

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 28th MAY 2023 COMMENCING 06.45PM
IN THE METHODIST HALL

PRESENT: Cllr B Kelly (in the Chair), Cllr S Faulkner, Cllr J Brown, Cllr D Billing, Cllr D Burness, Cllr McGrath, Cllr S Peter, Cllr R Pattinson, Cllr B Amos, Cllr B Crellin and Cath Jopson Town Clerk, Sergeant Dave MacDonald, Beat Officer Constable 2518 Kai Diesveld, 2 members of the public were in attendance.

Prior to the meeting Cllr Kelly informed the council and public that the meeting was being recorded.

Cllr Kelly then went on to welcome everyone to the Annual Town Meeting.

001/23: APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO THE MEETING:

Cllr Kelly proposed that Mrs Cath Jopson be elected as Clerk for the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr J Brown and all agreed.

002/23: APOLOGIES:

The clerk had received apologies from Cllr R Peter due to ill health

003/23: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25TH MAY 2022:

Cllr McGrath proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2022 be signed as a true and correct record. This was seconded by Cllr Crellin and agreed.

004/23: MAYORS REPORT FOR 2022/23:

The following mayor's report is to be circulated to all councillors:

Cllr Kelly gave a short presentation on his role in the Cumberland Council. He went on to state that he hoped everything should run smoother by being as a one unit and not 2 or 3.

During the year the Town Council have been proactive in the following:

- New Allotment Policy being drawn up
- Funding for new projects including Haverigg Beach development
- Redevelopment of the old sensory garden in Millom Park
- New Pathways for the Millom Park
- New surface, fencing for the Millom Park MUGA

With regard to the Town Deal, he stated that there was now in place a new chair of this board.

Four schemes were looked at, these were as follows:

- Leisure Centre/Swimming Pool – although the size of the pool is not what was wanted the study undertaken showed that it was a viable project
- Nat West Building – this has been purchased by the Town Deal Board and will, hopefully, be turned into an Arts & Crafts Centre
- Millom Iron Line – this is progressing along
- Removal of School Crossing Janitor Blackcombe and Haverigg Schools – Cllr Kelly informed the council and public that Cumberland Authority were looking into this.

005/23: POLICE REPORT FOR 2022/23:

Sergeant D MacDonald attended the Annual Town meeting with his colleague the new community beat officer Constable 2518 Kai Diesveld.

Sergeant D MacDonald gave a report of findings during the year 2022 to 24th May 2023. Cllr McGrath queried as to how many calls relating to the Millom area requiring incident logs, Sgt MacDonald replied with the following: "The calls relating to Millom requiring

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incident logs are 719 calls from 2021 to 2022 and 788 from 2022 to 2023. This is high level data”.

In relation to the query from Cllr Amos regarding reporting options Sgt MacDonald stated that he would send the details to the clerk.

006/23: PRESENTATION FROM MAYOR CLLR KELLY:

Cllr Kelly gave a short presentation to the public and council in regard to the new Cumberland Authority and informed them that he is the representative for Millom. He informed the public and council that the end of CBC & CCC had occurred and were now running as one authority the Cumberland Council. He was hopeful that the new council would be running efficiently in the not to near future explaining that there were teething problems at present especially with the transfer of data etc.

Cllr Kelly stated that he was hopeful that the joining up of resources to the new Cumberland Authority would help to get things done around the town and Haverigg areas a lot quicker.

007/23: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

A member of the public asked questions regarding arrests etc to Sgt MacDonald which were responded to. No other questions were raised.

Cllr Kelly thanked Sergeant Macdonald and his colleague for taking the time to attend the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 07.50pm.

Signed: Chair 15th May 2024