

**Minutes of the 2024 Milnthorpe Annual Assembly
held on Monday 3th March 2025 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, Michael Thompson. Also present – Cllr Rupert Audland

1. **Opening and welcome** – Steve Hurst opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for absence** – Claire Lachmann, Paul Blackburn (Clerk)
3. **Minutes of the Annual Assembly on 4th March 2024** – had been circulated and were **APPROVED** by the meeting, but will be signed at the April Parish Council meeting.
4. **Milnthorpe Memorial Hall Trust:** Steve Hurst reported that: £24550 in the year 2024 were provided in grants. No further grants are to be given until the Memorial Hall roof is sorted.
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. **Any Other Business:** - none
7. **Closing remarks** – Mr Hurst thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.08pm.

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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

The Parish Council have delivered the following:

- Over 90% attendance at face-to-face monthly Parish Council meetings, with all apologies accepted.
- The vacancy created by the retirement of a Councillor was filled quickly by the co-option of a new Councillor.
- Funding help was provided for the Christmas trees around the village. A grant being made to the Christmas Tree Committee
- A significant grant was made to the summer fete with a similar amount budgeted in 2025-26
- Provision of a wildlife area on the playing fields
- Support of local groups by allowing events to take place on the Green
- Provision of toilets on the Square. There is concern about the cost effectiveness of providing the toilet facility
- Provision of free parking on the Square
- Provision of CCTV camera on The Square
- Proposal of a 20mph speed limit considered and to follow the public consultation process
- Litter bins continue to be emptied, and litter picked up on a daily basis.
- Councillors and staff place an active part in formal/informal activities for the King's Coronation.
- Planters around the village have been maintained.
- Improved road safety around the Square, on Market Day, has continued.
- Parish Councillors have continued to listen to village residents and taken many concerns to higher authorities.
- The Parish Council works well with the new County Councillors and continues to welcome their input.
- The market has operated during difficult times and the number of traders has increased, though more would be welcomed. There is concern about the longevity of the market given the change in shopping habits
- The Council worked successfully to the budget drawn up for the financial year.
- A clean financial audit was achieved both internally and externally.
- An increase in the request precept has been made due to the removal of a W&F grant. This was forecast last year
- A donation has been made to The Royal British Legion.
- Provision of further plaques commemorating the history of Milnthorpe Village.
- New toilet entry system (cashless) was sourced and was in place before the end of the financial year 2023-24.
- Trees have been 'trimmed' to remove dangerous branches etc.
- The Council continues to provide the Speed Indicator Devices on Main Street and Beetham Road

All in all it has been an effective year, and it is hoped that the next 12 months is similar.