

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH
NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Cllr Ruth Peter (in the chair) (RP), Cllr Janice Brown (JB), Cllr Barbara Crellin (BC), Cllr Tess Fitzwilliam (TF), Cllr Jenn Jakubowski (JJ), Cllr Richard Pattinson (RPat), Cllr Graham Brace (GB), Cllr Simone Faulkner (SF) Clerk Vicky Bradley, Asst Clerk Cath Jopson and 1 member of the public

161/19 APOLOGIES: Cllr A Dixon, Cllr T Dixon, Cllr D Billing, Cllr R Cummings, Cllr R Kelly, Cllr S Carter and CCC K Hitchen

162/19 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS: In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr Ruth Peter informed the council that Cllr J Micklethwaite has taken the decision to resign from Millom Town Council, CBC will issue the relevant notice of vacancy. Cllr Peter also wished Cllr T Dixon a speedy recovery from his recent stay in hospital and the council's best wishes were sent to him and Cllr A Dixon at this time

163/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr J Brown – Item 20 – Planning – a) 93 Lowther Road (family)

164/19 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30TH OCTOBER 2019

Cllr G Brace proposed and Cllr J Brown seconded that these be signed as a TRUE record – All Agreed, minutes signed

165/19 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Howard Shimmin enquired whether new bus posters/adverts had gone out regarding the bus schedule – Clerk advised him that this had been done.

166/19 CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL – Update from County Councillor

Cllr D Wilson is reviewing the Copeland Remainder Traffic Regulation Order Review and raising concerns with the relevant parties, Cllr K Hitchen had no updates to bring to the meeting.

167/19 COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL – Update from Copeland Councillors

Cllr F Wilson has been looking into the car park barrier removal at Haverigg and will forward information as this is received.

168/19 MILLOM TOWN COUNCILLOR AND CLERKS UPDATE: - Update from Clerk

- a) A letter has been received by the Irene Rogan regarding the slate carved standing stone requesting that Millom Town Council cover the costs of the foundation which is £260 including VAT. – All AGREED to the request but councillor Jakubowski asked that we ensure that the required landowner permission has been received. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange payment and write to ask them to confirm permission.**
- b) Millom Discovery Centre – request for financial support – As the council allow £1000 in the budget to fund this it was AGREED to support. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange payment**
- c) Queens Parks Update – An update has been received by the clerk – copies made available at the meeting for councillors to read.
- d) Christmas Market – The Clerk reminded councillors that the Christmas Market was going to be held on Saturday 7th December – any available councillors to be present

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on the day to lend a hand, we currently have several volunteers to help set up the market stalls in the square. Cones have been requested for the Market Square and Guide Hall car park.

169/19 AMENITIES AND RECREATION UPDATE: The minutes from the meeting on 30th October were noted, next meeting due on 3rd December 2019. It was noted that HMP Haverigg had commenced work on the Haverigg Play Area and the wood bark was been delivered to the Prison for storage and they will put down when weeding works have finished.

170/19 YOUTH COUNCILLOR: Our new youth councillor wasn't present. Cllr Peter said that the school may have another student interested in working alongside Hannah. The clerk has forwarded a list of meeting dates to the School to pass onto the Youth Councillor.

171/19 CENOTAPH - HANDRAIL: This was placed on the agenda by Cllr Peter following the remembrance service; she noticed that several people struggled to walk up the steps and would like if possible a handrail to be installed. It was mentioned that if a handrail was not possible maybe a letter to the Army Cadets to ask that they give assistance if required.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the War Memorials to see what we are allowed to install.

172/19 SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES. This was placed on the agenda by Cllr T Dixon, in his absence the clerk stated that as a lot of the councillors work during the day every effort was been made to have these meetings in the evening where possible to avoid apologies having to be given.

173/19 TESCO CAR PARK This was placed on the agenda by Cllr Brace he informed the meeting that he had carried out a walkabout of the car park and came back with the following:

- there are 7 lamp standards in the car park
- one of the standards has been cut off but needs further attention to tidy it up
- two of the standards have correctly fitted covers on the electrical connections
- two have covers which are held on by metal bands
- one has the cover off (and damaged) with the electrics left exposed
- one has the cover only partially covering the electrics as one of the metal barriers has been pushed into it
- only 3 out of 14 original lights are now working
- nearly all the metal barriers have been bent out of shape

In addition, the wall above the car park and running along St George's Road has been partially taken down and is waiting rebuilding. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact CBC regarding the above

174/19 SOCIAL HOUSING UPDATE: This was placed on the agenda by Cllr T Dixon, in his absence the clerk was asked to update the meeting – in order for this to progress to the next stage, the council agreed to support a cross parting working group to take this on, members of this group would be MTC/CBC/ACT and Unit 3 – All AGREED.

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175/19 MILLOM DISASTER FUND – To agree to reimburse the floodlight money Cllr Peter updated the meeting regarding this issue, the full cost of the lights is in the region of £30K, monies have been donated by various sources and the Millom Disaster Fund agreed to donate £5k to this repair in order to get the facility back up and running. After discussions at Millom Disaster Fund meetings it was asked whether the money should come out of MTC budget rather than the Disaster Fund. Cllr Jakubowski stated that a survey was done and the majority were happy for the money to be given. There were questions about why this wasn't covered by insurance which have not been answered. A vote was taken and the majority agreed that the money should be paid via MTC funds but a letter was to be written to CCC querying the insurance in the future. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange payment and write re insurance.**

176/19 CRISIS AND DISCRIMINATION FOR THE VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY This was placed on the Agenda by Cllr Faulkner and backed by Cllr Brown, following her own personal experience on this matter, Cllr Faulkner has produced a document which was circulated prior to the meeting for councillors to review. This document was about the care provision in our area and the fact the people are not been given the choice of been able to reside in care homes in our area and are having to be re located miles away from their family. Why are our local buildings not been maintained and kept up to standard? **ACTION: Cllr Brown to obtain a contact and forward to clerk for correspondence to be sent.**

177/19 SWIMMING Pool: We have been told that a press release was due soon by the Swimming Pool Group.

178/19 PUBLIC REALM/MILLOM MARKET SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT Cllr Peter informed the meeting that this was hopefully due to start in Spring next year and we are awaiting further details.

179/19 CCTV: The clerk informed the meeting that the CCTV is now working, all the cameras have been installed and the monitor is located in the Bowling Store should anyone wish to review activity. The Police CCTV application will not be looked at until after the election the clerk had been informed.

180/19 PLANNING

- a) **4/19/2401** - Erection of single storey full width extension to rear elevation and first floor extension over existing garage, extended forward to match main house AT 93 Lowther Road - **The council had no objections to this**
- b) **4/19/2400** - Erection of single storey rear extension and first floor side extension over garage AT 91 Lowther Road - **The council had no objections to this.**

181/19 ACCOUNTS: It was RESOLVED that the accounts presented be passed for payment. Cheques were signed by Cllr J Brown and Cllr R Kelly. **AGREED**

182/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE NOTED FOR NEXT AGENDA: Cllr G Brace had a query

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regarding the Traffic Order – Clerk to re-send e-mail for review.

The meeting closed at 20.20pm

V Bradley, Clerk

Cllr A Dixon, Mayor.....

ACTIONS:

168/19 – Clerk to arrange payment and contact re land permission

168/19 – Clerk to arrange payment

171/19 – Clerk to contact War Memorials

173/19 – Clerk to contact CBC

175/19 – Clerk to arrange payment and write re insurance

176/19 – JB/SF and Clerk to action

180/19 – Clerk to respond to planning

181/19 – Clerk to re-send e-mail