

**Minutes of the 2022 Milnthorpe Annual Assembly
held on Monday 6th March 2023 at 7pm
This was held at Christ The King Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane**

Present: Members of Milnthorpe Parish Council: Steve Hurst (Chair), Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Barbara Adair, Roger Bingham, Julie Mulinga Peter Capasso, Craig Allen 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 7th March 2022** – had been circulated and were **APPROVED** by the meeting.
4. **Milnthorpe Memorial Hall Trust:** Steve Hurst reported that £10,579 had been given to a number of local organisations over the last year. The work of the trust had increased from the previous year.
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. A list of things done is below
6. **King's Coronation 2023:** Steve Hurst gave a comprehensive report about the plans for the Coronation of the King in May 2023. A large number of events are planned and involve a large number of residents. £2,250 has been raised to date including £2,000 from the Memorial Hall Trust. A number of flags and flagpoles have been donated along with 10km of bunting. Events include walks, bouncy castles, music, competitions etc. The event is to be opened by Sheila Ashburner BEM
7. **Any Other Business:** - none
8. **Closing remarks** – Mr Hurst thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.08pm.

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- Over 90% attendance at face to face monthly Parish Council meetings, with all apologies accepted.
- The vacancy created by the retirement of a long standing Councillor was filled quickly by the co-option of a new Councillor.
- Funding help was provided for the Christmas trees around the village.
- Battery replaced on the Defibrillator on the Square
- Provision of toilets on the Square
- Provision of free parking on the Square
- Provision of a regular Friday market
- Installation of a CCTV camera on the Recreation Ground
- Litter bins continue to be emptied and litter picked up on a daily basis.
- All Primary School children and Joey's children were given a mounted coin to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee
- New entrance signs were put in place at each entry to the village.
- Planters around the village have been maintained.
- Improved road safety around the Square, on Market Day, has continued.
- Councillors and staff place an active part in formal/informal activities following the death of the Queen.
- Condolences were sent to the Royal family following the death of the Queen by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council
- 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 Parish Council has embraced the change in the Local Government Reform and is looking forward to working with the new Westmorland and Furness Council
- The market has operated during a difficult time and the number of traders has increased, though more would be welcomed.
- A Parish Council initiative has arranged for free parking on a Friday on the SLDC car park on Beetham Road
- The Council worked successfully to the budget drawn up for the financial year.
- It achieved its objective of having a zero increase in the Precept for 2023/24.
- Congratulations were sent to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.
- A donation has been made to The Royal British Legion

Paul Blackburn 7th March 2023