

**Minutes of the 2021 Milnthorpe Annual Assembly
held on Monday 1st March 2021 at 7pm
This was a virtual meeting held via a video conference**

Present: Members of Milnthorpe Parish Council: Steve Hurst (Chair), Jen Scrogam (Vice Chair), Alan Baverstock, Barbara Adair, Roger Bingham, Peter Hill, Peter Capasso, Clare Lachmann and Jim Robson. Also present – Paul Blackburn (Clerk to MPC),

1. **Opening and welcome** – Steve Hurst opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for absence** – None.
3. **Minutes of the Annual Assembly on 9th March 2020** – had been circulated and were **APPROVED** by the meeting.
4. **Milnthorpe Memorial Hall Trust:** Steve Hurst reported that some £6,000 had been given to a number of local organisations over the last year. The current Coronavirus situation has restricted work of the Trust and there have been fewer meetings than normal
5. **Parish Council Chair's Report:** Mr Hurst gave a comprehensive report. The parish council had dealt with many issues over the year and thanks were given to all those who had lent their support at occasionally difficult times. A list of things done is below
6. **Queen's Jubilee 2022:** Roger Bingham outlined the plans for celebrating the Jubilee in June(ish) 2022. He is hoping that Milnthorpe produces a celebration that is the envy of other Parishes, as has been the case on previous, similar, celebrations. He will be looking for help to organise a committee that will arrange events (concerts, processions, street parties etc) and a permanent memorial. He is also to produce a book to celebrate the event and will work with Peter Capasso to source photographs from the previous 75 years
7. **Any Other Business:** - none
8. **Closing remarks** – Mr Hurst thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.14pm.

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

What have the Parish Council done for the residents of Milnthorpe over the last 12 months?

In an extremely difficult period, with a new Chairman and new Clerk, the Council has been active and effective. When face to face meetings were prohibited, all Council members embraced technology and have taken part in effective remote meetings. All Government guidelines have been adhered to.

The Parish Council have delivered the following:

- Over 90% attendance at monthly Parish Council meetings, with all apologies accepted
- Funding of the Christmas trees around the village
- Provision of toilets on the Square
- Parking bays on the Square have been repainted
- A further disabled parking space has been added to the Square
- Litter bins continue to be emptied
- The Jubilee seat has been replaced
- Planters around the village have been maintained and a large planter has been added to the Square
- The fitting of new streetlights around the Square has been arranged
- The fitting of CCTV has been arranged
- Improved road safety around the Square, on Market Day, has been provided
- The speeding sign on Main Street has been upgraded to ensure greater effectiveness
- Parish Councillors have continued to listen to village residents and taken many concerns to higher authorities
- The Parish Council works well with the local District and County Councillors and continues to welcome their input
- The market has operated during a difficult time and the number of traders has increased, though more would be welcomed
- Donations have been made to The Salvation Army, The Royal British Legion and The Milnthorpe Food Bank

In all it has been an effective year and it is hoped that the next 12 months is similar