

Minutes of a meeting of Arthuret Parish Council held on Monday 7th October 2019
At 7.00 p.m. in the Council Rooms

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Present

Cllrs. G. Routledge, C. Adams, C. Johannsen, C. Wigham. E.J. Conly
County and City Cllr. V. Tarbitt and City Cllrs. D. Shepherd and J.
Mallinson.

**Apologies Minute
No 467**

Apologies and reason for absence received from
Cllrs. Sir J.F.S. Graham and M. Gunson

**Declaration of
Interest
Minute No 468**

Declaration of interest -
City Cllrs. V. Tarbitt and D Shepherd on all Planning on the agenda.

**Members of the
public Minute No
469**

There were no members of the public present.

**Minutes of 3rd
September Minute
No 470**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September were agreed and
signed by the chairman as a correct record.

**Minutes of 16th
September Minute
No 471**

With the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 16th
September were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.
Minute No. 454 that "roadway" replaces "footpath".
Minute No. 455 to add the following "a deposit was also discussed, no
decision was taken".

**Police Issues
Minute No 472**

No police were in attendance.

- A member of the public had witnessed 3 youths remove a lifebelt from its casing on Dollies Brae; this could not be found.
- Lack of a police presence in Longtown in helping to address the current issues of anti-social behaviour was disappointing. A Cllr. expressed concern regarding recent animal welfare incidents that had been reported to RSPCA with no action being taken. Cllr. V Tarbitt made councillors aware the Police and Crime Commissioner was giving animal welfare talks, it may be beneficial for councillors to attend a session.
- River safety issues were discussed; publishing this in the local media was suggested and may be reconsidered at a later date.
- Agreed to get the name of the new PCSO for Longtown and confirmation of their starting date.

**County and City
Cllrs report Minute
No 473**

County and City Cllr. V. Tarbitt gave the following report.

- An update on the bridge was received. As a result of a retaining wall adjacent to the carriageway collapsing, traffic management was in place. Temporary stabilising measures were in place until a

permanent solution was decided. Balfour Beattie would provide the resources for any required works.

- It was expected that consultation on proposed Traffic Regulations for English Street would be carried out before the end of the year.
- The issues relating to litter picking and grass cutting at the bus shelter pick up point for William Howard School was discussed. The clerk had received an e-mail from a resident, as well as a number of verbal complaints from residents and parents regarding the state of the area. Anti-social behaviour on an evening at the shelter was also a concern. The general consensus at the meeting was the bus shelter would not be removed; lack of maintenance needed to be resolved and a number of suggestions were put forward, including community litter picks. Lack of a litter bin in this area did not help the problem. Police to be made aware of the anti-social behaviour problem. No decision was taken to address the litter picking at the area.
- Following a problem of land grabbing at the County Council Lochinvar School site a fence was to be erected at the rear of Powdrake Crescent.
- Encouraged councillors to take advantage of getting the Flu inoculation at the pharmacy.
- Reminded the council of the Census Practise Day on the 10th October.

City Cllr. D Shepherd offered his support and encouraged councillors to contact him if he could help with any issues. Having been involved in Speed Watch and Pub Watch offered his help if Speed Watch was to be explored for Longtown.

**Representatives on
other bodies
Minute No 474**

Management Committee Board of Trustees

A brief report was given by Cllr. J. Mallinson.

Allotment Committee

Cllr C Adams reported

- 6 letters were sent to plot holders with a positive response received from those who got in contact as requested.
- Installation of CCTV cameras on the allotments was being considered although the electric supply was a stumbling block. It was agreed to invite the police to a meeting to get advice on installation.
- A number of issues were being discussed by the Allotment Committee.
- It was confirmed the parish council would not be paying for the cost of fencing: a parking bay and a shed for a plot holder.

Partnership Group

From the meeting held on the 17th September Cllr. G Routledge gave a brief report of proposals to develop the parish playing fields Old Road/ Lochinvar Close working with Riverside Housing Green Spaces Officer.

CAP Initiative

Feedback from the meeting held on 12th September was given by Cllr. G

Routledge.

The outreach youth worker reported he was receiving good feedback from the young people who indicated that in good weather they preferred to meet outside and in bad weather at the Community Centre. Additional funding was being sought to keep the project going in the New Year. It was suggested the meeting room at the school bungalow could be rented as a meeting place for the youths, when supervised by a youth worker. Councillors were supportive of this proposal.

**BT Consultation
Minute No 475**

Taking into consideration feedback on the consultation by BT and proposal to remove the public payphones at Sandysike adjacent to bungalow and junction of Moor Road/Stackbraes Road it was agreed the council supported retaining both telephone boxes.

**Notification of
conclusion of audit
Minute No 476**

Confirmation received from PKF LLP that the review Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31st March 2019 was completed. Section 3 of the AGAR, the external auditor report and certificate 2018/19 was presented to the council.

Except for the matter reported below, on the basis of sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR, the information in these sections is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to attention as cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

"Section 2 Box 2 the annual precept, does not agree to the figure published by the precepting authority. The figures in Boxes 2 and 3 should read £48,906 and £59,288 respectively.

**Riverside issues
Minute No 477**

Following a request from a resident of Eskbank it was agreed to cut back the height of the Leylandii adjacent to the boundary of his garden.

**Finance meeting
Minute No 478**

Confirmed the Finance meeting would be held on Wednesday 6th November at 7pm.

**Play provision
Minute No 479**

The clerk confirmed 1 quote received and a further 2 were awaited for new play provision for the site between old Road and Lochinvar Close. As previously agreed, this to include MUGA, outdoor exercise equipment and possibly, a skateboard park facility. And community consultation early in 2020. This would be funded from the Section 106 Gleeson Homes development.

The consultation would also incorporate seeking residents' views on how to enhance the playing field behind Old Road, a phased project, working with Riverside Housing, subject to funding being secured.

**Rotary Club Minute
No 480**

The Council considered a suggestion from Longtown and Brampton Rotary Club to plant crocuses at The Scaur, the Bobbin Mill Gardens and island at the entrance to the town. This was agreed.

There had also been discussion to relocate the Rotary Club rondel to an alternative site, the island at the entrance to Longtown as the current site at Dollies Brae was being used by youths to light fires. Councillors

were fully supportive of this proposal and the suggestion. The cost of removal and relocating it to be discussed at the Finance meeting.

SID Minute No 481

Following a request made after the September council meeting for an update on the parish councils placing SID at locations in Longtown, the response received on 7th October from the Highways Traffic team leader was read out. Councillors expressed disappointment that the CRASH Team were not in support of installing SID at all but one of the proposed locations without further evidence of statistics and data to prove need. Agreed the clerk respond requesting an early response giving clarity on the next step forward.

Planning Minute No 482

PROPOSAL

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

Although supportive of the proposal in supporting local businesses it was noted the parish council do not agree with retrospective planning applications.

Appn Ref 19/0695

Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage; siting of timber lodge to be used as domestic annexe accommodation Brackenhill Bungalow Brackenhill Longtown

Supported.

Appn ref 19/0726

Variation of condition 2 (approved documents) of previously approved permission 15/0968 (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

Supported, would hope no woodland is to be removed.

Appn Ref 19/0743

Installation of 3no. Flues for the purpose of 6000kw biomass boilers. Unit 1, Hopesyke Industrial Estate, Longtown

Supported.

Correspondence Minute No 483

DECISION

Appn Ref 19/0572

Demolition of 8&10 Bank Street, erection of 2no. Terraced dwellings, 2no. Semi-detached dwellings and 1no. Detached dwelling, access via an existing archway (revised application) 8-10 Bank Street Longtown. Refuse permission.

Correspondence Minute No 484

CALC circular for September.

1. Information of CALC Climate change event asking if there was interest in arranging a day to discuss ways to support the community in becoming greener.
2. Correspondence received from a resident of Lochinvar Close to get help in parking closer to her property had been forwarded to Riverside

Housing.

3. Thank you letter received from Longtown Flower Show secretary thanking the parish council for their donation of £60 for the prizes for Best kept allotments.

4. Information given to all councillors of a Rural Strategy Roadshow to be held in Kendal on 17th October.

Payment of accounts for November as itemised authorised and cheques signed for payment.

Cheque	Rec	Paid to	
704870	41	The Notice Board Co. - 50% payment for notice board	279.00
704871		K Johnson - clerk salary	1807.46
704872		R Highmore - Council Rooms cleaner	73.85
704873		HMRC - Income tax, N.I. and pension	696.23
704874	42	D Beattie - riverside, changing rooms cleaner	440.00
704875	43	United Utilities- changing rooms water bill	93.21
704876	44	D Beattie - reimbursements	98.00
704877	45	Orian - annual fire equipment check	47.99
704878	46	Murrays printers - raffle tickets	39.00
704879	47	PKF LLP - External audit fee	480.00
704880	48	M Gunson - reimbursement for War Memorial bedding plants	19.94
704881	49	K Johnson - reimbursements for senior citizens party	90.90
704882		Petty cash	200.00