

Minutes of a meeting of Arthuret Parish Council held on  
Monday 6th September 2021 at 7.00pm.at the Council Rooms

Present

Cllrs. G Routledge (Chair), M Gunson, C Johannsen, L Mason and K Johnstone.

Apologies

Minute No 87

Apologies and reason for absence was received from Cllrs. Sir JFS Graham, P Illsley, C Adams and K Johnson (Parish Clerk) Also, from City Cllr. J Mallinson and County and City Cllr. V Tarbitt. Before commencing with the business of the meeting the Chair, on behalf of the Parish Council, expressed extreme sadness on hearing of the death of Goff Foster, Chair. of the Allotment Committee. He added that as a mark of respect item 6(2) would be removed from tonight's agenda and allotment matters would be deferred to a future meeting.

Declaration of  
interest

Minute No 88

There were no declarations of interest made.

Police matters

Minute No 89

Incidents of anti-social behaviour by youths around Lochinvar Close area had been reported to the police, including items being thrown at parked cars. It was believed there was an increase in police activity but evidently there are still problems in that area. Cllr C.J. informed the meeting that Riverside Housing had distributed questionnaires to residents for feedback on areas of concern.

Members of public

Minute No 90

No members of the public were present. Cllr. M.G. had received a report that drains around the parish were blocked with weeds and soil. The Chair. was contacted regarding hedges needing cut at Dollies Brae and had advised the person that this was being taken up with the contractor through the clerk.

County, City Cllrs

Minute No 91

Both Councillors J. Mallinson and V. Tarbitt had sent apologies due to other work commitments. Cllr V. Tarbitt had sent an e-mail to the Parish Clerk with a report for the meeting as follows:

- Powdrake Crescent residents have requested a street light.
- Flower displays have been really good this year.
- It was hoped that Christmas lights are better this year if funding received.
- Should the Parish Council require support/funding for any Christmas Community Festivities then please let me know. Councillors agreed support with Christmas Festivities would be very welcome.
- The amenities organised for parish use are still not being used and wants to get women's/girls football team and invest in posts and gear.

Report from  
representatives on  
other bodies Minute  
No.92

**Management Committee Community Centre**

No representative at the meeting to give a report. However, Cllr L.M. had wanted to ask about youth activities. She had been running those activities at the Community Centre over the summer and wanted to know if youth activities could continue. They had been popular with good feedback from parents. It had given the young people things to do and helped to keep them off the streets. Cllr L.M. had expressed a willingness to continue to help as had other volunteers. The Chair. said that the matter would be minuted in order that it could be picked up by the Parish Council representative.

**Allotment Committee**

Removed from agenda as previously stated.

**Incredible Edible Project**

Cllr. L.M. reported that beds had been planted; more volunteers were sought for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The project is taking shape.

**CAP Initiative**

Cllr G.R. reported that a meeting was to take place oncoming Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. He had e-mailed the P.C.S.O. that he attends a future Parish Council meeting when available and will discuss with Chair. Cllr Sir James Graham and the clerk.

Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Minute No 93

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.

Minutes of 22nd  
July Minute No 94

The minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.

Festive plans senior  
citizens Minute No  
95

The matter was discussed at length. The possibility of holding a party this year along with the potential risks in doing so under present and future Covid restrictions, was considered. Alternatives to a party such as hampers etc. were also discussed in some detail. Following these discussions 2 councillors appeared to be in favour of a party while 3 were undecided. The Chair. said that he felt that he couldn't put the matter to a vote with so few councillors in attendance and that the views of more councillors should be sought, but that the Parish Council would certainly be doing something.

Clerks update  
Minute No 96

The Parish Clerk had forwarded the following.

- Tree work at Dollies Brae has been assessed and funding sought.
- Riverside works at The Scour to be followed once confirmation of funding is received.
- Clerk progressing with additional play equipment at The Square.
- Community Consultation on provision of new equipment at Lochinvar Close to be held subject to continued lifting of Covid restrictions, but considered a high priority.

Correspondence  
Minute No.97

- The Parish Council had received a letter from Neil Hudson M.P. Penrith and the Borders, expressing disagreement with the proposal of the New Unitary Authority for Cumbria.
- Letter received from a resident expressing continued concern over flooding near the Lyne Bridge and the potential for a serious accident.

Date of meetings  
Minute No,98

Full Council meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October.  
Finance meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, subject to availability of Chairman and possible alteration.  
Cllr.M.G. raised the possibility that some amendments to Tenders may be necessary. The Chair. said that this would have to be done before the Date of Finance meeting.

Planning  
Minute No. 99

PROPOSAL  
**Appn. Ref. 21/0784**  
Change of use from function room to retail premises (antique and furniture salesroom) Gym, 3 Bank Street, Longtown  
Supported to promote local business. Noted work already appears to have started.  
**Appn Ref 21/078**  
Demolition of farmhouse and erection of replacement dwelling.  
Haggistone Holme Farm, Longtown.  
Question, does the building have interesting features/historical interest? Is demolition the only solution?

Accounts  
Minute No. 100

The accounts for August/September were presented to the Council and cheques authorised for payment.

705171	26	D Beattie - Riverside, play areas field and cleaning changing rooms	440.00
705172		R Highmore - Council Rooms cleaner	73.85
705173		HMRC - Income Tax, N.I. and Pension contributions	826.81
705174		K Johnson - clerk salary	2,071.21
705175		Petty cash	100.00
705176	27	M Gunson - reimbursed Prize money for Best Kept Allotments	60.00
705177	28	Netherby Estates - annual allotments rent	400.00
705178	29	A Warwick - repairs changing rooms	235.70
705179	30	I Pearson - repairs to bus shelter	169.80
		September	
705180		R Highmore- Council Rooms cleaner	73.85
705181	31	Longtown Community Centre - room hire (3 meetings)	96.00
705182	32	D Beattie - riverside, play areas field cleaning and Changing Rooms	440.00
705183		HMRC - Income Tax, N.I. and Pension contributions	784.77
705184		K J - clerk salary	2,010.33