

ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, LONGTOWN on MONDAY 3RD JUNE 2024 AT 7.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Sir JFS Graham (Chair), Councillor G Routledge (Vice Chair), Councillor M Gunson, Councillor C Adams, Councillor M Irving, Councillor C Johanssen and Councillor R Graham

1 Parish Clerk and 1 Parish RFO

APOLOGIES

Apology and reason for absence received from Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone

Minute Number

469 Declaration Of Interest

Cllr M Gunson and Cllr C Johanssen – both as tenants of the allotments

470 Members of the Public

2 members of the Public were present as observers

Cllr G Routledge has received concerns over speeding in Longtown

471 Police Matters

No official correspondence received from the Police. However, there have been posts on Social Media regarding anti-social behaviour and a missing teenager. The Police have also been out knocking on doors in Lochinvar regarding this

472 Reports from Representatives on Other Bodies

Longtown Community Centre Board of Trustees – Cllr Sir JFS Graham

- There is an £80k grant for upgrading the community centre
- A meeting for this is arranged for the end of this month

Allotment Committee – Cllrs M Gunson and C Adams

- Most of the empty plots have now been filled – only a couple more to allocate
- The ‘waiting list’ has nearly been cleared
- Now offering ‘half’ plots
- Concerns over new and existing tenants that have not started to tend to their plots yet
 - To be investigated
- There is a shed on site that contains asbestos. The doors to this were padlocked to prevent access. The original padlock had been taken and signs of people entering.
 - New padlock has been secured and keeping an eye on this
- National Allotment Society has requested a list of allotment tenants
- Plots should now be ‘pay per person’ and not ‘per plot’
 - Cllr M Gunson to seek legal advice on this

CAP Initiative – Cllrs G Routledge and C Johanssen

- Endless emails have been sent; however, no response has been received

Incredible Edible – Cllrs C Johanssen and M Gunson

- CJ and MG to have a discussion about trying to link this with the allotments
- Strawberry beds are coming along nicely
- Dwarf French beans, spinach and radish seeds have been sown
- Cllr M Gunson suggested re-naming this project to 'Village Veg' – *was agreed to action this*

Borderlands Project – Cllr M Gunson

- Meeting held on 14th May 2024 with councillors and local people present
 - This was held to look at the communications plan which is being drafted by Cumberland Council
 - Once the communication plan is finalised it will be issued to the public
 - Next meeting is on the 10th July 2024

Borderlands Project – Community Representative Cllr C Johanssen

- Draft communication plan sent to councillors
- It is felt that there is good vision on this with lots of projects
- More clarification to be sought on this

473 Accept the Minutes of Meeting held on 13th May 2024 are a true record

- Not signed
- Changes need to be made to minute no. 460 and Part B minute no. 467
 - Minute no. 460 to be clarified and re-discussed at next council meeting – GR/MI
- Minute no. 447 – Cllr Sir JFS Graham to be added to the committee

474 Consider correspondence regarding street naming and numbering on land to South East of St Michaels Drive, Brampton, Longtown

- Letter from Cumberland Council dated 24th May 2024 has been received informing the Parish Council of the proposed name – Fawns Wood Way
- Clerk to contact Cumberland Council to ask about the significance of the proposed name
 - This needs to be done by the 7th June 2024

475 Agree Adoption of Financial Regulations

- Deferred to next months meeting as the new RFO had not received a copy

476 Progress Report for Speed Indication Devices

- Cllr M Irving has plans for siting the devices
- The plans are to be sent to the Clerk
 - Need to check the status of the Memo of Agreement with previous Clerk
 - Plans to be sent to Cumberland Council as a matter of urgency
- The devices are currently in the Council Office

477 Consider commemorating the D-Day 80th Anniversary

- Suggested that four metal commemorative benches with plaques/engraving are purchased, one of which to commemorate the D-Day 80th Anniversary
 - Suggested sites:- Netherby Road, Hope site cross roads, How End, the Island
 - Put in a bid to Beckburn for funding for this
 - RFO agreed to follow this up

478 Update from Cllr G Routledge on Dolly's Brae works

- Storm damage to a residents property from fallen tree. Fencing and garden room damage
 - The resident is obtaining the quote for said damage
 - This has not been received yet

479 Moot Hall

- A meeting is to be arranged to discuss the future plans of Moot Hall
 - Cllr Sir JFS Graham to contact Arthuret Parochial Church Council to arrange a meeting

480 Financial Report from the Clerk

- Not received from previous Clerk
 - Deferred to next meeting

481 Planning

- *None received*

482 Accounts

- To receive accounts for June 2024 and authorise payment

K Johnson	Clerk Salary	2010.33
HMRC	Income Tax, pension & NI contributions	817.62
D Beattie	Riverside cleaner, changing rooms and park weekly clean and check	414.00
Clerk	Working from home allowance	24.00
P Kirkup	Changing Rooms cleaner	41.68
E Mylnek	Tree work at the Riverside	420.00

PAYMENTS AUTHORISED

483 Report from Cllr T Pickstone

“Just to let you know that I cannot come to the Parish Council meeting tonight. I was hoping to be there, but you will understand that the General Election is getting in the way of a lot of things.

A few things from me:

- *all is going well with the two biggest areas of work for me in Longtown, around the Borderlands Project and the Community Centre. Margaret and James will be able to report back directly.*
- *I have raised with Highways the continuing extremely poor state of the road surface on Mary Street / Moor Road. This is being reviewed again.*
- *Residents have raised with me the poor state of the footpath on Arthuret Road. Initially this work was refused by the Council as 'not needed', but I have asked them to review this situation.*
- *There is a major set of planning applications in the system which will be of interest to Longtown around Hespian Wood (making the waste processing facilities permanent, not temporary). This won't progress quickly, so I should hopefully be able to explain more to you at the July meeting.”*

484 Any Other Business

- Suggested that the 'Friends of Arthuret Group' be set up again to care for the ancient well near Arthuret Church
 - Agreed to discuss with the Parochial Church Council
 - RFO to put in a bid for grant