

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th JULY
2025 COMMENCING 07.00PM
IN THE METHODIST HALL, MILLOM

PRESENT: Cllr S Faulkner (Mayor/Chair for the meeting), Cllr J Kellett, MTC/Cumberland Cllr B Kelly, Cllr A Liebhart, Cllr D Billing, Cllr B Crellin, Cllr J Brown, Cath Jopson (Clerk), Gillian Hoyle (RFO/Assistant Clerk). 2 members of the public were also in attendance

Prior to the commencement the Chair informed the meeting that it would be recorded for minute taking only.

58/25:APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Williamson and Chatterton

59/25:EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC:

Nothing to exclude.

60/25: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Due to the absence of the Chair Cllr Faulkner resided as chair for the meeting.

61/25:DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest had been received.

62/25: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAYOR MAKING MEETING HELD ON 28TH MAY 2025 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD:

Cllr Kelly proposed that these minutes be signed as a true and correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed.

63/25:ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

64/25:OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

A representative from South West Lakes Anti GDF Group attended the meeting and gave a statement to the council. The chair thanked the representative and noted their concerns. (copy of statement attached to the minutes for reference).

65/25:ACCOUNTS/FINANCE COMMITTEE:

It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Liebhart to approve the accounts for payment and note the bank reconciliation and agreed. **Action: RFO to pay outstanding invoices etc.**

A short report from the RFO was given to the meeting following a finance meeting held prior to this meeting and the RFO stated that the budget was on course for the

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first quarter of the year. The finance committee agreed to put forward the upgrade of the website as per quotation to the council for acceptance.

Following the finance meeting prior to this meeting it was suggested to the Town Council that the new payroll figures from NALC be accepted for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk/RFO. Cllr Faulkner proposed that we accept these figures, this was seconded by Cllr Kelly and agreed. **Action: RFO to contact Wages provider and update**

66/25: REVIEW OF COUNCIL WEBSITE:

Following receipt of the more detailed specification of the website rebuild Cllr Brown proposed that we accept the quotation of £3k, this was seconded by Cllr Billing and all agreed. **Action: Clerk to inform website provider to rebuild website as per quotation and specification**

67/25: CUMBERLAND AND COUNCILLOR UPDATES/WORKGROUPS:

Cumberland/MTC Cllr B Kelly reported that the painting of white lines within the town has begun. He also informed the meeting that the 20mph outside of Blackcombe School had been discussed but as yet not been confirmed. Cllr Kelly informed the meeting that he had requested that the managers of the Traffic Department come and look around Millom and Haverigg to see where changes would benefit the community. A one-way system had been proposed for St Georges Terrace and if any councillor would like any other areas looked at to contact himself and he would inform Highways before the end of the consultation period.

Cllr Kelly also informed the meeting that if anyone should wish to have a piece of land designated for planning this also had to be in before the consultation ended.

Due to his absence Cllr Pratt sent his apologies with updates for council's information (copy attached to minutes)

Cllr Brown reported that some maintenance works were being undertaken at the Haverigg pumping station. Cllr Brown also reported that the Haverigg Enterprise workers were continuing to do a good job in the village. Cllr Brown reported that villagers were complaining about the wagons and heavy plant accessing the Haverigg play area road where concerns were raised about children playing in that area.

Cllr Billing stated that he thought that Millom Town Council should respond in detail to the Town Local Plan. It was suggested that anyone with any suggestions for the forthcoming plan be sent to the clerk and collated once all were in.

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Cllr Liebhart presented a draft newsletter for council's approval. Cllr Faulkner remarked that this document was good, but some emergency numbers should be added, once this had been carried out Cllr Faulkner proposed that it go out for publication, this was seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed. **Action: Cllr Liebhart to amend the document prior to publication**

Cllr Crellin reported that she had attended a meeting at the Millom Network Centre with various service providers. Cllr Faulkner suggested that Millom Town Council should link in with these service providers so that information can be shared.

68/25: CLERK'S UPDATE/INFORMATION:

The Clerk informed an accident had occurred on the new park in Haverigg where someone was injured. Details of this have been passed to our insurance company. Further updates on this when it has been received.

The Clerk had received an application from a resident for co-option onto the Millom Town Council, unfortunately it had come in too late for consideration at this meeting. An extra-ordinary meeting is to be held on Monday 11th August 2025 in the council offices. An invitation letter to be sent to the applicant asking them to attend. **Action: Clerk to write to applicant**

The Clerk informed the meeting that a successful application in the sum of £8k had been received from Copeland Community Panel towards solar lighting for the Palladium Gardens.

The Clerk reminded all councillors to get their DBS Checks carried out by the end of August if possible. Cllr Liebhart will help any councillor with this. On another note the Clerk asked that all Cllrs return the questionnaire that was included in the working papers last month asap.

The Clerk had a request from the Millom Family Centre asking if they could use the Millom Park for a Paint Run. Cllr Faulkner proposed that we agree to let them do this as long as the area is cleared up of debris etc, this was seconded by Cllr Kelly and all agreed. **Action: Clerk to inform Family Centre of Council's decision**

69/25: UPDATE ON SALVATION ARMY BUILDING:

The survey for the building had been circulated to councillors for information; the clerk again reminded the councillors that a viewing is to take place on Monday 4th August at 10.00am.

70/25: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION:

The following correspondence was received for councillors' information:

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- MRUFC – Letter request for Ecological Mitigation Work Permission – Cllr Brown proposed a site visit, this was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed. **Action: Clerk to arrange site visit for Chair, Mayor and Cllr Brown**
- Integrated Care Board News – emailed out 17.07.25
- Response from Andrew Seekings, Chief Executive Cumberland Council – emailed out 18.07.25

71/25:COMMUNITY PLAN:

Cllr Faulkner informed the councillors that there is to be a meeting on 10th September 2025 at 7.00pm in the Council Offices. **Action: All involved with the Community Plan to attend the meeting.**

72/25:SOUTH COPELAND GDF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

It was unanimously agreed to defer this item until further information has been received.

73/25:EVENTS:

Cllr Kellett informed the meeting that on VJ day the standards etc will meet at the cenotaph

To commemorate the day.

Cllr Kellett also reminded the councillors that Civic Sunday will be held on Sunday 14th September.

74/25:PLANNING:

The following applications had been received for council's comments:

- **4/25/2240/0F1 – Residential Development Consisting of No 5 Detached Dwellings and Associated Works including formation of access, landscaping and drainage – Land at Salthouse Farm, Millom** – Following a discussion Cllr Kelly proposed that the council request a site visit be carried out due to the additional sewerage/water disposal into the existing sewerage system. This was seconded by Cllr Faulkner and agreed. **Action: Clerk to ask for site visit**
- **4/25/2242/0F1 – Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed new broadband infrastructure – Proposed 2 x footway chambers – Port Haverigg, Marina Village, Port Village.** The council had no objections in principle to this application.

75/25:ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO NOTE FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

It was noted that our MP Michelle Scrogam will continue to have a surgery in the Millom area.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 08.40pm

Signed: Chair Dated: 24th September 2025

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ACTION SHEET:

- 65/25: RFO to pay invoices
- 66/25: Clerk to inform website provider to rebuild website as per quotation and specification
- 67/25: Cllr Liebhart to amend the newsletter before publication
- 68/25: Clerk to write to applicant re- co-option
Clerk to inform Family Centre of council's decision
- 70/25: Clerk to arrange site visit to MRUFC
- 71/25: Clerk to remind Cllrs of Community Plan mtg on 10/9/25
- 74/25: Clerk to inform Planning of council's decisions on planning applications