

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
4th DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 p.m. AT LONGTOWN MEMORIAL HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

<u>Present Minute No.340</u>	Cllrs. Sir JFS Graham (chair) G Routledge, M Gunson, C Adams, C Johanssen, L Mason and R Graham
<u>Apologies Minute No 341</u>	Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cumberland Cllr. T Pickstone.
<u>Declaration of Interest Minute No 342</u>	Cllr M Gunson - allotments
<u>Quorum for meetings Minute No 343</u>	The clerk explained that one third of the whole number of parish councillors needed to be present at a meeting to be quorate, Arthuret Parsh Council has a total of 15 members if all posts were filled The quorum is therefore 5. This was disputed by Cllr C Johanssen who asked evidence be provided. It was debated and evident that clarification to all councillors needed to be provided. Clerk to forward this information to all.
<u>November minutes Minute No.344</u>	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 th November were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.
<u>Members of public Minute No. 345</u>	<p>One member of the public was present to address, as the applicant, Planning Application Ref. 23/0716</p> <p>The resident explained the submission, giving details, from the plans, of proposed changes. Councillors were made aware of the issues raised by the Conservation officer, and noted. It was agreed following discussion that Arthuret Parish Council support this application with the following confirmed by the applicant /resident.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Barclays Bank sign, although to be removed from the frontage, would be retained and placed in the garden. • That the brick frontage would be reused. • That the timber canopy would be removed. <p>The following were raised through councillors by residents of the parish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle parking on the footpath on Swan Street towards High Street junction was causing congestion. It was agreed to request Highways reinstate the bollards in this area to address the issue. • Parking on the wide area of Burn Street towards the A6071 creating issues for drivers. • Street signage at Burnside needs replacing. Riverside to be requested to address.
<u>Police matters Minute No 347</u>	No police representation at the meeting. It was reported that regular drop-in sessions were being held at the Community Centre attended by the PCSOs for the area to listen to residents and address concerns.

<u>County Cllrs report Minute No 348</u>	No report was received.
<u>Representatives on other bodies Minute No 349</u>	<p><u>Community Centre.</u> Cllr. Sir JFS Graham reported the Board of Trustees were pleased with the appointment of the new Manager, who had arranged a Childrens Christmas Party and had many further ideas in promoting facilities and new events..</p> <p><u>CAP Initiative</u> Cllr C Johanssen reported there was no update as there had been no recent meetings, although anti-social behaviour issues were ongoing. Cllr Johanssen had queried with the Community Centre if there were plans for youth events/provision and was awaiting a response. The Chairman agreed to raise this at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. It was also reported by Cllr C Johanssen that Arthuret Church were holding weekly sessions and looking at organising one for the older age group.</p> <p><u>Allotment Committee</u> Cllr M Gunson reported a quiet time for tenants, removal of asbestos was in hand by members of the allotment committee, ongoing issues were being addressed. It was confirmed by the clerk to Cllr M Gunson that mileage to the Waste Recycling facility on disposal could be claimed. Cllr L Mason offered a more cost-effective method, through a contact of a person registered to dispose of the asbestos. Cllr Mason was thanked but this offer was declined. Cllr C Johanssen reported fly tipping on the land at the entrance to Gleeson Homes land off the A6071 opposite the entrance to the allotments. Gleeson Homes to be made aware.</p> <p><u>Incredible Edible</u> No update was received.</p>
<u>Senior citizens party Minute No 350</u>	<p>Plans were progressing well. It was confirmed the Mayor could not attend this year due to a prior engagement in the County. Regarding the switching on of the Christmas lights on the island, a risk assessment had been requested by the Community Centre. This was being carried out and would be in place before the event. Arrangements to set up the hall for the party and volunteer numbers were confirmed.</p>
<u>Remembrance Sunday Minute No 352</u>	<p>The Remembrance service at the War Memorial was well attended and lots of positive feedback received. There was, however, a number of attendees disappointed there was no Remembrance display of past years, usually set up and displayed in the Community Centre by Jane Rutherford. Thanks to Dave Whyllie for playing the bugle at the memorial event.</p>
<u>Handrail at the steps to The Scaur</u>	<p>It was confirmed that Cumberland Council were aware of the safety concern and requested to put in mesh or some other measures on the</p>

<u>Minute No 353</u>		bottom of the rail.
<u>Clerks update</u> <u>Minute No 354</u>		<p>The following was given by the clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting a response from Cumberland Council on the cost and timescale to erect the Speed Indication Devices. • It was agreed the council need to set a date for the community to view the plans for the Multi Use Games area to be installed on the area between Old Road and Lochinvar Close. • The website contents were updated, it was agreed additional information should be added. • The Council Rooms was in need of a deep clean before it could be used. P Kirkup had accepted the offer as the cleaner. • Noted that discussion needed to be taken with APCC on future use and management of the Moot Hall.
<u>Finance meting</u> <u>Minute No 355</u>		It was agreed the Finance meeting would be held on 8 th January at 7pm in the Community Centre
<u>Planning</u> <u>Minute No 356</u>		<p>PROPOSAL</p> <p>Appn Ref 223/0797 Erection of 1no. agricultural workers dwelling. Haggistone Holme Farm, Longtown. Supported</p> <p>Appn Ref 23/0734 Roofing over existing silage pit. Fauld Farm, Longtown. Supported Supported.</p> <p>Appn Ref 23/0716 Removal of existing timber canopy and stone porch, existing door modified to form window. Supported</p> <p>Appn Ref 23/0691 Use of the site for storage of operational vehicles, associated parking, vehicle barriers, welfare facilities and associated infrastructure. Woodland Industrial storage Unit A and B Longtown Supported</p>
<u>Correspondence</u> <u>Minute No 357</u>		<p>All circulated prior to the meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CALC news 2. CALC Chief Executives bulletin 3. Minutes of CALC AGM 4. Rural bulletin 5. NALC newsletter 7. NALC events 8. Civility and Respect newsletter.

ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 2023

The following accounts were approved and authorised for payment.

Cheque	Rec	To whom paid	Amount
705521		Elan City, provision of Speed indication Devices	10,800.00

705522		D Beattie -riverside, changing rooms cleaning	414.00
705523		HMRD - PAYE,N.I. and pension	817.62
705524		Clerk reimbursed One Com telephone bill 2 months Council Rooms office	80.00
705525		Clerk salary	2,133.00
705526		P Kirkup- cleaner changing rooms, including deep clean	104.20
705527		K Murchison -TENDER Trees	1,920.00
705528		J Smith Electricals - supply and install 14 new and refurbish 2 festive light displays	2,307.60
705529		Longtown Primary School Parents support group. Community Pot grant towards children festive celebrations	380.00