

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 3RD JULY 2017 AT 7.00p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CENTRE**

Present

Cllrs Sir JFS Graham (Chair) G Routledge, S Elliott, M Gunson,
C Adams, M Gourley
Carlisle City Cllrs R Bloxham and J Mallinson.
County Cllr V Tarbitt arrived late following prior meeting.

Apologies

None received.

Minute No 8

No members of the public were present. Cllr M Gunson reported restricted visibility for vehicles accessing the A7 from Albert Street junction due to vehicles parking on the footpath. Agreed to raise this through County Cllr V Tarbitt.

**Members of
the public
Minute No 9**

**Declaration of
Interest Minute
No 10**

City Cllr R Bloxham declared an interest in all planning on the agenda.
Cllr M Gunson- Allotments
Cllr M Gourley - The Oaks

**Police matters
Minute No 11**

No monthly police newsletter or update was received.

**Report from
County and City
Cllrs Minute No
12**

Cllr R Bloxham report

- Encouraged the parish council to order and distribute around the parish City Council posters targeting fly tipping, dog fouling and litter dropping
- Fly tipping reported Hopesike Wood area.

City Cllr J Mallinson confirmed he would be speaking at the Development Control meeting on behalf of the residents on planning application 16/0868 Land to the east of Briar Lea Court/Old Road.

**Representatives
on other bodies
Minute No 13**

Allotment Committee

Cllr MGu gave a brief update on issues arising on the allotments.

- The RSPCA had visited an allotment regarding concerns with poultry neglect.
- A number of plots were not up to an acceptable standard, there was also an issue on the state of those on handover to a new tenant.
- Reference Min. No. 893 response to keeping the gates locked, still being ignored

Councillors agreed to hold a meeting on the 10th July to address the concerns raised and agree the way forward.

Management Committee Community Centre

Cllr GR reported that, as part of funding received from The Peoples Project the Community Centre had appointed a Co-ordinator on a 40 week contract and 2 young people as support assistants would be appointed in the near future.

Beck Burn Wind Farm Community Pot

Agreed the parish council submit a grant application for an extension to the footpath at the riverside, Dolly Brae.

Hallburn Wind Farm Community Pot

Reminder of a meeting with REG Power Management to receive an update on the construction and management timetable of the Hallburn Wind Farm.

It was agreed the parish council would submit a grant application to the Community Pot to improve festive light displays in Longtown.

Minutes of 5th June meeting Minute No 14

The minutes of the council meeting held on the 5th June were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.

Minutes of Finance meeting Minute No 15

The Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on the 12th June were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.

Play areas Minute No 16

Confirmation awaited that the transfer of the 3 play areas from Riverside to the parish council was completed.

Clerks Report Minute No 17

The clerks report with an update of issues arising and action taken circulated to all in attendance.

Internal Auditors Report Minute No 18

The Annual Internal Audit Report 2016/17 was received. In whose opinion in all significant respects the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this smaller authority.

Freedom of Information Act Minute No 19

Agreed to Adopt the Freedom of Information Act, an annual requirement.

Notice board Minute No 20

The request for a notice board for The Oaks had been withdrawn.

Closure Barclays Bank

Notification received that Barclays Bank in Longtown would be closing in October, it was agreed future banking arrangements

Minute No 21

for the council need to be considered. To be discussed further at the council meeting in September, clerk to get information for councillors on options available.

County Cllr

update

Minute No 22

County Cllr V Tarbitt gave the following update

- A6071 closed from 2 July at 1900 hours each evening until surfacing work complete.
- Netherby Road footpath cut back on 28 June
- A7 Traffic Speed Warning Device has been in place for 3 weeks - will move ad then return. Comments welcomed.
- The Oaks request for funding for Notice Board now redundant as residents will revert to Oakmere for information dissemination.
- Confirmed will be attending City Council DC&R Meeting on 7 July to speak to the Briar Lea Application (if permission is received) and to listen to the discussion re The Oaks Play Area debate.
- Has accepted invite to Longtown Primary School Forum on the 7 July for a discussion re the River Play Park. No details/background information given so would welcome a Parish update. It was confirmed by the clerk the parish council were unaware of this and no correspondence had been received from the school.
- Carlisle City Council waging a poster war on Dog Fouling and Fly Tipping. Requested posters to display in Longtown and would welcome information on best places for dog fouling ones to be displayed. .

Cllr M Gunson raised the issue of vehicles parking on the kerbs and double yellow line that obstructed drivers' visibility from Albert Street. County Cllr Tarbitt to ask Highways officer to look at this area.

Confirmation from Cllr Tarbitt that there were only 3 speeding vans Countywide.

Planning Site

Visit

Minute No 23

Notification received from Carlisle City Council of Development Control Site Inspections Wednesday 5th July inviting 2 representatives of the parish council to attend and observe. Application 16/0868

Land to the east of Briar Lea Court Longtown

Play area at The Oaks Longtown

Cllrs M Gunson and C Adams to represent the parish council.

Planning

1. Appn Ref 17/0537

Erection of 5 no. dwellings Land adjacent Exchange Cottage Esk Street Longtown

Not supported, voted 3 against 2 abstained.

Following response agreed.

This field was the subject of a planning application some 20-25 years ago when there was considerable opposition to the building of approximately 80 houses. The field has always been a natural flood plain and still floods severely several times a year taking water from 2 streams. The Parish Council would not wish to support and future developments on this field.

It is fair to say that, in the case of this planning application, the area in question is probably at the least likely part of the field to be affected by flooding but as with recent climatic changes there can be no guarantee. There are however, several points to mention from the Flood Risk Evaluation. The Beck which runs from Lochinvar Close and on through this field is not the Powdrake Beck which flows into the River ESK FROM Netherby Road. The one in question is the Raeburn Beck. The Flood Protection Scheme mentioned in the application is a type of sump installed at Lochinvar to prevent the flooding of parts of that estate.

Although appearing to have prevented flooding of houses in that part of Longtown, it has made little difference in preventing flooding of the field. Where the proposed development is to take place, as that was not its purpose. The installation of flood retention basins to the east of Longtown does not control the flow sufficiently to make any difference to the flooding of this field; it only protects the Lochinvar Estate.

Full consultation with neighbouring properties taking their views into consideration is essential.

2..Appn Ref 17/0446

Proposed installation of 2n0. Retractable awnings Sycamore Tree Café 40-42 Bridge Street Longtown Supported

3. Appn Ref 17/0520

Erection of 8no dwellings (outline application) Land adjacent 21 Old Road Longtown Supported, drainage problems on Old Road to be taken into consideration.

4 Appn Ref 17/0403

Proposed construction of new agricultural steel portal framed general purpose cattle shed Fauld Farm Longtown Supported

DECISION

1. Appn Ref 17/0345

Proposed extension to existing portal shed. L/A Unit 15, Site 29, Longtown **Grant permission**

Correspondence
Minute no 24

1. Copies of CALC circular for June circulated to all present.
2. Longtown Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show to be held on Saturday 2nd September in the Community Centre.

ACCOUNTS
Minute No 25

Cheque	Rec	Paid to	Amount
704523		Retained	
704524	25	PC World - Laptop repairs	20.00
704525	26	1 ST Longtown Rainbows	100.00
704526		K Johnson - clerk salary	1,814.48
704527	27	D Beattie - Riverside cleaner, Lochinvar play area clean	352.00
704528		R Highmore - Council Rooms cleaner	68.33
704529		Inland Revenue - Tax, N.I.	687.95
704530		Longtown Horticultural Society -	60.00
704531	28	K Johnson - reimbursements	70.95
704532	29	Eon - electric bill changing rooms	96.57
704533	30	Ensign Flags -red ensign for National Merchant Navy Day	48.35
		Grants paid from the £5,000 received by the Parish Council from Beck Burn Wind Farm Community Pot, to administer to local groups. /organisations	
704534		Easton Village Hall	600.00
704535		M Kettrick	300.00
704536		Longtown W.I.	350.00
704537		1 st Longtown Rainbows	150.00
704538		Eskdale House Care Home	150.00
704539		Virginia Lodge Care Home	150.00
704540		Retained	
704541		Longtown Brownies	150.00
704542		Longtown Bowling Club	250.00