

Minutes of a meeting of Arthuret Parish Council held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.00pm at the Longtown Memorial Hall Community Centre

**Present Minute
No 279**

Cllrs Sir JFS Graham,(chair). G Routledge, M Gunson,
Rev. E Robinson, C Johanssen and L Mason

**Apologies Minute
No 280**

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from
Cllr R Graham and C Adams

There were no declarations of interest.

**Declaration of
Interest
Minute No 281**

**Internal Audit
Report
Minute No 282**

The Internal Audit of 2022/3 was presented to the council, there were no issues raised and of the opinion that " On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, in all significant respects the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority."

**Accounting
Statement Minute
No 283**

The Accounting Statements 2022/23 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Annual Governance
statement
2022/2023
Minute No 284**

The Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 was presented to the Council. Approved, and signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer.

**Financial report
Minute No 285**

Paper Copies of the Accounts, Balance sheet, all Bank Accounts and Receipts and Payments to the year ending 31st March 2022 circulated to all members. A report was given by the clerk and it was agreed copies to be circulated by e-mail for reference.

The clerk responded to the following queries.

- Cllr C Johanssen queried the payment to the clerk, as managing the pop-up pantry / foodbank claiming an amount when this facility was transferred to the Community Centre. It was explained this was prior to the takeover and was for reimbursement for perishable goods for emergency referrals.
- The clerk explained what the internal auditor examined and confirmed he carried out a more detailed inspection than was required.
- It was agreed that a more robust process was to be carried out on internal control in the future.

- The CAP Initiative funding held by the Council was to be addressed as it was noted there remained an outstanding amount not claimed by the Community Centre on their behalf.

Website provision
Minute No 286

Following discussion, it was agreed to remain with the current provider, it was suggested that a visit to them to consider updating the current site and redesign layout and headings to make it more user friendly.

It was acknowledged that there would remain the ongoing issue that any papers forwarded were not automatically updated and this varied in the time information was posted from receipt. Clerk to confirm this to the provider and get confirmation of future costs as it was intimated in prior discussions there would be a reduction in current costs.

Installation of
Speed Indication
Devices
Minute No 287

Cumberland Council Highways officer had now confirmed permission to install the Speed Indication Devices. The clerk was awaiting a further quote for comparison before ordering them. Locations were agreed, if funding in place necessitated a reduction in 1 camera it was agreed this would be the one for the A6071. Clerk to keep councillors up to date with quotes received and progress from Cumberland Council Highways.

