

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee of Arthuret Parish Council
held on 6th November 2019 at 7.00pm.in the Council Rooms

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Present

Cllrs Sir JFS Graham, G Routledge, M Gunson, C Adams
C Johannsen

Apologies

Minute No 485

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllrs S
Winthrop, EJ Conly, C Wigham, S Elliott and Rev. B Murphy.

**Declaration of
interest**

Minute No 486

.There was no declarations of interest by councillors.

Beck Burn

Community Pot.

Minute No 487

Consideration was given to requests from 2 community groups for
a grant from the Beck Burn Community Pot.

It was agreed unanimously to approve a grant of £300 to The
Border Reivers to help with room hire costs at the Community
Centre, and entertainment.

Approved to give a grant of £50 to Eskdale House Care Home to
purchase winter bedding plants.

Insurance

Minute No 488

The current insurance arrangements were reviewed and considered
adequate.

**Internal control and
review of risk
assessment**

Minute No 489

The risk assessment documentation was considered and reviewed.
Following discussion councillors agreed the documentation
displayed an effective measure of internal control.

Salaries and wages

Minute No 490

Recommended there be no increase in wages and salaries. The
clerk was paid in accordance with the conditions laid down by
NALC/SLCC. The clerk confirmed she did not want consideration
to increase to the next spinal column as issued by NALC/SLCC
December 2018 issue and to paid at Spinal Column 32.

Agreed there would be no increase in Council Rooms
cleaner//caretaker and riverside cleaner payments. Current
payments were above the minimum hourly rates.

Tenders

Minute No 491

Sealed tenders received for the following works for 2020/2021
The following recommendations were made.

GRASSCUTTING

S Nicholson £1,440.00

No further tenders were received, agreed to accept S Nicholson

tender.

PLANTING OUT, WATERING, MAINTENANCE OF FLOWER BEDS, HANGING BASKETS AND TUBS

K Murchison £2,450, No further tenders were received, agreed to accept K Murchison tender.

PLAYING FIELD LOCHINVAR SCHOOL SITE

Longtown FC £1,300 awarded the contract. There were no other tenders received.

SPRAYING AND GRASSCUTTING UNDER SEATS

There were no tenders received for the works. Agreed to allocate £500 to the budget and seek further routes for the works

TREES

K Murchison £1,600.00

No further tenders were received, agreed to accept K Murchison tender.

It was agreed all works be more closely monitored to enable any issues being addressed

Hire charges
Minute No 492

Agreed that Council Room hire charge of £10 per hour for local community groups and £12 for businesses hire remains unchanged. The changing room and playing field hire by the football teams, paid on an annual basis of £1,100, remain unchanged.

Senior citizens
party
Minute No 493

Funding for the Senior citizens Christmas Party to be held on 13th December was confirmed.

£438.00 received from a resident, Paul Brown, from fundraising events at The Graham Arms Hotel.

£500.00 grant confirmed from Cumbria County Cllr. V Tarbitt.

£500.00 from Beck Burn Community Pot

Their generous support was gratefully received.

Projects outstanding
Minute No 494

The following projects were outstanding with funding in place to complete.

1. Section 106 funding from Gleeson Homes in the region of £81,000.00 currently held by Carlisle City Council was discussed. It was agreed to carry out Community Consultation and display the plans received from 3 play providers before agreeing what would be sited at the Old Road/Lochinvar site. All councillors were in agreement that provision of a MUGA should be incorporated within the final plan.
2. Installation of the Speed indication Devices was delayed due to Cumbria County Highways stipulations and not agreeing to support the installation on the A7. This was disappointing. To date permission was given for 2, the one

for Moor Road and the A6071. Data analysis figured were required for Netherby Road, this was in progress.

3. The estimate for repairs to the clock on English Street had been received, at a cost of £2,255.00. This was higher than anticipated and it was agreed grant aid would need to be sourced to progress repairs.
4. VE Day 75th Anniversary on May 8th - 10th 2020 was discussed. It was agreed to hold a tea party in the Council Rooms.
5. Cllr G Routledge gave a report from a meeting with S Nicholson to carry out works at the riverside to include
 - Cutting back the footpath from centre of old railway bridge to bottom of the bank including cutting back at the footpath at the side of the river,
 - This work will be part of the grasscutting tender in future years.
 - Cut hedges running down past the paly area and strim vegetation from Dollies Brae to the bridge.
 - Remove trees from the concrete bank.
 - Cut back vegetation at the Scour riverside an extra 2 metres. Total of all works, as agreed at a cost of £500.

New Projects
Minute No 495

Following discussion it was recommended the following projects be considered to take forward in 2020/21.

- Refurbishment of the Council Rooms, prioritising work to the heating system and disabled toilets. Disability access also to be addressed.
- Refurbish the iron railing t the island on the A7 and to site a memorial bench on the site.
- Old Road plying field to address drainage, create a walkway and plant more trees. This was a joint project working with the Partnership Group and Riverside Housing and community consultation would be undertaken before any decision was taken on the way forward.
- To revisit installation of CCTV in Longtown taking advice from the police before costing is sought.
- The Scour riverside, to remove some trees from the riverbank and carry out work to the footpaths.

Anticipated income
to 31st March 2020
Minute No 496

Total of all bank accounts as of 25th September reconciled to the accounts was £56,592.05.

Anticipated income to March 31st 2020 was £17,535.00 as itemised on the Financial Draft.

Estimated

Estimated expenditure to March 31st 2020 was £72,442.96 as

expenditure to 31st
March 2020
Minute No 497

itemised on the Financial Draft.

Anticipated income
to 31st March
2021.
Minute No 498

Anticipated income to March 31st 2021 was £35,150.00 as itemised on the Financial Draft.

Recommended
expenditure to 31st
March 2021.
Minute No 499

Recommended expenditure to March 31st 2021 was £90,025.23 as itemised on the Financial Draft.

Recommended
Precept.
Minute No 500

It was recommended the Parish Precept for 2020/21 be agreed of £54,742.00 representing a 3% increase.