MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

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REFLECTING BACK ON THE OUTCOMES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY PLAN

Reaching the final year of our Plan

In May 2019 after extensive community consultation, the first Millom Without Parish Council Community plan was launched to run from 2019-2024. We now take a look back as we reach the final year of this plan and look forward to what is planned for next year. The plan has shaped the direction of the Parish Council work, based on Parishioners priorities and I am proud that your Parish Councillors have dedicated so much personal time to deliver the commitments set out in this Community Plan.

Connecting Our Communities

Focus on **litter picking** with establishment of the Millom Environment Group. Partnering with Sustainable Duddon they have delivered significant community clean up events. Over the past 4 years through community litter picks, over 10 Tonnes of waste has been collected from our roadsides.

Speed reduction with the installation of the Speed Indicator Devices both at The Green and The Hill, will both support speeding through our communities.

Upgrading of Middle Cut by working with partner organisations to provide a safe and useable path between The Hill and The Green.

Developing new walks in support of **local tourism and well being**, with the development of the Stones to Stones Walk.











Child Friendly Spaces

At the heart of the Community Plan has been the focus of creating the Play Park - a focal point for fun, relaxation and well-being - this significant investment was only possible by collaborating with Thwaites Village Hall and funding partners. We are grateful for their support. Promoting cycle safety, the Parish Council has now hosted two separate Cycle Events, which brings families together, with our younger resident's focusing on improving their cycle skills.





Parish Concerns

The Plan took onboard a number of key issues which are of concern to Residents - we have addressed the deteriorating state of the Phone Box (The Green which now hosts a Defib) and the Bus Shelters which have had a makeover both at The Green and The Hill. Work continues on the issue of dog fouling and any real change to this issue lies with the pet owners.







What is still to be done?

In the Final Year of the Community Plan, we are focussed on the delivery of two key projects

- 1. Solar Lights Installation from The Train Station
- 2. The Path to connect Rising Hill to The Green We will continue to keep you updated on progress over the next 12 months



KEEPING FOCUSSED ON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS

Informing our Residents of new developments

We continue to build as many ways to keep our residents informed of our work, which includes the Parish Council Website and creating a healthy following with our Facebook Page. The Parish Council also plays an active role in supporting the local magazine - Out and About. We also want to remind residents that our meetings are another opportunity to raise issues direct with your Parish Council or just make contact with a Parish Councillor to help with your local concerns.



Working with our New Council - Cumberland Council

We are now in a new Local Government landscape and we are now working to build effective relationships with Cumberland Council. Changes are to be expected, and we need to understand what impacts may result and as a Parish Council we must also be ready, where appropriate, to advocate for our Community.



Supported / Operated Community Trust Funds - CGP and Ghyll Scaur Quarry both Funds have supported big community projects like the Play Park and invested funds in our Village Halls.



Active Members of Local Partnership / Organisations - The Parish Council nominates Councillors to be members of 8 local groups, to ensure our local voice is heard in these partnerships / organisations. This means the Parish Council can ensure local issues are raised in the right forums.





South Copeland Community Partnership (GDF) - The demands on our resources remains significant in helping to establish an effective partnership that addresses the issue of putting our community centre stage of the emerging plans of the Developer.



And Finally - a big thanks to all the Parish Councillors who share their time, energy and skills for our Community. And behind the scenes - our Parish Clerk - Lesley Cooper who supports much of the Parish Council workload and this deserves a special note of thanks.