



Mayor's Civic Duties and Announcement July 2025

Building a more positive community and embracing every opportunity!
In the Community, for the Community!

This month's Mayor's Civic duties have included the following:

1. 01.07.2025 Deputy Mayor Councillor Kellet and I attended an evening workshop at Ulverston St Mary's Hospice
2. 04.07.2025 PPG Urgent meeting. Minor Injuries cut back services for Millom.
3. 08.07.2025 Opening of the new Ninja Play Park at Haverigg.
4. 11.07.2025 Home Group Inspection Haverigg. This also included noting blocked drains.
5. 13.07.2025 Kendal Civic Service. Deputy Mayor Councillor Kellett.
6. 17.07.2025 Flood Group meeting with Michelle Scrogham MP, United Utility, Cumberland Authority, Environment Agency, Millom Town Council, Millom Flood Action Group.
7. 18.07.2025 Stephen Peter Memorial Service.
8. 26.07.2025 St George's Askam Town Band concert.

Town Deal Update

1. Town Deal Meetings this month: 7 meetings Launch of the long jump facility/ 2 visits inside the Old Bank/site visit of all the projects with 32West PR company from Ulverston.

Re: Summary and Action Plan – Millom Flood Action Stakeholder Meeting, 17 July 2025

Below is a summary of the meeting discussions and agreed actions for each organisation or group.

Meeting Summary

The meeting focused on:

- **Reviewing historical flood events and infrastructure failures since 2006.**
- **Analysing systemic failures at the King Street pumping station.**
- **Reviewing emergency response processes and community trauma since 2017.**
- **Discussing funding delays and communication gaps around planned flood alleviation schemes.**
- **Outlining an urgent need for short-term mitigations while longer-term engineering works are developed and funded.**
- **Commitment to re-establishing regular, transparent communication with the community and each other.**

Agreed Actions by Organisation

United Utilities (UU)

- Investigate and report back on-screen failure and King Street pumping station telemetry logs.
- Share a clear plan for emergency generator use and weekend staffing to address community concerns.
- Provide the timeline and scope for proposed upgrades (tank capacity, telemetry resilience, infiltration schemes).
- Collaborate with the stakeholders to clarify the company's role and responsibilities and address misinformation in the community.
- Create a newsletter with the support from the stakeholders

Cumberland Council

- Publish a monthly maintenance schedule for gully clearing and ensure transparency in operations.
- Reissue updated Section 19 flood reports, updates and ensure data accuracy.
- Work with UU and the EA to secure and publicise funding status for the £40m flood alleviation scheme.
- Coordinate clear public communications, including printed information for non-digital residents.
- Pilot intelligent Gully sensors in most effected areas.

Environment Agency (EA)

- Provide a formal update on the programme pipeline and EA prioritisation process.
- Assist in reviewing the business case score to ensure Millom's scheme remains on the funding radar.
- Offer technical support for short-term nature-based solutions while capital works are pending.

Millom Town Council

- Support immediate emergency preparedness efforts: flood snakes, sandbags, and pump access.
- Review and circulate emergency contact information to residents (including non-Facebook users).
- Act as the central coordination point for distributing resilience resources (leaflets, cards, numbers).
- Host and minute bi-monthly stakeholder meetings going forward.

Michelle Scrogham MP

- Advocate for the scheme at Westminster and champion Millom's inclusion in national flood investment plans.
- Write to government departments to request clarification on capital funding freezes and timeline slippage.
- Engage with DEFRA and DLUHC on resilience funding, insurance access, and flood risk reclassification.

Millom Flood Action Group & Community Action Group

- Continue gathering evidence of flood impacts (photos, statements, damage logs).
- Feed in regular updates to UU and the Council to ensure accountability.

- **Assist in coordinating community resilience plans, emergency awareness events, and local input to designs.**

Millom Resilience Group

- **Audit existing community flood equipment and submit a request for replenishment where needed.**
- **Work with the Town Council and Flood Action Group to develop and test a Community Flood Response Plan.**
- **Apply for resilience grants and funding in collaboration with local groups to improve readiness.**

Next Steps

- **Next meeting: Early September 2025, with future meetings to be held bi-monthly.**
- **Stakeholders are encouraged to send updates and progress reports prior to the next meeting to be shared in advance.**
- **A Doodle poll will be circulated to finalise the September meeting date and confirm ongoing meeting format and location.**

Special thanks to the Clerk and the Finance Officer for their continued hard work.