

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 7th
NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.00p.m. IN THE COUNCIL ROOMS

- Present Cllrs Sir JFS Graham, G Routledge, M Gunson, C Adams, M Gourlay
County Cllr V Tarbitt and City Cllrs R Bloxham and J Mallinson
- Apologies Minute
No 784 Apologies and reason for absence were received from Cllr S Winthrop,
- Declaration of
interest Minute No
785 Cllr MGu, Allotments
City Cllr RB all Planning Proposals on the agenda
- October meeting
minutes
Minute No 786 The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd October were agreed and
signed by the chairman as a true record.
- Minutes of Finance
Meeting Minute No
787 The minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 17th October were
agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record
- To agree Precept
Minute No 788 Agreed to set the precept for 2017/2018 at £52,257.00 as
recommended at the Finance meeting with a breakdown of the proposed
budget in the financial draft. This represented an increase of 1%
- Members of public
Minute No 789 There were 8 residents of Briar Lea Court present who voiced concerns
and objections on Planning Application 16/0868.
Speaking on behalf of the residents Mr R Hall asked the council to
support their objection of an increase from 61, as approved in the
original planning application, to 100 houses. A number of concerns were
raised, including
- Increased volume of traffic onto the A6071 and Old Road,
 - The increase in sewage on a system in Old Road that already had
problems
 - Part of the proposed development was liable to Flooding.
 - No affordable housing in the new proposal
 - Questioned whether there was a need for additional housing and
whether local amenities were in place to cope with the number of
dwellings proposed.
- City Cllr RB encouraged residents' attendance at the Planning
meeting where they could register to speak.
City Cllr JM had visited the site when the original planning was
considered and offered his support to residents.
County Cllr VT had submitted a response to the City Council voicing
concerns of the close proximity of the development to the Hallburn
Windfarm site.
- Cllr MGu reported residents had raised the following
- The fingerpost sign on the Brampton Road needs repairs.
 - Recent adjustment to the LED lighting on the street signs has
resulted in the light being very dim.

- The Bonfire Night celebrations had been very noisy and long lasting.

Police matters
Minute No 790

No police representation, no newsletter received. County Cllr VT had received objections from a resident of Bank Street regarding the proposed provision by CCC Highways for disabled parking bays in the town. Change of ownership of the Post Office had been the deciding factor to provide these. Confirmed 1 would be located outside the Council Rooms, another outside Spar with a suggestion the 3rd be sited at the Old Post Office. City Cllr JM reported the road outside Spar had a dangerous drop and this needed addressed. A review would take place in January.

The parish council agreed they were in support of this provision and the proposed location that was close to the centre of the town. Cllr RB expressed the importance that the bays were monitored and restrictions were enforced to be effective.

County, City Cllrs
Minute No 791

County Cllr V Tarbitt reported

- CCC Highways would be deciding factor the relocation of the Post Office CCC
- Work on the footpath at Netherby Road would be carried out by the end of the year.
- The first meeting of Longtown Primary School Advisory Board would be held 9th November.
- A resident of Sandysikes reported a problem with the location of a lighting column.
- CCC were considering the best way to address the wide spread problem with the street lights, additional LED was required.

Representatives on
other bodies Minute
No 792

Community Centre

Cllr GR circulated copies of the recent Hallmark Award presented to the Community Centre. The Board of Trustees main concern was to address how to raise additional funding. County Cllr VT was now on the board of Trustees.

Allotments

Cllr MGu reported on a positive Allotment committee meeting held in October. The proposals from the parish council, to keep copies of their meetings in the Council office, minute extract from parish council meetings on allotment report displayed in the allotments notice and more rigid 3 monthly inspections were all agreed. The AGM would be held on the 5th April. None closure of the gates was an issue, it was confirmed the plans were being drawn up for the new gates, an estimated cost of £30 was approved. 2 allotments had been broken into and items stolen. Cllr M Gourlay agreed to be a 3rd representative of the parish council on the Allotment Committee

Remembrance
Sunday Service
Minute No 793

Invitation to all members to join in with the Remembrance Day service at the church. Clerk confirmed arrangements for service at the War Memorial. Cllr M Gourlay to lay the wreath at the War Memorial.

Festive plans Minute No 794

Plans progressing well for the Senior Citizens Party. Dates for fundraising events confirmed. A resident had kindly given a £60 donation towards the event.
The festive lights would be erected on the 26th November.

Clerks report Minute No 795

Copies of the monthly update from the clerk of issues reported and addressed since the October council meeting circulated with the agenda. Noted the footpath on Arthuret Road needed cut back.

Partnership Group Minute No 796

Reported from the meeting held on the 1st November

- The Longtown Together Event with ABC coaching delivering a day sports activities on the parish playing fields had been very successful. County Cllr VT agreed to fund a further session in February half term and 2 sessions during the Easter break. Cllr VT expressed concern that the gates to the playing field still required padlocks fitted to prevent vehicular access to fields.
- The official opening of the new development at Moorside Close was held on the 4th November. A Community Art project was planned for early 2017 that would be funded by Riverside.

Windfarms meeting Minute No 797

Copies of correspondence received from REG Windpower Communications Manager circulated prior to the meeting. Agreed a letter is sent to get clarification on when a meeting will be arranged with Grantscape to agree how the Community Pot funding will be distributed. The importance of it being a community fund was emphasised and the need to progress discussion as no agreement had been taken at local level.

Play areas Minute No 798

The lease agreement with Riverside Housing and the parish council was progressing slowly and was now in the hands of the solicitors.

Highways update on proposed traffic calming A7 Minute No 799

Copies of a briefing paper from Gareth Scott, CCC, Highways, of options to encourage speed reduction on the A7 at the entrance to Longtown circulated with agenda. The following agreed.

- The parish councils preferred option remains for the installation of a Vehicle activated sign on the southern approach (VAS)
- County Cllr VT reported on a meeting in Longtown with GS who suggested the straight approach on the A7 to the 30mph zone on the could be changed to 40mph to prepare drivers to slow down
- A recent police survey had shown 51% of drivers were exceeding the speed limit on the A7 approach to Longtown.
- A survey of the Puffin Crossing on High Street by CCC confirmed it conforms to European standards.
- Agreed to consult with the community on preferred option for traffic calming, a drop in session at the Council Rooms to be arranged with representation from CCC Highways. Cllr VT to liaise with Locality Office Area Manager.

Community Action
Plan Minute No 800

Copies of the Arthuret and Kirkandrews Community Action Plan given to all in attendance. Agreed the clerk get prices for distribution to all houses in Longtown. An information letter on the Drop in event, date to be confirmed, to be enclosed with the booklet.

Planning

PROPOSAL

1. Appn. Ref. 16/0776

Erection of front porch to front elevation 22 Raefield Longtown.

Supported

2. Appn. Ref 16/0496

Erection of new timber treatment plant and storage building land adjacent Unit 29 15 Whitesyke Business Park Longtown. Supported

3. Appn Ref 16/0868

Erection of 100no. 2 3 and 4 bedroom semidetached 2 storey dwellings with associated works proposed accesses from Brampton Road and Old Road Land to the east of Briar Lea Court Longtown

Object for the following reasons

- Not in support of the increase from 61 to 100 dwellings
- Concerns regarding the proposed vehicular access onto Old Road. The council fully support an access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles as referred in the previous planning application. Are in agreement that the narrow road could not deal with a potential daily increase of 150 vehicles.
- There is no provision in the proposal for Affordable Housing. This does not comply with the Local Plan Policy H 04 that states a 20% provision will be made in Zone B, where this development is situated.
- There are existing problems in Old Road with surface and foul water drainage. There is concern that the development would create increased capacity on an already overloaded system.

4. Appn Ref 16/0952

Erection of 1no. detached dwelling (revised application of previously approved permission 12/0464 for unit 1) Land to rear of 16 The Scour Longtown Supported

DECISION

1. Appn Ref 16/0496

Erection of new timber treatment plant and storage building land adjacent unit 29 15 Whitesyke Business Park Longtown Grant permission

2. Appn Ref 16/0785

Alterations to layout of existing dwelling reinstatement of derelict dwelling refurbishment of buildings to create general store boiler house and gardener/grooms facilities and erection of 2no glasshouses (Revised application) (LBC) Netherby Hall, Longtown Grant permission

Correspondence
Minute No 801

Agreed to support Great North Air Ambulance with a donation of £50.

Accounts
November 2016

Cheque	Rec	Paid to	
704428	54	E Mylnek - Tree work Dollies Brae	150.00

704429	55	J Carroll - Grasscutting playing fields	1,200.00
704430	56	D Beattie - Riverside cleaner/ play area	352.00
704431		R Highmore - Council Rooms cleaner	68.33
704432		K Johnson- Clerk salary	1,787.88
704433		Inland Revenue - Income Tax, N,I,	697.30
704454	57	K Johnson - Reimbursements	51.20
704435	58	Eon - electric bill Moot Hall	31.91
704436	59	Eon - Electric bill Council Rooms	93.29
704437	60	S Nicholson - Grasscutting	240.00
704438	61	Murrays printers - Booklets	835.00
704439	62	Great North Air Ambulance - Donation	50.00