

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
23rd May 2023 AT 7.30 p.m. AT LONGTOWN MEMORIAL HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

<u>Present</u>	Cllrs. G Routledge (Vice Chair) M Gunson, R Graham, C Adams C Johanssen, L Mason and Rev. E Robinson
<u>Apologies Minute No 230</u>	Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllrs Sir JFS Graham and Cumberland Cllr T Pickstone. K Johnson, parish clerk
<u>Chairman Minute No 231</u>	In the absence of the chairman, Cllr G Routledge, the vice chair, chaired the meeting.
<u>Declaration of Interest Minute No 232</u>	Cllr M Gunson allotments
<u>Members of the public Minute No 233</u>	A member of the public had made representation to the Council regarding anti-social behaviour in several areas of the town. These were noted and would be followed up.
<u>Police matters Minute No 234</u>	No police were in attendance, the following was raised by councillors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr C Johanssen reported there was a monthly drop-in session in place at the Community Centre to speak with the police. To date 2 questionnaires had been circulated to residents with a 3rd to be sent out, aiming to find out residents' concerns. • The clerk had received correspondence from the Manager of Pear Tree Nursery regarding ongoing anti-social behaviour issues at the bus shelter at the bus park. This was having a negative impact on the nursery; parents were struggling at times to access the area with pushchairs and young children due to the high amount of broken glass. The clerk had contacted Cumberland Cllr T Pickstone and was awaiting his response. It was agreed this had been a problem for years and one that had been discussed at length. Following discussion councillors were supportive in requesting Cumberland Council remove the shelter. This was a majority decision. Police to be copied into the correspondence.
<u>Cumberland Cllrs report Minute No 235</u>	There was none.
<u>Representatives on other bodies Minute No 236</u>	<u>CAP Initiative</u> Cllr C Johanssen reported a meeting was scheduled for the 28 th June. At this time nothing was planned for youths although the Community Centre, where the funding from CAP was focused, have advertised a 16

	<p>hour a week youth worker post.</p> <p><u>Community Centre Board of Trustees</u></p> <p>Cllr C Johanssen reported they were moving forward with a lot of plans. The Coronation event had gone very well, it was disappointing that there were a number who took tickets but didn't turn up.</p> <p><u>Allotment Committee</u></p> <p>Cllr M Gunson reported allotment plots very busy at the minute, the majority working them well. There were more plots to let and the waiting list was going down. The clerk has requested a copy of the waiting list to file.</p> <p><u>Incredible Edible Project</u></p> <p>The project was developing in a positive way, the beds had been refreshed.</p>
<u>Minutes of 17th April Minute No 237</u>	The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 th April, were agreed as a true record, but with one amendment Reference Minute No 196, March meeting delete the last word "used", and insert "considered"
<u>Website Minute No 238</u>	Correspondence from the website management team gave information of changes to future management. It was agreed the clerk should forward the e-mail to all and this would be discussed at a future meeting .
<u>Changing Rooms Minute No 239</u>	The cleaner had handed in her resignation, the post to be advertised. It was agreed the clerk contact the Fire Station sub officer to find out the reason in accessing the changing rooms. To report back and to be discussed further at a future meeting.;
<u>Council Rooms Minute No 240</u>	<p>Cllr G Routledge reported the contractors had begun the work and were still trying to find the cause of the damp problem.</p> <p>Councillors and APCC to meet to discuss future arrangements for the Moot Hall as the current lease had now expired.</p> <p>There was an ingress of water from the roof, Cllr Rev E Robinson asked whether the roof was joint responsibility as the building was in joint ownership.</p> <p>Noted that there was currently no cleaner employed, and this will be addressed once further detail is known as to when the Council Rooms is back in use.</p>
<u>Scaurbank Minute No 241</u>	Cumberland Council were. in agreement to put forward Murray Close but the other suggestion was not going forward as there was already Mary Street and Mary Court so an alternative was asked for. The suggestion of Waverley View, by the vice chairman, as this had historical connections, Waverley Railway Line and Sir Walter Scott, was supported by all.
<u>Beckburn wind farm Minute No 242</u>	Cllr G Routledge reported from the last meeting of Cumbria Community Foundation with representatives of the 4 parish and 4 Community Councils that proposed changes to the application process were

		discussed with some objections. CCCF to take back the comments raised to EDF.
<u>Coronation Minute No 243</u>		It was agreed the Chairman would present the Coronation medals to the children at Longtown Primary School and Pear Tree Nursery to be agreed how theirs are delivered. Clerk to get the number of children attending William Howard School from Arthuret Parish, a memento to be purchased for this age group..
<u>Outstanding projects Minute No 244</u>		The clerk is dealing with the following, as high priority, amongst other things. Progress at riverside landscaping. Speed indication devices. Play equipment, clerk talking to play providers. Games area Lochinvar Close. Cameras at the allotments.
<u>Planning Minute No 245</u>		Appn. Ref 23/0297 Erection of replacement petrol filling station and convenience store, fuel canopy and fuel pumps, associated car park. Infrastructure and underground fuel tanks, following demolition of existing petrol filling station, warehouse building, residential dwellings comprising 6a and 6b Bank Street and refurbishment and partial demolition of 12 and 14 Bridge Street. Paper copies of the plans requested, clerk to contact Planning Officer. From representations made to the Parish Council by various members of the public. The following comments noted and discussed at the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed demolition of houses in a conservation area. • Question if there will be a ban on Lorries parking on the A7. • Delivery vehicles possible problems accessing safely onto the A7. • The poor state of disrepair to the HSBC Bank on High Street, owned by Spar. • Will there be access from Bank Street to the proposed site, bearing in mind that visitors park daily to access Bank Street Public toilets, Sycamore Tree café, businesses and access to the riverside area and picnic area. • Only main shop in the town will be over the main road for majority of residents • Demolition of new properties for profit • Old HSBC building not considered to be in the conservation area • Should this not be grade 2 listed, a brewery 150 years ago. • What are the thoughts of the Conservation officer on the proposed demolition of historic old buildings. • What would happen to existing Spar shop and any associated buildings on Netherby Street and High Street. • Light pollution to neighbouring properties a concern. • Believed the Spar is being relocated to an unsuitable location. • The parish councillors discussed the planning application at length.

		<p>And decided unanimously that having listened to the views of those in the community it appeared there was very little support for the application and therefor decided not to support it.</p> <p>App. Ref. No. 22/0822 Notification of amended details/further information. Erection of 62no. dwellings with associated infrastructure , land to south east of St Michaels Drive, Brampton Road, Longtown. Noted that Highways have requested more information from the developers on the drainage and the layout has changed. Following consideration, the following noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be no additional vehicular access onto Old Road as this is unsuitable for high volumes of traffic. • Representation from residents raising concerns to the parish council, and we understand, our elected Cumberland councillor. <p>The PC considered that more houses were being planned for Longtown, a town with very limited amenities and no educational facilities for senior children. Merely building more houses without due consideration for balance of the economy of the town, health and wellbeing and quality of life of its people is not the best way forward. Consideration should be given for the building of an Academy in Longtown while the land previously occupied by the Secondary School is still available. Also, some improved business development and employment opportunities should be sought. The Parish Council are not in support of this application in its current form.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Bush Hotel, a listed building should be raised as concern to Cumberland Council stating the exterior is in such a poor state,</p>
<u>Correspondence</u> <u>Minute No 246</u>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update. 2. NALC events 3. NALC newsletter 4. CALC information 5. CALC weekly update 6. Cumbria Police Carlisle and Rural update 7. PFCC Support Services survey.

ACCOUNTS MAY 2023

The following accounts were approved and authorised for payment.

704235	JG Brough - hedge cutting allotments	54.00
704236	CALC Annual subscription	413.03
704237	Retain	
704238	Water plus- changing rooms water	399.36
704239	D Beattie - riverside cleaner, parks checked	414.00

704240	HMRC - Income Tax, NI and pension	817.62
704241	Flag plus - Coronation coins for children	672.00
704242	Clerk working from home allowance - 9 weeks	54.00
704243	Clerk reimbursed - coronation event	81.10
704244	Longtown Social Club grant for Coronation tea	150.00
704245	M Gunson - reimburse Coronation event - wine for toast	143.30
704246	Entertainment for Coronation event	200.00
704247	Clerk salary	2,150.43
704248	Plantscape - solar xmas trees replacing cheque no. 704217	4,147.20
704249	Dels Diner - food for Coronation event	750.00
704250	Flower Show - grant for annual prizes for best kept allotments	60.00