

**Minutes of a meeting of Arthuret Parish Council Working Group held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.00 p.m. at Longtown Community Centre**

<b><u>Present</u></b>	Cllrs. Sir JFS Graham (Chair), G Routledge (Vice Chair) M Gunson C Adams, C Johannsen L Mason and by invitation E Walden and H Thomlinson
<b><u>Apologies Minute No 333</u></b>	There were no apologies received
<b><u>Christmas party Minute No 334</u></b>	<p>The following update was given by the clerk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sycamore Tree Café had confirmed they would provide the Christmas lunch.</li> <li>• Christmas party on 9<sup>th</sup> December, setting up on the 8<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Cllr M Gunson to purchase wine.</li> <li>• Clerk to arrange the flower displays for the tables.</li> <li>• Cllr L Mason offered to launder and press the tablecloths, at no charge, thanked by the chairman.</li> <li>• Clerk to source raffle prizes.</li> <li>• Volunteers from Brampton and Longtown Rotary Club to be confirmed.</li> <li>• Mayor of Cumberland and elected member to be invited to the lunch.</li> <li>• Clerk to arrange publicising the event through poster in the parish, to include Easton and Sandysike, and it was further agreed this would be published on social media. Clerk to be the contact to put names forward to attend.</li> <li>• Cllr G Routledge was in discussion with the jazz band to confirm they were available, it was suggested as an alternative that accordion players from Gretna might be available, noted.</li> <li>• Cllr C Adams asked that more salt and pepper pots are purchased.</li> <li>• It was confirmed clerk and councillors to set up for the party on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Festive displays Minute No 335</u></b>	<p>The clerk confirmed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The solar powered Christmas trees for the lamp columns were ordered, noted through Cllr G Routledge, 2 that were not erected on English Street and Swan Street, are added to the display and 2 displays this year outside the Social Club are erected. It was also noted that J Smith, the</li> </ul>

		<p>contractor, has replaced 14 timers to the lighting columns, and ordered 2 new festive displays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audek timber confirmed they would collect and remove the crib to/from Crofthead. Cllr M Gunson asked the council to agree the best position to place it on the island</li> <li>• It was confirmed by Elise that the donator, Malcolm Metcalfe. Would be providing the 16 feet Norwegian fern on the 26<sup>th</sup> November for installation, noted that volunteers to erect the tree needed to be arranged through the APCC subcommittee and that the arrangements with Cumbria Fire services were arranged by them. It was suggested that prior to installation the tree was stored at the Community Centre car park, noted this could be a security issue.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Christmas trees</u></b> <b><u>Minute No 336</u></b>		<p>Following discussion, the following was agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To purchase 4 small Christmas trees for the centre of the town and purchase</li> </ul>
<b><u>Monitoring displays</u></b> <b><u>Minute No 337</u></b>		<p>The clerk requested it be agreed how any issues with the festive displays are addressed over the festive period.</p> <p>It was agreed that John Smith the contractor be approached although over the festive period may not be available. Noted there was an ongoing issue with any issues over the festive period with festive lights issues.</p>