

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee of Arthuret Parish Council held on Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.00p.m.in the Council Rooms

Present Cllrs Sir JFS Graham G Routledge M Gunson C Adams and M Gourley

Apologies Minute No 1 Apologies and reason for absence were received from Cllr S Winthrop

Declaration of Interest Minute No 2 There were none.

Approval of the Annual Return Minute No 3 The Annual Governance Statement, Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2017 was approved by the council and signed by the chairman and clerk.

The Accounting Statements, Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2017 was certified by the RFO that they present fairly the financial position of Arthuret Parish Council. Agreed by council, signed and approved by the Responsible Financial Officer and chairman.

Beck Burn Windfarm Community Fund Minute No 4 Cllr GR gave a breakdown of grants approved by the Hallburn Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Panel, at their meeting on the 6th June. Arthuret Parish Councils bid for £4,000 Phase 1 of The Border Reivers Heritage Project to be developed in the Council rooms was approved.

A total of £63,802 was allocated to projects with the remaining £20,000 to go forward to the next meeting in December for future grant applications. The Education and Training budget allocated £8,500 with £22,000 remaining.

It was agreed to consider submission in December to the panel for funding to extend the footpath along the riverside on Dollies Brae. Estimates for work to be sought.

Beck Burn small grants fund Minute No 5 The allocation of £5,000 a year to the parish council for community groups to access was discussed. A number of local groups and organisations had applied for funding or expressed an interest in receiving a grant.

Following consideration the following grants were proposed.

Longtown W.I. £350 towards a dinner to mark the 90th year of the founding of Longtown W.I. and promote membership.

Bowling Club Requested £500 agreed £250 towards the purchase

of an aerator.

It was also agreed the parish council apply for a grant to replace the oak tree that has died at the Bobbin Mill Garden.

Senior citizens Christmas party £500

Easton Village Hall £600 To decorate the Village Hall.

Eskdale House Amenities fund £150.00

Virginia Lodge Amenities fund £150.00

Longtown Primary School after school club £200.00 towards provisions for the Breakfast Club attended each morning by 30 children.

Army Cadets £150.00

Rainbows £150.00

Brownies £150.00

Saturday League football team £350.00

Sunday League football team £350.00

This would enable both teams to contribute £300 each towards the cost of cleaning the changing rooms on a monthly basis outside the football season and weekly during the season

Horticultural Club £60.00

Supporting young people - Mollie Kettrick -13 year old resident who is a very talented and committed track eventer who trains twice a week at Gateshead. A letter of support had been received from her coach in support £300

Play areas
transfer Minute
No 6

The agreed payment of £6,000 from Riverside on completion of the transfer of the play areas of the parish council on a 15 year lease agreement had been confirmed and payment awaited.

Hallburn
Community fund
Minute No 7

The Hallburn Community Fund was now open to grant applications, the closing date for bids was 6th September. Agreed the parish council apply for funding to improve the Festive lights displays in the town. A meeting of the Christmas Lights Working Group to meet in July to agree what to apply for.