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The current ward of Millom Without is geographically too large. There is only 1 ward councillor who looks after 11 Parish Councils plus Parish Meetings. The concept of using the number of people to determine the size of a ward is flawed in sparsely populated rural areas such as Millom Without ward. The population feel disenfranchised and the ward councillor has still not been able to attend any meetings of the Parish Council, which is disheartening for Councillors. It doesn't help that in the recent parliamentary boundary changes the local MP is now at Barrow in Furness a travel distance of 1.5 hours away! When undertaking the review geographical spread must be considered as well as population counts.

Attached Documents:

None attached

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Councillors concerned that the current ward is too large geographically. Only has 1 ward councillor who looks after 11 Parish Councils, so it is impossible for him to interact with all on a regular basis. Feeling disenfranchised. Ward should have geographical considerations and not just number of people within it especially in rural sparsely populated areas.

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