

Minutes of a virtual meeting of Arthuret Parish Council held on Monday 5th October 2020
At 7.00 p.m.

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Present

Cllrs. Sir JFS Graham, G. Routledge, C. Adams, C. Johannsen, L Mason,
M Gunson, P Illsley, K Johnstone, M Gardner
County/City Cllr. V. Tarbitt.

**Apologies Minute
No 603**

There were no apologies received.

**Declaration of
Interest
Minute No 604**

Declaration of interest -
Cllr. M Gunson allotments.

**Members of the
public Minute No
605**

There was 1 member of the public present.

**Minutes of 7th
September Minute
No 606**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September were agreed as a true record, to be signed by the chairman at the next face to face meeting.

**County and City
Cllrs report Minute
No 607**

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

- Repairs to the bridge would be completed in 3weeks time; it was now open to all traffic on a traffic light one way system.
- Air pollution, noise and traffic queues were more apparent since opening the bridge to HGV.
- The road outside Spar was being levelled and the gutters filled to make the road easier to access for parking vehicles.
- The police were aware of the anti-social behaviour issues in the town and were monitoring the situation.
- Due to the Community Centre currently not accessible to youths due to Covid 19 restrictions, there were no youth activities available at the centre although a recent grant application was successful for youth provision.
- Cllr M Gunson requested an update on the request to clear and widen the footpath on Arthuret Road to the church that was not accessible for those with pushchairs or wheelchairs.

**Representatives on
other bodies
Minute No 608**

Management Committee Board of Trustees

The chairman Cllr Sir JFS Graham to give an update at the next meeting.

CAP Initiative

It was reported the practicalities of holding future meetings was being considered, hopefully one could be scheduled in the near future.

Allotment Committee

Cllr P Illsley gave a report of a tenant being locked on the allotments after dusk.

Cllr M Gunson gave an update of works required prior to reallocating a vacant plot. It was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting in the near future to address and resolve a number of concerns.

Currently keys were allocated to tenants for the pedestrian gate, it was agreed a list of contact numbers is circulated to all tenants of those tenants with main gate keys in case of accidents/emergency.

Police issues
Minute No 609

The clerk gave a report of anti-social behaviour issues at the bus shelter pick up point for William Howard School pupils and read correspondence received from Pear Tree Nursery staff voicing their concerns (circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting) County Tarbitt was made aware of the problem mindful the bus shelter was on Cumbria County Council land and the shelter was in their ownership. The issues were reported, to the police and logged by both Pear Tree Nursery manager and the clerk.

Information was given to the council on the responses received from Cllr Tarbitt to the clerk and Pear Tree Nursery.

There followed a long discussion and the following was noted.

- The PCSO was carrying out regular checks on the shelter.
- Correspondence between Cllr Tarbitt and the clerk was filed for reference.
- Cllr Tarbitt expressed doubts that cannabis was being smoked in the morning, clarification given by the clerk that the complaints received related to activities after 3 pm. Cllr Tarbitt stated this was therefore a responsibility of William Howard School.
- Cllr Tarbitt was of the opinion the shelter served its purpose well.
- Cllrs L Mason and C Johannsen confirmed there were issues at the shelter that they had witnessed; this was by a group of older youths abusing the area.
- Following discussion a vote was taken by the council to support a request to remove or relocate the shelter.

This resulted was 2 voted for removal, 3 move to another area, 4 leave at present site, it was also felt that the anti social behaviour should be tackled as a matter of urgency.

It was resolved this would be discussed further at the next meeting and monitor if there had been any change in the issues.

Remembrance
Sunday
Minute No 610

The clerk confirmed that in discussion with Rev. Brett Murphy, an amended service at the War Memorial would go ahead, mindful of Covid 19 restrictions being in place.

Food Bank update
Minute No 611

The clerk gave a brief update.

- A grant of £7,000 DEFRA funding had been agreed by Cumbria County Council Area Committee towards setting up the Affordable Food Hub. Once this was up and running the Food bank would remain available for emergency referrals. An early meeting

was being arranged with City Cllr J Mallinson, the clerk and Community Centre Federation members to consider whether this could be based at the Community Centre.

- There had been a noticeable increase in numbers using the food bank over the last few weeks.

Lighting columns
Minute No 612

The remaining £1,000 required for the 4 lighting columns on the A7 Carlisle Road was agreed. This would be vied from the budget for the changing rooms following receipt of the £10,000 Small Business Grant received from Carlisle City Council. This could now be progressed.

Festive celebrations
Minute No 613

Plans were progressing well purchasing and rearing the 100 hampers to be delivered to senior citizens of the parish, an alternative to the Annual Christmas Party this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. Cllr V Tarbitt kindly offered a £500 grant towards the cost of the hampers. Councillors were in agreement and authorised to progress with hiring the solar powered Christmas trees for the A7 and businesses at a cost of £3,200. This would be taken from the budget in this year for Changing Room costs that was surplus to requirements.

SID Minute No 614

It was agreed there was the need, as a matter of urgency, to receive a response from Cumbria County Council the reason why they would not support the parish council in placing Speed Indication Devices at both entrance on the A7. The clerk confirmed an e-mail was sent to CCC Highways following the council meeting of September 7th and to date no response was forthcoming. Funding through grants had been in place now for 2 years and there was possibility this would need to be returned if the project could not proceed in the near future.

Halloween Minute
No 615

It was agreed to give £50, towards treats for the children, from the Beckburn Community Pot, in support of the Halloween Trail arranged by volunteers in Longtown.

Playing field Minute
No 616

The clerk made councillors aware the Environment Agency was currently carrying out repair work to the debris screen on the beck at the rear of Ladyseat Gardens. Access was over the parish playing fields. Reassurance had been given any damage to the playing field would be made good once the works were completed.

Clerks update
Minute No 617

The clerk gave the following update

- A request received from a resident for 30mph speed restrictions and signs to be enforced on Arthuret Road.
- Street Lights in Lochinvar Close reported not working.
- Work to cut the hedges was outstanding.

Meeting dates
Minute No 618

The next meeting would be held on the 2nd November, the Finance meeting to agree the budget and set the precept for 2021/2022 would be held on 19th November.

Planning Minute No
619

PROPOSAL

Appn Ref 20/0531

Erection of detached garage, formation of pond, change of use of land from agricultural to domestic garden (part retrospective) Beech Tree Barn, Sandysike, Longtown

Although supportive it was noted councillors were concerned there was an increase in retrospective planning applications, demonstrating the principle of retrospective planning is wrong.

Appn Ref 20/0571

Change of use of land to accommodate 1no. Shepherds Hut for holiday accommodation. Land north of The Chapel, Longtown.

Supported.

Appn Ref 20/0639

Erection of single storey side and rear extension to provide bedroom and wet room together with ramp, 56 Dukeswood Road, Longtown

Supported, neighbouring properties are consulted.

DECISION

Appn Ref 19/0324

Residential Development (outline)

Field adjacent to Scaurbank, Netherby Road, Longtown

Granted subject to legal agreement.

1. CALC circular for September along with information of training courses available to councillors circulated to all.
2. North West Air Ambulance update and request the council consider a donation, no decision was taken.

Correspondence
Minute No 620

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

| Cheque | Rec | Paid to | |
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| 704527 | | R Highmore- Council Rooms cleaner | 73.85 |
| 704528 | 36 | D Beattie - riverside, changing rooms, playing fields cleaning | 440.00 |
| 704529 | | K Johnson - Clerk salary | 1,876.35 |
| 704530 | 37 | Zoom - Aug/Sept | 43.17 |
| 704531 | | HMRC - N.I, income tax and pension | 249.76 |
| 704532 | 38 | Christmas hamper shopping | 500.00 |
| 704533 | 39 | Orian annual inspection fire extinguishers Council Rooms | 115.19 |
| 704534 | 40 | Waterplus Changing Rooms water | 116.64 |
| 704535 | 41 | Office supplies | 56.16 |
| 704536 | 42 | Office supplies | 21.45 |
| 704537 | 43 | Christmas Hampers | 500.00 |
| 704538 | 44 | Zoom monthly charge October | 14.39 |
| 704539 | 45 | One Com - telephone broadband Aug.Sep.Oct | 272.23 |
| 704540 | 46 | Fare share - 4 weeks | 100.00 |

