

**Minutes of a virtual meeting of Arthuret Parish Council Amenities
Committee held on Monday 17th August 2020 AT 7.00p.m.**

Present

Cllrs. Sir JFS Graham, G Routledge, M Gunson and C Adams

Apologies

No apologies were received.

Minute No 572

**Declaration of
interest Minute
No 573**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**Lighting columns
Minute No 574**

The revised quotation received from Cumbria County Council to erect new lighting columns on the A7 Carlisle Road, with all works was £3,208, an additional cost of approximately £1,000 for 2 days road closure, with a third party carrying out the traffic management. Funding currently available was £2,086 that was kindly contributed by the 3 elected City Councillors. Following consideration it was agreed to allocate £1,000 from the Beck Burn Community Pot towards this work mindful of the urgency to get the works completed. Cllr J Mallinson suggested he discuss with Cllrs V Tarbitt and D Shepherd the possibility they may be agreeable to giving additional support. An update to be given at the next meeting. Noted that future maintenance costs need to be incorporated into future annual budget.

**Battle of
Britain Minute
No 575**

Consideration was given to purchase a themed seat commemorating the 75th anniversary of The Battle of Britain. It was agreed a WW2 theme would be an appropriate memorial. Total cost of the seat £1,047, supported that £1,000 to be allocated from the Beckburn Community Pot. Location of seats was discussed, it was suggested the island at the entrance to the town would be ideal; Longtown and Brampton Rotary were planning to tidy the flower bed in the near future. Cllr G Routledge confirmed that a wreath was laid for VE Day at the War Memorial; one would be laid on VJ Day. Unfortunately the flag at the Community Centre had not been flown.

**Dulverton Trust
Minute No,576**

Confirmation given of a grant was received from the Dulverton Trust to purchase a WW1 commemorative seat.

**Festive displays
and events**
Minute No 577

- Consideration given to festive light displays this year in the town. No grant funding would be available through Hallburn Wind Farm Community grants, it was agreed that unless funding of £3,200 could be sourced the solar powered trees could not be erected. It was suggested local businesses may be able to offer support, the chairman felt it was important there was a good festive display in the centre of the town. To be considered further at next meeting.
- It was agreed to purchase new display lights for the island at the entrance to the town.
- It was agreed to approach the contractor who erected the street lights to carry out the works again this this year, costs to be confirmed. £1,000 was in the budget for this work.
- It was agreed that due to Covid 19 restrictions the Senior citizens Christmas Party would not go ahead this year. An alternative proposal to deliver 100 small festive hampers to a 100 of the senior citizens of the parish was supported by all.

Clock repairs
Minute No 578

Cllrs were in agreement that due to the high estimated costs for repairs, before progressing the electrical works would be checked.

**Grant from
Cumbria
Community
Foundation**
Minute No 579

It was confirmed a grant of £3,000 had been approved by Cumbria Community Foundation for footpath and landscaping works at the riverside.

Market Cross
Minute No 580

Although agreed in principle over the years, it was agreed to continue to support the proposal to reinstate a Market Cross in Longtown. A resident had offered support if the project were to progress.

Bridge repairs
Minute No 581

The latest update received by the clerk was circulated to councillors as received. At present there was no firm date to commence the works by NW Electric prior to reinstatement of the retaining wall. Feedback from local businesses and residents was they were disappointed and frustrated on lack of information and progress; a poor response had been received by locals from the MP for the area. Clerk to enquire whether Kirkandrews on Esk Parish Council are being kept up to date with progress.

Play provision

Minute No 582

Due to Covid 19 restrictions it was not possible to hold a Community Consultation to display the 3 plans for the Old Road/Lochinvar site to provide recreation facilities from the Section 106 funding through the Gleeson Homes Development. It was agreed to defer any plans until a later date. It was noted that a number of issues in this area also need addressing, the easement agreement for the parish field was slowly progressing, grass cutting arrangements were still needing improvement and working in partnership with Riverside Housing to create a footpath around the field boundary was on hold at this time.

The clerk made councillors aware there had been an increased amount of anti-social behaviour issues recently. The police were aware and addressing the problem.