

Minutes of a virtual meeting of Arthuret Parish Council held on
Monday 7th September 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present

Cllrs G Routledge, M Gunson, C Adams, C Johannsen, L Mason, S Elliott, K Johnstone,
County and City Cllr V Tarbitt. and City Cllr. J Mallinson.

Cllr G Routledge expressed the council's gratitude in remembering Shirley Winthrop who had recently deceased, acknowledging the good work she carried as a member of the parish council.
The three new councillors, Lyndsey Mason, Pam Illsley and Kiel Johnstone were welcomed to the meeting by the chairman.

Apologies
Minute No 583

Apologies and reason for absence was received from Cllrs Sir JFS Graham, C Wigham, E Conley and P Illsley

Declaration of interest
Minute No 584

There were no declarations of interest made.

Police matters
Minute No 585

The clerk gave feedback of residents' concerns regarding anti-social behaviour and vandalism raised with PCSO D Herd who spoke with some of the youths and their parents following a fire being lit adjacent to the play area at the rear of Lochinvar Close.
The lack of youth facilities in the town was an issue; Cllr L Mason offered her support if this could be addressed.
The latest Covid 19 update was circulated to all prior to the meeting for information.

Members of public
Minute No 586

There were no members of the public present.
Cllr M Gunson raised concerns of a disabled resident of the town, that the footpath at Arthuret Road was overgrown and restricting access resulting in pedestrians having to walk on the road. Noted, this was a County Council issue to be followed up by Cllr V Tarbitt.

County, City Cllrs
Minute No 587

County and City Cllr V Tarbitt reported

- The bridge repair work was now underway and was getting clarification on who is responsible to reinstate the garden of the property damaged by the wall collapse.
- Post 16 years old transport to William Howard School sorted with Cumbria Community Foundation paying the £450 per young person annual travel costs this year.
- Resolved the problem of kerbstones on Old Road disappearing.
- Addressing the road closure carried out on Scottish side
- Potholes repaired.
- Speeding had improved on English Street following installation of

the speed cameras, an air pollution monitor had been requested during Covid 19 with another when restrictions are lifted.

- Residence on Burn Street with continuous bin refuse outside the house reported.
- A new build in the conservation area erected without planning permission, this was being investigated.

Cllr Tarbitt was thanked for her assistance in addressing the transport problem to William Howard School.

Report from
representatives
on other bodies
Minute No 588

Management Committee Community Centre

City Cllr J Mallinson reported the centre was taking a safe, measured approach to re-opening to user groups.

Allotment Committee

Cllr M Gunson gave an update.

- The new gates were now in place; access for vehicles was from dawn to dusk. Favourable comments received on the contractors work.
- The Best kept allotment competition, usually carried out as part of the Flower Show, was undertaken by the Allotment Committee this year. The winners list would be published on the 12th September.
- Although slow moving, a tenant moving plots would hopefully resolve the problem of a vehicle blocking the access road through the allotments.
- There was currently a high number on the waiting list.

Partnership Group

No meetings held during Covid 19.

CAP Initiative

Cllr G Routledge reported, although no meetings had been held during Covid 19, the project was continuing and regular updates were being received.

Minutes of 20th July
Minute No 589

The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 20th July were agreed as a true record to be signed by the chairman at the next face to face meeting.

Minutes of 17th
August
Minute No 590

The minutes of the virtual meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 17th August were agreed as a true record to be signed by the chairman at the next face to face meeting.

Remembrance
Sunday Service
Minute No 591

The clerk reported that Royal British Legion guidance on Remembrance Sunday services at war memorials would be available early autumn. It was agreed to await further information before taking a decision on this years' service mindful of Covid 19 guidelines.

Speed devices
Minute No 592

It was noted that there had been no response from the request to CCC Highways, sent on 11th March, to confirm if there is a valid reason and give an explanation why they would not support the parish council in siting of Speed Indication Devices at the entrances to Longtown on the A7. It was agreed there remained serious concern of vehicles speeding in and out of Longtown and having the Speed Indication Devices in place would be beneficial for the community and drivers.

County/City Cllr V Tarbitt stated it had taken 3 years to get a speed camera in the centre of English Street. The vice chair, Cllr G Routledge, stated that the view of many was that although the speed camera was covering part of the town there would be no harm having the SID at the entrances to the town, a belt and braces would approach would be preferable, mindful the 2 areas are still problematic.

Agreed to follow up with CCC Highways requesting a response for the next meeting for support in placing the devices on the A7 at each entrance to the town or a valid reason why the parish council are not being supported.

Clerks update
Minute No 593

The following update was given by the clerk.

- Bus shelter repairs at Sandysike completed.
- New Notice board erected at Sandysike.
- Confirmation to councillors the Carlisle City Council Climate Change public consultation on Carlisle Strategy comments for return before closing date 18th September
- Longtown Army cadets, as already agreed a grant of £300 from the Community Pot approved, the detachment will start training again in October.
- CALC information circulated to all
 1. County Council Cabinet proposal for Local Government Reform that was considered today and members agreed to submit a proposal, if supported by Government would see the creation of a single unitary council for the whole of Cumbria.
A response was anticipated in the autumn.

Incredible Edible
Minute No 594

The clerk gave a brief report of a project "Incredible Edible" (information circulated to all prior to the meeting) Councillors were fully supportive that the Bobbin Mill gardens could be used as one of the 3 sites to plant out for the project. The remaining 2 were County Council ownership, a Rotary Club member was following this up with a view to getting their support.

Foodbank
Minute No 595

An update was given by the clerk as co-ordinator of the foodbank.

- Continue to distribute weekly and children's 5 day lunch bags.
- Following the Community Centre preparing to re-open, the foodbank was now based at the Council Rooms.
- Confirmation of receiving £7,000 DEFRA funding through Cumbria County Council Area Committee towards setting up an Affordable Food Hub in Longtown. Due to support from Fair share and Bookers wholesale donations weekly, the finances

remaining for the food bank were healthy.

- Thanks were extended to the volunteers for their ongoing commitment and hard work.

Lighting columns
Minute No 596

The clerk reported that replacing the 4 lighting columns on Carlisle Road A7 would cost in the region of £4,300 a £1,000 of this would be for a 2 days road closure during the works. It was noted there was £3,300 available, councillors agreed this work should go ahead as soon as the additional funding required is available.

The £2,086 contribution from the 3 elected City Councillors members allocation was appreciated.

Riverside works
Minute No 597

It was noted the following works at the riverside needs to be carried out.

Extend the footpath, a grant for this work was agreed from Cumbria Community Foundation.

Additional work to cut back 2 trees at riverside and tidy up the large shrubbery adjacent to The Scaur steps was agreed. A quote for £1,000 was received, it was agreed this work needed to be carried out when funding was available.

Tommy figure
Minute No 598

Cllr C Adams to give an update on progress with repairs at the next meeting.

Festive celebrations
Minute No 599

Due to Covid 19 restrictions the Christmas Party for the senior citizens would not take place this year. Councillors were in agreement to distribute 100 hampers in place of this following the same arrangement for the party open to those aged 70 years or over living in Arthuret Parish. The number of hampers distributed would be limited to the first 100 to put their names forward.

Cllr V Tarbitt confirmed a contribution of £500 from Cumbria County Council allocation to members.

City Cllr. J Mallinson offered to give a contribution from the City Council small grant fund if needed.

Both were thanked for their support.

Confirmation received from Plantscape the cost of £3,200 for solar powered Christmas trees. The chairman stated it was important, if funding available, to have a display at least as good as last year. It was also agreed to replace the lights around the island, the Christmas trees would be sited as usual.

Foodbank hampers separate funding

Co-option of
councillor
Minute No 600

Local Government Act 1972. Correspondence was received from and read out from Robert graham expressing an interest in filling a vacancy. It was agreed unanimously that he is co-opted to the council.

Finance meeting
Minute No 601

The Finance meeting would be a virtual meeting to be held on Monday 19th October.

Next meeting
Minute No 602

The next virtual meeting of the council would be held on Monday 5th October.

Planning

Cllr V Tarbitt informed the meeting she was no longer on the Planning Committee.

Proposal

Appn Ref 19/0990

Grid Ref: 337988 568774

Conversion of former slaughter house and garage to create 2no. dwellings including partial demolition of boundary wall to form access (revised application) Land to the rear of 22 Netherby Street Longtown
Cllr. G Routledge commented this was shared access for neighbouring properties, all to be consulted. No further comments noted.

Appn Ref 20/0562

Grid Ref : 337906 568819

Erection of single storey extension to joinery workshop including new window formation in southern elevation and partial cladding to existing southern and eastern elevations. 25 Bridge Street Longtown
Supported

Accounts

The accounts for August/September were presented to the Council and cheques authorised for payment.

704998	21	Netherby Estates - Annual rents from Allotments	400.00
704999	22	Zoom fee for virtual meeting	14.93
704500		Foodbank	300.00
704501		R Highmore- Council Rooms cleaner August	73.85
704502	23	D Beattie - Riverside, play area, changing room cleaning August	440.00
704503		HMRC - Income tax, N.I. and pension contributions August	688.87
704504		K Johnson - clerks salary August	1,833.22
704505	23a	Foodbank- purchase fridge	202.94
704506	24	I Ward - internal audit fee	150.00
704507	25	Cochranes Nurseries - bedding plants	1,207.08
704508		Foodbank	200.00
704509	26	Reimbursement to clerk for lifebelts and rope from Glasdon	115.56
704510	27	CALC - Annual membership	352.05
704511	28	E Mylnek- Clearing The Scour riverside	400.00
704512	29	M Gunson - petty cash and prize money for best kept allotments	110.00
704513	30	Ian Pearson - Erect notice board at Sandysike	434.57
704514	31	T Powley - supply and install 2 gates at allotments	6,181.60
704515		R Highmore- Council Rooms cleaner- September	73.85
704516	32	D Beattie - Riverside, parks, changing room cleaner	440.00
704517		HMRC - Income tax, N.I. and pension contributions September	635.00
704518		Foodbank	400.00

704519		K Johnson - clerk salary	1,832.85
704520	33	Ian Pearson - bus shelter repairs English Street	144.65
704521	34	K Johnson - 6 months backdated salary increase, council room reimbursements	309.01
704522	35a	Fair share - weekly collection (6 weeks)	150.00
704523		Longtown Army Cadets - grant from Beckburn Community Pot	300.00
704524	35	S Graham - keys for allotment gates	241.80
704525		J Carroll - TENDER grass cutting playing fields	1,100.00
704526		Foodbank	500.00