

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 7.00 p.m. AT THE COUNCIL ROOMS**

<b><u>Present</u></b>	Cllrs. Sir JFS Graham (Chair), G Routledge (Vice Chair) M Gunson, C Johannsen, E Robinson and City Cllr J Mallinson
<b><u>Apologies Minute No 188</u></b>	Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllrs. C Adams, L Mason and County Cllr T Pickstone
<b><u>Declaration of Interest Minute No 189</u></b>	Cllr M Gunson allotments.
<b><u>Members of the public Minute No 190</u></b>	<p>There were 2 members of the public in attendance. The following issues were raised. I resident was attending to observe and had no issues to raise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident expressed concern regarding ongoing antisocial behaviour at the riverside, alcohol consumption was a weekly problem for residents of Bank Street and Eskbank. Although the PCSO was helpful when incidents were reported, it was acknowledged that without additional manpower this was a difficult problem to address.</li> <li>• Councillors were both concerned and sympathetic to residents who were dealing with this on a weekly basis. A longstanding issue. Agreed to again raise this with the police.</li> <li>• The following was noted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monthly Drop-in sessions now in place at the Community Centre for residents to speak with police.</li> <li>2. Bank Street and The Scour in particular, experiencing anti-social behaviour issues.</li> <li>3. The William Howard School pick up point and the grass verge adjacent to the Health Centre in need of litter being cleared.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b><u>Police matters Minute No 191</u></b>	No police were in attendance, no update had been received.
<b><u>County and City Cllrs report Minute No 192</u></b>	City Cllr J Mallinson gave a brief update on LGR and the imminent amalgamation of Carlisle Council and Cumbria Council to a Unitary Authority (Cumberland Council) on 1 <sup>st</sup> April. Transition now in place and putting together the transition of services.
<b><u>Representatives on other bodies Minute No 193</u></b>	<b><u>Community Centre Management Committee</u></b> Cllrs Sir JFS Graham, C Johannsen and E Robinson, members of the Board of Trustees reported on a meeting held of the Board earlier

	<p>today.</p> <p>Clerk confirmed, following comments on social media, that the Pop-Up Pantry/ Foodbank was running and that referral were taken from outside agencies as well as self-referrals. The criteria could possibly change following the Community Centre taking over transfer of this initiative.</p> <p><b><u>Allotment</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. M Gunson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The majority of annual rents collected.</li> <li>• Concerns of vandalism and in particular on plots. All tenants to be sent a letter stating young people welcome on the allotments when accompanied by a tenant. Allotment committee agreed to discourage those not accompanied in addressing the problem.</li> <li>• Need to encourage tenants to close the gates, it was also acknowledged CCTV cameras would help in addressing ongoing problems.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>CAP Initiative</u></b></p> <p>Cllr C Johannsen reported the next meeting would be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested way forward all agencies work together.</li> <li>• Access to students at William Howard School important to address issues.</li> <li>• Cllr Johannsen suggested that setting up a Community Group to help the elderly could be considered.</li> </ul>
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<b><u>Minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> <b><u>Minute No 194</u></b>	<p>With one amendment to the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> January were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.</p> <p>Cllr M Gunson to be added to Apologies as well as arriving late to the meeting.</p>
<b><u>Kings Coronation</u></b> <b><u>Minute No 195</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following discussion and the clerk voicing concern that there needed to be adequate volunteers, Cllr C Johannsen confirmed she could bring 12 volunteers to the event. Clerk requested names are forwarded to note.</li> <li>• Following consideration, it was agreed that it was not practical to host a combined afternoon tea for the senior citizens and children at the celebration of the Kings Coronation. Clerk meeting with the manager of the Community Centre and will confirm.</li> <li>• It was agreed that young people of the Parish would receive a commemorative coin as a keepsake for the Kings Coronation. Clerk to confirm price and numbers to order at the April meeting.</li> <li>• Councillors needed to be onboard to ensure the day is a success.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Longtown Festival</u></b> <b><u>Minute No 196</u></b>	<p>Consideration was given to correspondence received from both a member of the LDT and the Manager of Longtown Football Teams on the location to hold a 2023 Longtown Festival.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Safety, glass broken on football pitches.</li> <li>• Vehicles accessing the site would damage the area, acknowledging the work over the years the Football Teams had spent in building the site to a good site for matches.</li> <li>• Parish Councillors were in support of an event being held, it was</li> </ul>

		reported by Cllr Gunson that the County Council had been approached and agreed the field in their ownership could be used.
<b><u>Civility and Respect Pledge Minute No 197</u></b>		Consideration was given in signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge. Correspondence and information circulated to all over January and February . To refresh, the clerk read out the e-mail module regarding e-learning and information relating to the pledge. It was agreed to sign up to the pledge.
<b><u>Clerks report Minute No 198</u></b>		<p>The following was reported and updated by the clerk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed Indication Devices need to be progressed through County Council Highways.</li> <li>• Rights of Way - repairs to handrail at The Scour ongoing through CCC Highways.</li> <li>• Potholes around Longtown reported through CCC Helpline.</li> <li>• Riverside damage and antisocial behaviour</li> <li>• Play area damage to the railings at the riverside. These have now been replaced on multiple occasions.</li> <li>• MUGA and related works - residents' comments to note.</li> <li>• Parish Council / Borderlands funding - to make councillors aware there was confusion the Parish Council were in receipt and had access to the funding. To, agree information is circulated.</li> <li>• Repairs to the damaged fencing on the island at the entrance to the town ,confirmation that this is not covered under the insurance policy. Clerk to follow up and get costs to reinstate.</li> <li>• Mud on footpath to Arthuret Church preventing access, walkers having to use the road. Agreed the chairman to contact the farmer responsible and request it is cleared.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Clerk working from home Minute No 199</u></b>		<p>It was agreed this would be further reviewed in April as there was no realistic deadline to home the clerk in the immediate timeframe in the council office. The current contractor might not be able to meet the deadlines to commence the work required so it might be necessary to find an alternative contractor.</p> <p>Clerk reported that telephone/broadband provider had agreed to reduce the monthly cost to £30 from £78.00 and divert all calls to the clerk at home. This would be reviewed once the clerk was working in the office.</p> <p>The ongoing problems with the Council Rooms and repairs needed, if the contractor was not able to confirm a date to start the work in the near future an alternative contractor would be sought.</p>
<b><u>Beckburn grant Minute No 200</u></b>		<p>It was agreed to submit a grant application for enhancement of community facilities and new seating in the parish.</p> <p>3 new seats at Hopesyke Wood</p>

	Howe End Farm Crow Wood Replace and renew water safety equipment to both Dollies Brae and The Scaur
<u>Date of next meeting</u> <u>Minute No 201</u>	Date of next meeting Monday April at 7.00pm.
<u>Planning</u> <u>Minute No 202</u>	<p><b>PROPOSAL</b></p> <p><b>Appn Ref 23/0123</b> Erection of 1no. dormer bungalow adjacent to Tall Trees Sandysike Longtown. Supported.</p> <p><b>Appn Ref 23/0144</b> Installation of integrated solar panels and replacement of existing concrete roof tiles with natural slate 13 Arthuret Drive, Longtown. Supported.</p> <p><b>Appn Ref 23/0132</b> Display of non-illuminated signage Unit 24 Brampton Road , Longtown Supported</p> <p><b>Street Naming and numbering LGA 1985 field adjacent to Scaurbank Netherby Road Longtown</b> Suggested names by the developers Burns Otter Merlin Salmon Leap Manor House Garden</p> <p>It was agreed to put forward the following suggestions mindful of the local history of Longtown and connection with Scaurbank House. Lady Mary Close Claudine Murray Gardens.</p>

### ACCOUNTS MARCH 2023

The following accounts were approved and authorised for payment.

Cheque	Rec	To whom paid	Amount
704219		D Beattie - riverside, changing rooms cleaner	440.00
704220		HMRC	817.2
704221		K Johnson - clerk salary	2150.39
704223		J Robb - Council Rooms window cleaner	20.00
704224		T Gardner- allotments replace taps	106.08

## **PART B**

### **Minute No 203**

#### **Allotments**

A report was received and councillors discussed how the complaint raised by a tenant regarding another's behaviour. It was agreed that this has been an ongoing issue for some time and it was important a resolution to the problem was found.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Sir JFS Graham and Cllr M Gunson arrange to meet with the tenant and report back to the next meeting.

Noted that there has already been some contact by the tenant to Cllr Gunson, this was discussed.