

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
3rd FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00 p.m. AT THE COUNCIL CENTRE

<u>Present</u>	Cllrs. Sir JFS Graham (Chair), G Routledge (Vice Chair) M Gunson C Adams, C Johannsen S Elliott and Rev. B Murphy. City Cllr. J Mallinson, County and City Cllr V Tarbitt arrived at 7.20pm
<u>Apologies Minute No 512</u>	Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllr S Winthrop, C Wigham, EJ Conley M Gardner, City Cllr D Shepherd
<u>Declaration of Interest Minute No 513</u>	Cllr M Gunson allotments
<u>Members of the public Minute No 514</u>	<p>There were 30 members of the public in attendance at the meeting, the majority asking for an update on the bridge.</p> <p>The chairman introduced and welcomed Phil Bent, Connect Roads Regional Operations Manager to the meeting who gave an update of the timescale for repairs to the bridge on the A7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both sides of the bridge to be repaired, it is anticipated it will take 2-3 months to complete the work, • Residents expressed concern that heavy goods vehicles were continuing to drive over the bridge, the signage needed to be addressed as it was confusing for drivers especially coming from the south. • Confirmation was given that pedestrian access would be maintained throughout the repair period. • Although communications and updates were through Cumbria County Council, residents suggested local radio stations could also be used to keep drivers and residents up to date. • Residents queried why the walkway under the bridge was closed; Phil Bent agreed to look at the safety issues again. • It was confirmed the bridge structure is inspected every 2 years. • It was felt that regular updates were not forthcoming; Cllr J Mallinson asked that Kirkandrews on Esk Parish Council are also included in updates. <p>Members of the public raised the following further issues and concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 street lights on Carlisle still to be repaired. • Christmas light displays not yet taken down, this was being addressed. The contractor had reported they were awaiting the platform being repaired. • Street cleaning needed carried out more regularly although it was noted this had been carried out recently. It was also requested that the footpaths are maintained as they are too narrow and overgrown in many areas of the town. • Dog fouling was an ongoing issue. • Westlinton Bridge area on A7 flooding in heavy rain was a safety concern for drivers.

<p><u>Police matters</u> <u>Minute No 515</u></p>	<p>A meeting, previously agreed, needed to be arranged with the Parish Council. Police and Mr Crozier concerning riverside issues. It was agreed to invite the new PCSO for Longtown to attend the council meeting in March.</p>
<p><u>County and City Cllrs report Minute No 516</u></p>	<p>City Cllr J Mallinson gave a report of a meeting he attended with Northern Powerhouse where, in discussions, Cumbria has been offered a devolution deal. If accepted, Local Government reorganisation would have 2 Unitary Authorities, a north/ south divide, and an elected Mayor for Cumbria. Discussions were in very early stages, if it were to happen it would most likely be in 2022. County and City Cllr V Tarbitt reported that following a number of anti-social behaviour issues at the library, taking into consideration the lone worker policy, discussions were underway to relocate the library to the Community Centre. City Cllr J Mallinson was supportive of this proposal that would also be an indirect support to the Community Centre.</p>
<p><u>Representatives on other bodies</u> <u>Minute No 517</u></p>	<p><u>Community Centre Management Committee</u> Cllr Sir JFS Graham reported the AGM would be held on 24th February. Currently looking to appoint a youth worker. The bridge restrictions were affecting business.</p> <p><u>Allotment Committee</u> Cllr. M Gunson reported the annual rent packs would be sent to tenants this month, rents being collected in February. Vandalism to some plots was an ongoing problem, as already agreed, progress to be made in purchasing CCTV cameras for the site. A request from a tenant to change plots to Number 26 was agreed, the Allotment Committee had no objections. Noted that parking arrangements needed addressing by the tenant and reducing the height of the existing boundary fence.</p> <p><u>Partnership Group</u> Cllrs G Routledge and C Adams attended the last meeting, items discussed on the agenda included planting more trees at the parish fields, addressing the drainage on the field, the way forward in partnership with other groups and looking at more youth provision in Longtown.</p> <p><u>CAP Initiative</u> Cllr G Routledge reported that the Longtown CAP Initiative was awarded the CAP of the Year England Award, presented at The House of Commons. Police Sgt. Scott Adams commented "Key to the success was teamwork. This award is the culmination of over 12 month's teamwork and community corroboration in Longtown. We could not have done this without the partnership of the Parish Council and businesses in the area." It was noted that Cumbria County Council had awarded a grant of £2,500 towards continuation of the initiative. This funding would be paid to and accounted for by the parish council. The remaining balance of the £700 awarded by the parish council was £402.28.</p>

<u>Minutes of 4th November</u> <u>Minute No 518</u>		The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.
<u>Minutes of Finance meeting</u> <u>Minute No 519</u>		The minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 6 th November were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.
<u>Agree precept</u> <u>Minute No 520</u>		The recommended precept for 2020/2021 as itemised on the Financial draft was agreed.
<u>Speed Cameras</u> <u>Minute No 521</u>		The meeting arranged for the 30 th January by K Crawley, County Council Highways, to agree where the Speed Indication Device would be placed on Netherby Road was cancelled and would be rescheduled at a later date. Cllr V Tarbitt gave an update on the installation of the speed cameras on English Street, it was planned work would begin in March. Cllr C Adams queried whether there would be less parking places outside the chemist when the cameras were erected. A Traffic regulation consultation would also be carried out in this timeframe.
<u>Clerks update</u> <u>Minute No 522</u>		The clerk reported concerns raised by a resident that a large number of telephone poles have been erected at Hallburn/Brackenhill area. Clerk to make enquiries. A number of potholes around Longtown have been reported.
<u>VE Day 75th anniversary</u> <u>Minute No 523</u>		In celebration of the 75 th Anniversary of VE Day, 8-10 th May, councillors agreed to host a community event, in association with Longtown Partnership Group, at the Council Rooms, date to be confirmed.
<u>Rural Fun Time Initiative</u> <u>Minute No 524</u>		Information received to take part in the Rural fun time initiative to be forwarded to Longtown Community Centre.
<u>Royal Garden Party</u> <u>Minute No 525</u>		Councillors considered an invitation from CALC to nominate a councillor and 1 guest to attend a Royal Garden Party on 27 th May. The chairman, Cllr Sir JFS Graham agreed to be put forward.
<u>Street lighting A7</u> <u>Minute No 526</u>		A discussion took place concerning the 4 street lights on Carlisle Road, it had been confirmed these are the responsibility of the parish council. 2 of the lights have not been working for a long period. From the 3 elected members for the Ward budget for small scale community projects, Cllr J Mallinson offered to help cover the cost to replace or renew the top covers. Cllr G Routledge had met with the contractor who had quoted £2,400 for replacing the top covers; the contractor thought this would give 3-4 years more life to the columns before replacement. This would allow the parish council to get funding in

		place to replace the columns at a later date mindful there was urgency of this area being lit at the earliest opportunity.
<u>CCTV cameras</u> <u>Minute No 527</u>		Noting comments from residents' consideration was given to purchasing CCTV cameras for the town. It was decided to defer any decision being taken for 6 months due to no funding being available at this time.
<u>Repairs to "Tommy" figure</u> <u>Minute No 528</u>		Councillors were made aware the "Tommy" figure is temporarily removed from the island, repairs to weld the aluminium base to make it more robust was being considered.
<u>Festive celebrations</u> <u>Minute No 529</u>		Although feedback on the festive displays was good, it was agreed there was room for improvement. It was noted that with the current allocation of funds available in the budget this limited enhancing displays without seeking outside funding or support. The annual senior citizens Christmas Party had been a success, a grant from County Cllr V Tarbitt and a number of residents. This support was encouraging and very much appreciated.
<u>Section 106 funding</u> <u>Minute No 530</u>		It was agreed to work in conjunction with the Partnership Group to carry out a Community Consultation Drop in session at the Council Rooms on the 10 th March to seek views on their preference for play provision to be sited on the site between Old Road/Lochinvar Close. The section 106 funding from the Gleeson Housing Development, in the region of £80,000 was available although part of this was for maintenance after installation. County/ City Cllr V Tarbitt made the council aware of Cumbria County Councils thoughts on utilising the sports field and bungalow, both of which are currently under a lease agreement to the parish council. Comments noted.
<u>Date of next meeting</u> <u>Minute No 531</u>		Date of next meeting Monday 2 nd March at 7.00pm.
<u>Planning</u> <u>Minute No 532</u>		PROPOSAL Appn Ref 19/0952 Re concreting existing farmyard Oaklands Longtown. Supported. Appn Ref 20/0002/S211 Removal of 1no. Leylandii and crown reduction of 1.5metres to overhanging branches of 1 no. Oak in Longtown Conservation Area 4 Eskbank Longtown Supported and that neighbouring properties are consulted. Appn Ref 20/0042 Installation of 20 metre high telecommunications mast and associated equipment to provide internet access to the existing warehouse Land at Woodland Industrial Estate Longtown. Supported NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

	<p>Appn Ref 19/0685 Change of use from residential garden area to allow the siting of caravans for holiday accommodation (part retrospective) Carwinley Mill House Carwinley Longtown. Grant permission.</p> <p>Appn Ref 19/0726 Variation of condition 2 (approved documents) of previously approved permissions 18/0968 (Change of use from touring park with caravan storage to site for 24no. holiday static caravans and 2no. residential caravans) to update layout plan to site 40no. Holiday static caravans and 2no. Residential caravans. Camelot Caravan Park, Longtown Grant permission.</p> <p>Appn Ref 19/0859 Extension and elevational amendments to existing warehouse, amendments to existing service yard and car parking areas, creation of van storage area, provision of canopy cover over van loading area, installation of plant, provision of landscaping and associated infrastructure. Land at Woodlands Industrial Estate Longtown. Grant permission.</p>
<u>Correspondence</u> <u>Minute No 533</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank you letter from Mayor of Carlisle for the invitation to attend the senior citizens Christmas party. 2. CALC newsletter and circular for information (distributed) 3. CPCA and Carlisle City Council hosting a free event "Caring for your community" 28th February at Wetheral Community Centre. Cllr C Johannsen expressed an interest in attending. 4. Royal Air Force Battle of Britain 80th Anniversary, asked to consider a request from RAF Spadeadam Commander to mark the anniversary. It was agreed to develop ideas to mark this.

ACCOUNTS FEBRUARY 2020

The following accounts were approved and authorised for payment.

Cheque	Rec	To whom paid	Amount
		DECEMBER 2019	
704893	56	J Robb - Window cleaner Council Rooms	88.00
704894	57	J Carroll	1,300.00
704895		PTA Primary School - grant from Community Pot	100.00
704896	58	City of Carlisle - ROSPA play area inspection	300.00
704897		Eskdale House - grant from Community Pot for Xmas tree	50.00
704898	59	G Routledge - reimbursements	100.00
704899	60	G Routledge - reimbursements	135.00
704900		C Wigham - to make table displays for senior citizens party	60.00
704901		Border Reivers - grant from Community Pot	300.00
704902		R Highmore - Cleaner Council Rooms	73.85
704903		K Johnson - clerk salary	1808.25
704904	62	D Beattie - riverside cleaner and weekly check of play areas	440.00
704905		HMRC - Income Tax, N.I. and pension contributions	695.43
704906	63	M Gunson - reimbursements	233.50
704907	64	CAPS - grant from Community Pot	189.72

704908	65	Langholm Pipe Band - from Community Pot for winter market	360.00
704909	66	Plantscape - solar light displays	3,977.88
704910	67	G Routledge - reimbursements	50.00
704911	68	Dels Diner - for Senior citizens party, volunteers lunch	87.00
704912	69	Cochranes - Mayors flowers	40.00
704913	70	Sycamore Tree - Christmas lunches, senior citizens party	750.00
704914	71	C Adams - reimbursements	25.32
704915	72	C Johannsen - reimbursements	8.10
704916		Cancelled	
704917		Cancelled	
704918		D Beattie - Riverside cleaner, weekly play area checks	440.00
704919	73	D Beattie - fence panel repairs at play area	31.69
704920	74	Esk Laundry - tablecloths cleaned	33.00
704921	75	CAPS - Grant from Community Pot	40.00
704922	76	CAPS - Grant from Community Pot	50.00
		JANUARY 2020	
704923		HMRC - Income Tax, N.I. and pension	695.43
704924		K Johnson - clerk salary	1,808.25
704925		R Highmore - Cleaner Council Rooms	73.85
704926	78	G Routledge - reimbursements	20.00
704927	79	K Murchison - Tree work TENDER	1,400.00
704928	80	Waterplus - Council Rooms water	111.95
704929	81	Royal British Legion - poppy wreaths (2)	23.00
		FEBRUARY 2020	
704930		K Johnson - salary clerk and backdated increase as NALC/SLCC	1,950.46
704931		R Highmore - Council Rooms cleaner	73.85
704932	83	D Beattie - Riverside cleaner, Changing Rooms cleaner, Park weekly check and litter pick.	392.00
704933	84	Messrs Fisher - hedge cutting	150.00
704934	85	Wallace Oils - heating fuel Council Rooms	246.49
704935	86	Heath hall Garden Centre - Christmas trees	309.94
704936	87	Ian Pearson - Bus shelter repairs	144.65
704937	88	Infinity print solutions - copier cartridge	32.70
704938		Cancelled	
704939		HMRC - Income tax and N.I. contributions	513.60
704940	89	Brampton Parish Council - reimburse for SLCC conference (clerk attended)	70.00
704941	90	D Beattie - Cleaning changing rooms	48.00
704942	91	M Gunson - petty cash for allotments	50.00
704943	92	Retained	

PART B

Office opening hours

Minute No 534

A discussion took place, at the request of the clerk, to consider amending the opening hours of the parish council office to the public. Currently the office is accessible during all working hours. The

clerk felt that it would be more beneficial in carrying out her duties to have certain hours each day closed with no interruptions.

Councillors were agreeable to this request and it was proposed that from 1ST April the office would be open to the public between the hours of 10am-1pm.

This would be reassessed in 6 months.

Riverside cleaner

Minute No 535

Correspondence was read out from a resident making a formal complaint that the riverside cleaner's dogs had caused a nuisance to their wife whilst she was walking her dog at Dollies Brae. The clerk reported this had been addressed with the riverside cleaner who had tried to apologise to the lady and had also confirmed he would no longer be taking his dogs to the riverside when carrying out his work for the parish council.