

**Minutes of a meeting of Arthuret Parish Council held on
Monday 4th October 2021 at 7.00pm in the Council Rooms**

Present

Cllrs. Sir JFS Graham, (Chair) G Routledge, M. Gunson, C. Adams,
C. Johannsen, L. Mason, K. Johnstone and County/City Cllr. V Tarbitt.

**Apologies Minute
No 101**

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from
Cllrs. R. Graham, M. Gardner, P. Illsley and City Cllr. J Mallinson.

**Declaration of
Interest Minute
No 102**

Cllr. M Gunson – allotments.

**Police matter
Minute No 103**

There were no police present. The clerk reported damage to the fence panels at the play area on Dollies Brae and the slide and climbing frame at Lochinvar Close. Glass bottles had been thrown on the verge and roads of Lochinvar Close. The lifebelt roped to be checked to detangle. Clerk to make police aware of these issues and concerns and invite a representative to the next meeting.

**Minute of 6th
September
Meeting
Minute No 104**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.

**Members of the
public Minute No
105**

There were no members of the public present. Cllr. M Gunson reported the kerb on the corner at The Scaur was sticking out and needed repaired.

**Report from
County and City
Cllrs. Minute
No.106**

County/City Cllr. V Tarbitt reported a severe drain blockage on Burn Street outside Eskdale House had now been cleaned.

**Report from
representatives on
other bodies
Minute No.107**

Memorial Hall Community Centre

Cllr Sir JFS Graham reported numbers for both the Brownies and Guides had reduced significantly during lockdown and the leaders now had to start from scratch to build up membership.

Cllr Tarbitt was exploring options to install a new ceiling in the gym and new floor in the main hall.

Negotiations were taking place with Library Services to relocate to the Community Centre, possibly in the squash court. This had been agreed in principle. Concern was expressed about losing the squash courts.

The good news was that the furlough scheme had helped the finances of the Community Centre.

Ref. Min. No 80 from the previous minutes, Cllr G Routledge referred to the summer scheme activities for 13-16 years run by Cllr L Mason, it was agreed she had done a brilliant job and was willing to carry on with this scheme if the Board of Trustees were in agreement and funding could be found.

CAP Initiative

Cllr G Routledge reported on various issues arising from the last meeting.

- Had contacted PCSO D. Herd regarding anti-social behaviour issues, incidents to be addressed. A new PCSO for Longtown was to be

appointed in the near future.

- Received feedback of the youth survey from William Howard School.
- Discussions ongoing to hold an Open Day at the Community Centre.
- Winter Health and Wellbeing event to be held on 28th October at the Community Centre.
- Online training for licensees and premises being arranged.
- Support to be put into place for parents to access.

Allotment Committee

Cllr M Gunson gave a brief report.

- Requested a written report is asked from tenant following a fire on their allotment that the Fire Service attended. Noted, no decision taken by council.
- Following the passing away of the Chair, of Allotment Committee and 3 resignations, there were now 4 members. Now looking for more nominations, currently no Chair. Vice Chair. Nor Secretary.
- Hopefully 8-9 half allotments can be allocated from the waiting list in the near future.

Festive celebrations **Minute No. 108**

Councillors considered options for this year's senior citizens celebrations; an e-mail circulated to all councillors for their preference prior to the meeting. It was agreed a Christmas Lunch at The Sycamore Tree for up to 150 (in 5 sittings) at £7.25 per head was the preferred option. It was also agreed to arrange delivery, through councillors, for those not able to leave their homes. Clerk to arrange and confirm dates at next meeting. Count/City Cllr V Tarbitt confirmed her support with a grant from County Council allocation.

Remembrance Sunday Minute **No 109**

The service at the War Memorial to be held at 11is on the 12th November. Clerk to finalise arrangements at the November meeting. County/City Cllr. V Tarbitt confirmed she would be laying a wreath.

Wind Farms **Minute No.110**

Confirmation received of grant application submitted for solar powered Christmas trees was successful, a grant of £3,631.20 awarded from Hallburn Windfarm.

Confirmation received of grant submitted £2,200 awarded from Beckburn Windfarm for work at the riverside for tree work and shrubbery.

Beckburn Community Pot **Minute No,111**

Consideration was given and it was agreed to support a grant from the Beckburn Community Pot to:

Longtown Brownies £300

T McCormack, towards a Halloween Disco at the Community Centre £100

K Dixon, towards Santa Tail £50.00

Queens Platinum Jubilee Minute **No.112**

The clerk gave information received from CALC for the Queens Platinum 70th Jubilee Celebrations 22nd June 2022. It was agreed to consider purchasing a beacon as part of the countrywide initiative at a future meeting.

Clerks report **Minute No.113**

- It was agreed a Community Consultation is arranged to get the community views and preference on the 3 plans for replacement MUGA at Lochinvar Close/Old Road site.
- It was agreed to purchase, in the interim, robust outdoor gym equipment for this site, both to be funded from the Section 106 Gleeson Homes money to the parish council currently held by Carlisle City Council.
- HGV vehicles persistently parking outside Nicholson Funeral

Directors, causing problems with the hearses safely accessing onto the A7 for funerals. Cllr V Tarbitt agreed to raise this with the City Council Enforcement Officers to visit the town more frequently, also a highway issue. Police to be made aware.

- A number of Council Rooms issues needing addressed. The primary concern was to get the damp issue sorted, it was agreed to get cost of purchasing/hiring a dehumidifier and a plumber to further investigate the cause. A damp specialist also to be asked for their opinion.
- Confirmed the contractor would be cutting the hedges at Dollies Bae before the end of October.
- Maintenance work at St Michaels Well to be carried out, funded by the remaining balance of grant received for works carried out previously.

External Audit Report Minute No.114

PKF Littlejohn, the external Auditors Report 2021/2021 was read out to the council, the following noted.

Section 2 approved before Section 1.

Section 2 Box Precept Grant included to be amended.

Regulation 15 extension requested by the clerk due to bereavement. Although approved this meant the Exercise of Public Rights was after the start of the period stated.

Finance meeting Minute No.115

The Finance meeting would be held on 9th November.

Internet Banking Minute No.116

Councillors authorised the clerk to get information on internet banking to be considered at the Finance meeting.

Correspondence Minute No 117

1. Local Government Reorganisation update.
2. Connecting Cumbria Newsletter
3. Minutes of CPCA AGM of 1st September

All circulated prior to the meeting.

4. Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan circulated to all. Response by 25th October.

To APPROVE ACCOUNTS OCTOBER 2021

Cheque	Rec	Paid to	Amount
705185		Retained	
705186		HMRC- Income tax, N.I. Pension	784.95
705187	33	D Beattie- riverside, parks, play areas, changing rooms cleaning	440.00
705188		R Highmore- council rooms cleaner	73.85
705189	34	Water plus – changing rooms	127.07
705190	35	Clerk - mileage	88.00
705192	36	E Mylnek- riverside works	120.00
705193	37	K Dixon- grant Christmas trail	50.00
705195	38	T McCormack- grant Halloween disco	100.00
705196	39	Brownies/Rainbows grant	300.00
705197	40	K Johnson – foodbank	100.00
705198		Clerk salary	2,010.37
705199	41	K Johnson- mileage foodbank	150.97
705200		Cancel	
705201		Cancel	
705202	42	PKF Littlejohn- annual audit fee	360.00

