

**Minutes of the 2026 Milnthorpe Annual Assembly  
held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 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), Roger Bingham, Julie Mulinga, Michael Thompson, Jim Robson.

1. **Opening and welcome** – Steve Hurst opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for absence** – Claire Lachmann, Peter Capasso
3. **Minutes of the Annual Assembly on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024** – had been circulated and were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by Steve Hurst.
4. **Milnthorpe Memorial Hall Trust:** Steve Hurst reported that no grants were provided in 2025/26. No further grants will 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 7.02pm.

**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.
- A vacancy created by the retirement of a Councillor has been advertised with no call for an election.
- 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 2026-27
- Support of local groups by allowing events to take place on the Green
- Closure of toilets on the Square. This was due to 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 has been agreed
- Litter bins continue to be emptied, and litter picked up on a daily basis.
- Memorial area repaired and cleaned
- 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 W&F Councillors and continues to welcome their input.
- The market has operated during difficult times, and the number of traders has reduced, more would be welcomed. There is continued 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. This was forecast last year to avoid using reserved funds
- A donation has been made to The Royal British Legion.
- Provision of further plaques commemorating the history of Milnthorpe Village.
- 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.