meeting. To go on next agenda. **Action: Clerk**

e) Slag Bank Donation: A letter from the Slag Bank Play area had been received asking for help with payment towards the insurance as in previous years the council have always donated the sum. It was agreed to go ahead and pay the sum of £467.30 (the price has been held for 3-years). **Action: Clerk**

007/20 NEWTON STREET PROPERTY: A proposed draft lease had been circulated to all councillors for their perusal. Cllr R Cummings was concerned with the length of the lease (20-years) it was discussed and felt that it should be amended to 10-years with a possible right to buy the property after the 10-year proposed rental agreement ends. It was also noted that the building be looked at before commencement of the lease and to repair any faults found before the lease is signed. **Action: Clerk to contact Home Group with proposals**

008/20 STREET CLEANER: It was agreed to purchase a street cleaner after further research into the two proposed machines were looked into. The Council agreed that Cllr A Dixon and Cllr Peter be authorised to purchase the one that is preferred after the research has been carried out, dimensions size etc. **Action: Clerk**

009/20 MILLOM TO REMEMBER: Cllr Cummings informed the council that other parishes had involved local children/adults in making something to remember the COVID-19 pandemic. Thoughts were on the lines of stones being decorated and placed in the wall of the sensory garden in Millom Park. **Action: Cllr Cummings**

010/20 MARKET IN THE SQUARE: It was proposed at earlier meetings to hold several markets in the square. Cllr T Dixon stated the things were all ready to go and the earliest it could go ahead would be the August bank holiday. All agreed that due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 rules it would be better left until the Christmas market is held.

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Action: Clerk

012/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

A&R Meetings Cllr Billing was concerned that there had not been an A & R meeting, the clerk informed him that there had been one scheduled for 11/3/20 before lockdown and only 3 members had turned up. The clerk informed the Council that the building was hoping to open to members of the public mid-July. The Mayor suggested that as soon as the building is open a meeting could be held. **Action: Clerk to look into holding either a zoom meeting or face to face in next week or so**

Town Plan: The Mayor informed the Council that the town plan needed updating to include: Coastal pathways, cycle ways, improved walkways/bridges etc. **Action: Clerk –forward copy of plan to A&R committee/place on agenda**

Queens Park Development: Cllr Peter informed the council that demolition was due mid to end of July. Home housing had also asked if the plants the council had been interested in had been removed. Cllr Brace said that he was prepared to meet with other volunteers to remove them as soon as possible. Cllr R Pattinson and Cllr A Dixon agreed to help. **Action: A Dixon to arrange date.** Cllr Peters also informed the council that there had been a problem with a rat infestation in the empty properties and that Home Housing were looking into eradicating them.

Ward Inspections: Cllr Billing asked if the ward inspections had taken place. Cllr T Dixon informed the council that he had prepared a spread sheet ready. It was to be added onto the next agenda. **Action: T Dixon/Cllr G Brace to co-ordinate date and times to carry out inspections. Clerk to email ward inspection spreadsheet out again**

Prison: The Clerk informed the Council that the Prison were at present not able to carry out any works.

Stronger Town Funds: The Mayor informed the Council that Robert Morris-Eyton (local businessman) had been elected chairman of the Stronger Towns Fund Bid. The Mayor also informed them that the bid would be possibly submitted at the end of January. A further meeting is to be held on Monday 29th June 2020. Further information will be available after

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this meeting.

Hand Sanitisers: Playdale have manufactured hand sanitiser stations for play areas at a cost of £3500 each. The council would be able to get a 10% discount if purchasing 2. This to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 08.20pm

ACTIONS:

006/20 - d) Clerk to gather information regarding Public Realm. To be placed on next agenda

006/20 - e) Clerk to arrange for cheque to be paid to Slag Bank

007/20 - **Clerk** to respond regarding the lease amendments

008/20 - **Clerk** Road Sweeper – further information to be gathered

009/20 - **Cllr Cummings** - to organise and sort the project

011/20 - **Clerk** to sort planning

012/20 - **Clerk** to arrange next A&R meeting

Clerk to arrange for Town Plan to be updated as soon as is possible

Cllr A Dixon to arrange date for removal of plants at Queens Park

Cllr T Dixon/Cllr G Brace to co-ordinate date and times to carry out ward Inspections,

Action -Clerk to send out ward inspections spreadsheet

Clerk to look further into hand sanitisers for play areas, to be placed on agenda for next meeting.