

**MINUTES OF AN ZOOM MEETING OF MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 28th APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr R Peter (in the chair), Cllr R Kelly, Cllr G Brace, Cllr B Crellin, Cllr S Faulkner, Cllr D Billing, Cllr J Jakubowski, Cllr J Brown, Cllrs A & T Dixon, Cllr G McGrath (CBC), Cllr T Fitzwilliam (joined at 08.10pm), CCC Cllr K Hitchen, CCC Cllr D Wilson, Jenny Brumby (Shop Local Co-ordinator, CBC)

190/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Cllr R Pattinson

191/20: MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Mayor's announcement had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting this is the detail:

Firstly, I would like to extend our condolences to the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family on the death of the Duke of Edinburgh. 2020 and 2021 have been such a terrible time for so many families and we have all suffered from events. Hopefully, we are finding a way out of this. It would be lovely to see you all in person soon.

I am grateful to say that the appalling graffiti at Haverigg was dealt with swiftly and professionally by a dedicated and motivated group of volunteers. We are so very lucky to have the people who really care about the area and to act on it at a moments notice. I sincerely thank all those who were involved for their help.

This month we have also had an issue with old wooden poles erected in 1956 in Church Walk. Despite several efforts nobody would take ownership of them, although they were a clear and present danger both to the people who lived in the vicinity as well as passers-by. I thank the people living close by for raising the issue and I am pleased to say that they have now been removed by Millom Town Council.

Lastly, but most definitely not least, I am saddened that our wonderful Town Clerk, Victoria Bradley is choosing to move on to something new. We will lose her next month. She has been a tower of strength and good advice throughout her time working with us, she will be much missed.

192/20: DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest

193/20: ACTIONS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – TO REVIEW ANY INCOMPLETE ACTIONS:

The Clerk informed the Councillors that all actions for the clerk had been carried out. Cllr Billing stated that there was an action on item 188/20 that had been missed of the final action list.

194/20: TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31st MARCH 2021:

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

195/20: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No members of the public attended.

196/20: CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL:

CCC Doug Wilson stated to the CCC – Local Area Committee were responsible for the dispersal of the Environmental Fund of approx. £200k, this money is to be divided between 12 different

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districts. To apply for the monies, projects would have to meet certain criteria's, these for example can consist of enhances to the environment, open spaces and improvements to walkways.

Cllr Wilson and Cllr Hitchen have suggested that improvements to the Church Walk footpath would be a good project as it was currently in a state of disrepair. The Clerk informed them that the Footpath Authority were looking into the possibility of taking it over as a designated footpath.

Cllr Wilson stated that if the project were to go ahead, they would need confirmation that the Town Council would write a letter in support of the proposal and would also have to give confirmation that they would have to contribute towards the costs. Cllr Brace asked how much money they would need from the town council to go ahead with proposed project. Cllr Wilson informed the council that they could not suggest a figure.

Cllr Kelly suggested a figure of £2 thousand pounds. Cllr McGrath proposed a figure of 10% of costs which equated to £2,700 approximately this was seconded by Cllr A Dixon. As a quick response was required due to time constraints it was agreed that this should be placed on any other business at the next Finance Meeting which will be held next Friday 30th April. Cllr Hitchen left the meeting at 08.00pm

Action: Clerk to place on Finance Meeting Agenda under any other business

Clerk to write a letter of support to go to CCC representatives subject to finance approval

197/20: COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr McGrath informed the council that there was a 6-week public consultation document which will begin 10th May 2021 consisting of the CBC Conservation designs such as shop fronts etc ensuring that they stay within the realms of keeping heritage with the town. Cllr McGrath felt that this was an important consultation and requested Millom Town Council send some feedback. Cllr Peter asked if Cllr Billing would consider looking into this consultation document with a view to submitting a response. **Action: Cllr Billing to look into the consultation document and report his findings to the town council**

198/20: MILLOM TOWN COUNCILLOR AND CLERKS UPDATE:

- a) HMP Letter – this had been circulated and noted

- b) Co-option for vacancy on to the Town Council – Two applications for the vacancy had been received for the co-option, they were Denise Burness and Bill Amos. The councillors felt that the candidates would be a great asset to the council. After a brief discussion about the candidates a vote was taken. Cllr G McGrath abstained from the vote as he could not decide between the two candidates. Cllr D Billing abstained from the vote as he did not agree on the voting process. 8 votes were received from the council for Denise Burness and one for Bill Amos.

Cllr R Kelly commented that it was a shame that both could not stand for the council and proposed that Bill Amos be asked to join the A&R Committee as a community representative. **Action: Clerk to inform D Burness of her success and to write to B Amos advising that he had not been successful at this time and but also ask him if he would like to stand as a community representative on the A&R Committee.**

- c) Bus Service Route – The clerk informed the councillors that the bus service from Haverigg to Millom had re-commenced. Cllr Crellin asked if the new route which had been discussed previously would be implemented, this would include the service going via Holborn Hill and Festival Road. It was agreed that the clerk contact Ricky's travel and discuss the proposed new route. **Action: The clerk to contract Ricky's travel to discuss the proposed new route.**

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199/20: MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL – MEETING PROTOCOLS/ISSUES:

Cllr A Dixon raised the issue that during some of the past zoom meetings protocols had not been adhered to and reminded councillors to read their standing orders about meeting procedures. The clerk informed the council that, hopefully, after the 7th May face-to-face meetings will be able to commence again which will alleviate these said issues.

200/20: SOUTH COPELAND PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

Cllr Kelly and Cllr Billing had no updates. The clerk informed the council that she had circulated via email the latest update re: Geological Disposal Facility.

201/20: TOWNS FUND BID UPDATE:

Cllr Kelly reported that as yet no further updates had been received on the Towns Bid.

202/20: MILLOM TOWN PLAN:

Cllr Faulkner stated that at present no further updates had been made in regard to the Town Plan as further development was waiting for the Towns Fund Bid outcome before anything more could be done.

Cllr Billing raised his concern that nothing had been carried out going forward. He stated that the council should really think hard about continuing the work within the Town Plan. Cllr R Kelly proposed that it be placed on the next meetings agenda. **Action: Clerk to place Millom Town Plan on the next agenda**

203/20: MILLOM TOILET ROOF:

Cllr Donnelly had requested that this be placed on the agenda. After a short discussion it was agreed to get quotations in to repair the damaged area on the roof. **Action: Clerk to request quotations for repair.**

204/20: HAVERIGG BEACH CAFÉ DOORS:

3 quotations had been received for the new Haverigg Beach Café doors. After consideration by the councillors, it was proposed by Cllr Brown to accept the quotation from J Mackie, this was seconded by Cllr A Dixon. **Action: Clerk to inform J Mackie to proceed with the works**

205/20: SUMMER TIME BUNTING:

The mayor invited Jenny Brumby (CBC Shop Local Co-ordinator) to inform the council what is proposed regarding summer time bunting. Jenny stated that there is a sum of money circa £20k available to support the re-opening of the high street. This event would coincide with the Norman Nicholson "Paint the Town Red" which the council fully support and the proposed NHS Celebrations and agreed that these should be coordinated with Jenny Brumby's ideas and plans. It was agreed that councillors would forward their suggestions to the clerk so that they could be forwarded onto Jenny Brumby for her to collate the information to go forward. Councillor Billing suggested that Jenny Brumby and some councillors have a walk about the town and Haverigg to look at what would be suitable for funding. It was agreed that Cllrs Billing, McGrath, Brace and Pattinson would meet with Jenny to have a walk about Millom town and Cllrs Faulkner and Brown to carry out the walkabout with Jenny in Haverigg. It was suggested that any bunting be in red/white and blue colours and use the existing Christmas light fixings, any flower planting to be in red/white and blue also.

Action: Cllrs Billing, McGrath, Brace and Pattinson to meet with Jenny Brumby for walkabout in Millom, Cllrs Brown and Faulkner to meet with Jenny for walkabout in Haverigg

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206/20: SOCIAL PRESCRIBING FORUM:

The document was circulated for councillor's information and noted.

207/20: NHS DAY CELEBRATINGS JULY 5TH:

See item 205/20.

208/20: PAINTING MILLOM RED:

See item 205/20. Clerk to inform Charlie Lambert of Norman Nicholson Society to contact Jenny Brumby to co-ordinate arrangements for the bunting. **Action: Clerk to forward Jenny's contact to Charlie Lambert.**

209/20: HAVERIGG ISSUES:

- a) Dog Fouling - The issue of dog fouling was still a big issue. It was agreed that we ask for the enforcement officer to carry out more checks in the area to try and alleviate this problem. The clerk informed the councillors that the guy from CBC starts the summer waste round on the beaches from May to September so, hopefully, the issues with the existing bins being overfull should be remedied. Cllr Faulkner suggested that perhaps bins with fixed lids would maybe better than the ones insitu to deter the birds dragging rubbish from the existing bins. **Action: Clerk to ask enforcement officer to patrol the area more regularly**
- b) Park Issues - Following the recent issues at Haverigg in the shelters, thanks to local residents who volunteered to provide paint etc and paint them the issues were remedied. The clerk informed the councillors that a thank you from Millom Town Council had been placed on the facebook page.
- c) Painting of Mural in Shelter - The Haverigg councillors suggested a competition for the local children in Years 5&6 to design a painting. The subject will be Haverigg past and present and the winner's picture will be placed onto a plaque and erected in the shelter opposite the park area. **Action: Cllr Brown to liaise with Haverigg School**
- d) Proposed Litter Pick - The clerk informed the councillors that Dunescape were organising a litter pick on the dunes on 6th May weather permitting.

210/20: THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN:

A flyer had been received from Keep Britain Tidy asking if the Council would like to support their cause. **Action: Clerk to gather further information**

211/20: GHYLL SCAUR LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The document was circulated for councillor's information and noted.

212/20: NATURAL ENGLAND – National Trails Coastal Access:

The document was circulated for councillor's information and noted.

213/20: PARK PLAY:

This item was placed on the agenda by Cllrs Kelly and Jakubowski. They informed the council that both of them had been in liaison with representatives from Park Play who had asked if Millom Town Council would support a regular Saturday morning session of activities which would be held in Millom Park. These would consist of multi recreational activities whose aim is to get people moving, get fitter and generally feel better mentally. A sum of £5k would need to be invested from Millom Town Council for it to go ahead. Concern was raised about whether the money could be re-couped if the project was unsuccessful. **Action: Cllr Jakubowski to contact Park Play to ask if there was a get-out clause if it didn't go ahead.**

Cllr Jakubowski left the meeting at 21.13pm.

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214/20: PLANNING:

The following planning applications had been sent for council's consideration:

- **4/21/2121/OF1 – PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE IVORY BUILDING TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW ENTRANCE/LOBBY AREA AND A NEW STAFF CAFETERIA; NEW EXTERNAL SPIRAL STAIRCASE TO EASTERN ELEVATION; NEW DRAINAGE WORKS; PROVISION OF AN ATTENUATION POND WITHIN EASTERN FIELD - CGP LTD, MAINSGATE ROAD, MILLOM**

- **4/21/2138/OA1 – ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT FOR THE ERECTION OF TWO SIGNS ON EXISTING POST PLAYING FIELD AT MILLOM SCHOOL, SALTHOUSE ROAD, MILLOM**

- **4/21/2147/OF1 - CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION – 5 MOOR PARK, MILLOM**

- **4/21/2159/OF1 – REMOVAL OF CONSERVATORY, ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO THE REAR – 19 BAY VIEW, MILLOM**

- **4/21/2165/OF1 – ERECT SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR ELEVATION AND FORM ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACE TO FRONT – 6 FAIRFIELD ROAD, MILLOM**

The councillors had no objections in principle to any of the above planning applications.

Action: Clerk to inform CBC

215/20: ACCOUNTS:

The accounts had been circulated to all councillors for their information and it was unanimously agreed that they be paid accordingly. **Action: Clerk to pay all outstanding invoices**

216/20: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Faulkner asked that the following be added onto the next agenda. Irene Rogan to discuss a new art project. **Action: Clerk to add onto next agenda**

The meeting closed at 21.20hrs.

Signed: Dated: 26th May 2021

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ACTIONS:

- 196/20:** Clerk to add proposed project funding on next Finance Meeting
Clerk to write letter of support following financial approval
- 197/20:** Cllr Billing to look into the consultation document and report his findings to the town council
- 198/20(b)** Clerk to inform D Burness of her success and to write to B Amos advising that he had not been successful at this time and to also ask him if he would like to stand as a community representative on the A&R Committee.
- (c)** The clerk to contract Ricky's travel to discuss the proposed new route. on:
Clerk to inform D Burness of her success and to write to B Amos
- 202/20:** Clerk to place Millom Town Plan on the next agenda
- 203/20:** Clerk to request quotations for repair.
- 204/20:** Clerk to contact J Mackie to proceed with the works
- 205/20:** Cllrs Billing, McGrath, Brace and Pattinson to meet with Jenny Brumby for walkabout in Millom, Cllrs Brown and Faulkner to meet with Jenny for walkabout in Haverigg
- 208/20:** Clerk to forward Jenny's contact to Charlie Lambert.
- 209/20:** Cllr Brown to liaise with Haverigg School
- 210/20:** Clerk to gather further information
- 213/20:** Cllr Jakubowski to contact Park Play to ask if there was a get-out clause if it didn't go ahead.
- 214/20:** Clerk to inform CBC regarding planning applications
- 215/20:** Clerk to pay all outstanding invoices
- 216/20:** Clerk to add item on next agenda