

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15 August 2007

Item 6
Appendix D

18.5

OVERALL IMPRESSION (Bootle, Millom, Seascale, Gosforth, Millom, Egremont, Beckermest, Ravenglass, Silecroft and Drigg) – **Copeland is not in the worst ten 'dirtiest streets'**. There continue to be some grotspots, but you would get that anywhere.

Egremont

Recycling site clean, but gather there is problem of traders dumping cardboard on a Friday night.

Car park badly littered by the toilet and pay machine.

The A595 from Thornhill to Egremont and the southern approach into Egremont were noticeably littered.

Main street was not too bad apart from very bad gum litter (recognition that this is a task a bit like the Forth Railway Bridge) and some of the cuts off the main street could do with attention.

NO ACCESS to disabled toilet - this fault had not been reported and it was queried as to how the toilet can be cleaned if it can't be opened and if it can't be opened why hasn't the fault been reported.

Seascale

Good toilets – clean but disabled toilet needs a drop down bar as you are looking at the toilet on the left-hand side. Generally good impression. Dave Mullen has agreed to handing over the drop down bar from Moresby once it has been replaced.

ERRONEOUS beach signs showing locations of life belts in the wrong places.

Kirksanton-Millom road

Some verge litter

Haverigg

There needs to be further discussion re the siting of the recycling bins and screening. Why can't the new bins be sited on the Haverigg RUFC site – good space and out of everyone's way. Free recycling for Haverigg RUFC in return for hosting the bins?? Cllr Barnes agrees this would be a good way forward.

Oil bin in dangerous state with oil leaking from the bottom (there is however local demand for oil bin)

Toilets – no soap in ladies or disabled – disabled dirty – otherwise clean

Clean on the day, but persistent dog poo on the pavement from the roundabout in the centre of the village going south to Millom along the water course.

ERRONEOUS beach signs showing locations of life belts in the wrong places – considered dangerous. No dog toilet next to toilets, but children's play area.

Millom

The 'filthy' streets in Millom (news article of 17.5) were visited. This is a long-standing problem largely as a result of anti-social behaviour by pupils at Millom School.

There is an area off Holborn Hill, either side and behind the block of flats facing the bakery, which is used as a 'cut' by school kids to the bakery. There is also an adjacent area of garaging leading off the lanes subject to abuse. This is a litter grot spot, largely from kids buying lunch at the bakery but also some fly-tipping which can't be blamed on the kids. The bins are also being kicked around and could do with being cemented in. The street outside the bakery is horribly covered in gum.

Also, the area along the rail line/bridge by the Station Hotel near the school continues to be a problem both with litter and fly-tipping. It is not quite as bad as 2.5 years ago, but it is quite foul. Members recognise that only a change of behaviour will tackle this – but needs to be tackled – this is central Millom.

Members were informed that Steve Bishop has mentioned a plan to tackle this anti-social behaviour along with the school. A suggestion that local Councillors may have a part to play in participating with this is welcomed by them.

In the meantime, however, a visit by the Clean and Green team to Holburn Hill area would be most welcome. Local residents are also reporting a communal rat problem.

There is also an area known locally as the 'banking' or 'embankment' which is part of the Cumbria Coastal way, a bit further down from the entrance to Somerfields past the new estate adjacent to the supermarket. The entrance is pretty awful, both from a dog fouling perspective and from fly-tipping. Not clear who has responsibility for this and advice would be welcomed. As it is a public footpath, wonder whether it is in the County, but did note that there are dog bins there.

Millom – Lancashire Road toilets. Impressively clean. Know CBC only gives grant for these. However, the access to the disabled toilet is very unsatisfactory – no turning room. It could be quite easily sorted by making the access direct from the outside (which would reduce access to the 'store', but only a very few occasions). Also 'invalid toilet' sign still there. Also wash basin too high in disabled toilet. Obviously for Millom Town Council and the Committee will be writing to that effect, but mention might be made too from CBC side with respect to the grant if this proved necessary. Dropped kerb required at disabled parking side of toilets.

Millom – park toilets – **no water from handbasins**, otherwise ok. How can the handbasins be cleaned if there is no water and the fault had not been reported to repairs (it now has been). Also no disabled parking – because the county has put in speed bumps, island and crossing in the road immediately in front of the toilets – so any parked car there would completely block the street. The crossing needs to be further down opposite the nursery- only the dropped kerb in front of the toilets needs to stay.

Praise for park noted!

Fly-tipping – continues to be a problem at the civic amenity site.

Town Council has written with respect to continued car parking and dog fouling problems. Apart from the dog fouling mentioned above, the committee thought the streets looked quite clean and a huge cheer went up at a Memorial Square minus CCTV poles. Clearly, however, there must be persistent problems or the town council would not have written.

Silecroft

???disabled toilet??? If this happens then thought needs to be given to the actual access to the toilet block from the disabled parking. Also it was pointed out that the path running along the top of the beach could, with very little effort, be made into a wheelchair accessible path.

The toilets – while acknowledging that they do need an update – were clean and the doors had been replaced in the ladies. No loo roll in one Ladies.

Bootle

'Invalid toilet' sign still again. No drop down rail in disabled toilet, just side rail. Not toilet seat in one of the Ladies. General need of update – but clean.

Ravenglass

Ladies very much better than last year. Broken toilet seats repaired and new toilet roll holders installed, but for some reason the loo rolls are still not being placed inside. Don't the cleaners have a key?? **Rubbish on forefront**

The Recycling site needs emptying.

Gosforth

Toilets very much cleaner than last year. Accept they need updating, but generally very much more cared for and Ladies disabled loo was clear of cleaning stuff.

(Anne – actually used paper bank later on and it wasn't full!).

Beckermest

Nothing of note.