

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
4th May 2021 AT 7.00 p.m.

<p><u>Present</u></p>	<p>Cllrs. Sir JFS Graham (Chair), G Routledge (Vice Chair) M Gunson , R Graham, K Johnston, P Ilsley joined the meeting late. City Cllrs J Mallinson</p> <p>The Chairman expressed condolences to the clerk following her recent family bereavement and thanked her for attending the meeting.</p>
<p><u>Apologies Minute No 22</u></p>	<p>Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllr C Adams, L Mason, C Johannsen, County and City Cllr V Tarbitt</p>
<p><u>Declaration of Interest Minute No 23</u></p>	<p>Cllr M Gunson allotments</p>
<p><u>Members of the public Minute No 24</u></p>	<p>There was 1 member of the public in attendance, who raised concerns about lack of youth provision in the town and promotion of the town. It was agreed to take up their offer to open discussion to explore ideas to promote the town, bearing in mind the resident's expertise in past employment. Chairman to arrange a meeting to progress the discussion.</p>
<p><u>Police matters Minute No 25</u></p>	<p>No police were in attendance.</p>
<p><u>County and City Cllrs report Minute No 26</u></p>	<p>County/ City Cllr V Tarbitt, reported through the clerk, the Arthuret Road to the church was being repaired through Government funding. Further comments noted.</p>
<p><u>Representatives on other bodies Minute No 27</u></p>	<p><u>CAP Initiative</u> Cllr G Routledge gave a report from the minutes of the meeting of the 21st April.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with William Howard School putting out a questionnaire to pupils on alcohol consumption. • Police to patrol Longtown to engage with youths. • Through the Board of Trustees the Community Manager to provide a written plan on what will be offered for youths and plans to appoint a youth worker. • City Cllr J Mallinson confirmed the Trustees needed to decide what the Community Centre can provide and, along with Cllr V Tarbitt, were to prepare a plan. <p><u>Community Centre Board of Trustees</u> <u>Allotment Committee</u> Cllr M Gunson reported allotment plots very busy at the minute, the majority working them well. There was one vacant half plot for allocation and one who had still to pay the annual rent despite reminder letters. It</p>

	<p>was requested council considered eviction of the tenant. No decision was taken. Also confirmed the Terms and Conditions for plot holders were being reviewed, with amendments and expansion, it would be beneficial for all. These would be updated before the annual signing in February 2022.</p> <p>The current committee was up for re-election this year and thanks were given to those current members for their help and commitment over the last 3 years.</p> <p><u>Incredible Edible Project</u> The project was developing, there was, however a need for more volunteers if the project were to be a success.</p> <p><u>Pop up Pantry</u> This continues with the clerk and Cllr L Mason managing the weekly running. It is planned to circulate leaflets to reach those who could benefit from the scheme.</p> <p><u>Beckburn Wind Farm</u> A meeting was held on the 20th April, 13 grant applications were submitted for consideration by the panel, once confirmed by CCF these would be published.</p>
<u>Minutes of 6th April</u> <u>Minute No 28</u>	The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6 th April, were agreed as a true record, to be signed by the chairman at the next face to face meeting. Ref Minute No 6 Allotment Report, clerk to confirm whether any addition to the minutes was needed.
<u>Proposed parking restrictions Minute</u> <u>No 29</u>	Correspondence from Cumbria County Council was read out by the clerk confirming the informal consultation for parking restrictions at English Street, High Street and Bridge Street, due to a high response of objection, would be deleted and no further action would be taken.
<u>Local Government Review consultation</u> <u>Minute No 30</u>	<p>The response from NALC to the consultation was circulated to all prior to the meeting was noted City Cllr J Mallinson gave a short update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government will announce their decision June/July. • Elections in 2022 for new authorities would be for a 1 year office. • May 2023 those elected will be office for 4 years. • As a whole there will be lot less Councillors in the County giving an opportunity for Parish Councils to take on powers for more local delivery of services. • Carlisle may well acquire a Parish Council.
<u>CALC Broadband Consultation Minute</u> <u>No 31</u>	<p>Information on Rural Broadband Consultation circulated to all prior to the meeting. Noted responses to be submitted by 25th May.</p> <p>Views of NALC, "that it is critical to residents in the parished rural community in England, as is the need for a strong, reliable, affordable and sustainable connection. Hot spots should be given priority and local parish and town councils should be given the legal right to promote, contribute to and/or run community networks and services for the benefit of their local communities". Was supported.</p> <p>Councillors to submit thoughts and clerk to put together a response to</p>

		forward to the consultees.
<u>Police matters.</u> <u>Minute No 32</u>		The clerk reported criminal damage to the bus shelter on English Street when a window was broken. The police were aware of this, and the name of the person, update awaited
<u>VE Day celebrations</u> <u>Minute No 33</u>		As agreed, a cake to be delivered to Eskdale House and Virginia Lodge. The council agreed with Cllr G Routledge's sentiments that VE Day would not be celebrated each year by the parish council, Armistice Day service at the War Memorial being the annual day of Remembrance.
<u>Face to face meetings</u> <u>Minute No 34</u>		It was confirmed remote meetings cannot continue after 7 th May, arrangements were now in place, following guidelines; the clerk was carrying out a Face to Face Risk Assessment. The LGA High Court Judgement circulated to all prior to the meeting. The Vice chairman, Cllr G Routledge, expressed his concern over the safety of councillors following the High Court Judgement to make it illegal to continue to hold council meetings remotely. The clerk confirmed a risk assessment would be carried out to ensure face to face meeting were safe. The vice chairman acknowledged we would have to comply with this decision but felt councils should have been allowed to make a decision about their own safety. City Cllr. J Mallinson commented that while he didn't disagree with the vice chair. Sentiments the Governments decision was quite resolute.
<u>St Michaels Well</u> <u>Minute No 35</u>		Correspondence received from a resident asking if maintenance work at St Michaels Well can be undertaken. The clerk confirmed there was a small amount of funding in place from the grant received and would speak to the contractor. Following discussion it was agreed to allocate funding from the Beck Burn Community Pot to keep the area maintained this year and to discuss further when setting the precept 2022/23 to allocate future years maintenance.
<u>Welcome Back Fund</u> <u>Minute No 36</u>		Councillors considered the information received from Carlisle City Council on the £96k funding from the Government that the parish council bid into to put additional measures to create and promote a safe environment for local trade and tourists. Strict rules were imposed on what schemes fit the criteria. Suggested bid for Longtown for improvement of green spaces and provision of outdoor seating, with AstroTurf and planters was considered.
<u>Correspondence</u> <u>Minute No 37</u>		CALC Information. 1. NALC Youth survey. 2. Friday Round up including Green Spaces Event.

	<p>3. Councillors Training - Effective Councillor - Cllrs M Gunson, C Adams and C Johannsen put their names forward to attend a t a cot of £20 per delegate.</p> <p>4. Climate Change - a 90 minute interactive session via Zoom. £15 per delegate, 2 sessions. June 29th 1-2.30 September 23d - 6.30-8.30</p> <p>5. Rights of Way Event in partnership with CPCA and CCC. 13TH May. Clerk to log in and possibly Cllr M Gunson.</p> <p>Tullie House press release on "Preserving the Past Protecting the Future"</p> <p>Open Spaces Grant a Green Campaign.</p>
<u>Meeting dates</u> <u>Minute No 38</u>	<p>The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st June at the Community Centre to accommodate social distancing.</p> <p>The Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 17th May.</p>

ACCOUNTS MAY 2021

The following accounts were approved and authorised for payment.

705132	3 D Beattie- riverside, play areas and changing rooms cleaning	440.00
705133	R Highmore - Council Rooms cleaner	73.85
705134	K Johnson - clerk salary	1876.24
705135	4 United Utilities - water bill Council Rooms	135.15
705136	5 One com - telephone broadband line rental Council Rooms	63.42
705137	HMRC - Income Tax, NI and pension	695.41
705138	6 Zoom Monthly charge	14.39
705139	7 One com - telephone. Broadband line rental Council Rooms	84.18
705140	8 G Brough - hedge cutting at allotments	54.00