

ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to a meeting of the **ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL** that will be held at **LONGTOWN MEMORIAL HALL COMMUNITY CENTER** on **MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2025 at 7pm**

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29th January 2025

Nicola Rushworth

AGENDA

1	Apologies for Absence To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
2	Declaration of Interest To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda
3	Public Participation To receive representation from members of the public on issues relating to items on this agenda. <i>Members of the public are permitted to speak for up to 15 minutes and are not permitted to speak at any other time during the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chairman</i> 3.1 To receive an application from a member of the public for support for grant application (<i>copy herewith</i>) 3.2 To receive a proposal for a community hub (<i>copy herewith</i>)
4	Minutes To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 th December 2024 To authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes from the Finance, Staffing and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 28 th January 2025
5	Borderlands To receive a presentational update from the Longtown Borderlands Steering Group members
6	Cumberland Councillor Report To receive a report from Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone To receive an update as to why Parish Council planning comments were not loaded onto the portal by the planning officer

	<p>To receive an update on the damage at the Old Bank</p> <p>To receive an update on the removal of the Pear Tree bus shelter</p>
7	<p>To receive a report from representatives on other bodies</p> <p>7.1 Longtown Community Centre Board of Trustees – Cllr Sir JFS Graham</p> <p>7.2 Allotment Committee – Cllrs M Gunson and C Adams</p> <p>7.3 Village Veg – Cllrs M Gunson and C Johanssen</p> <p>7.4 CAP Initiative – Cllrs G Routledge and C Johanssen</p> <p>7.5 Borderlands Project – Cllr M Gunson</p> <p>7.6 Borderlands Project – Community Representative Cllr C Johanssen</p>
8	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>8.1 To accept the recommendations for the Budget/Precept for 2025/2026</p> <p>8.2 Bank Reconciliation to 24th January 2025 – to receive a report from the RFO (<i>to follow</i>)</p> <p>8.3 Financial Transactions to 24th January 2025 – to receive a report from the RFO (<i>to follow</i>)</p> <p>8.4 Expenditure to Approve to 24th January 2025 – to receive a report from the RFO (<i>to follow</i>)</p>
9	<p>Cumberland Community Panel Grant</p> <p>To consider applying for a grant to help with the play areas – cut-off date is 12th February 2025</p>
10	<p>Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council Newsletter</p> <p>To receive an update from the RFO on applications for funding from the Cumberland Community Panels</p>
11	<p>Parish Council Logo</p> <p>To consider adopting a Parish Council logo for letters, documents, facebook</p>
12	<p>Grants</p> <p>To review and discuss monies given to the Church</p>
13	<p>The Bungalow / Changing Rooms</p> <p>To consider a way forward with usage</p>
14	<p>Allotment Matters</p> <p>To re-assess ongoing issues with a plot holder</p>
15	<p>Reports</p> <p>To receive a report from the Clerk detailing what has been worked on in December 2024 and January 2025 (<i>copy herewith</i>)</p>

16 Planning (circulated prior to meeting)

To consider the following planning applications

App Ref: 24/0756

Proposal: Demolition Of Existing Dwelling; Erection Of Replacement Dwelling On Same Site

Location: Chapeltown, Easton, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5RR

App Ref: 25/0002/S211

Proposal: Removal Of 4no. Leylandii (T1, T2, T3, T4); 1no. Scots Pine (T5) And 1no. Silver Birch (T6) In Longtown Conservation Area

Location: 27A Netherby Street, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5SA

App Ref: 25/0026

Proposal: Variation Of Condition 4 (Operating Hours) Of Previously Approved Application 18/0003 (Erection Of Indoor Swimming Pool For Personal And Private Hire; Installation Of New Treatment Plant And Foul Water Drainage) To Allow Operating Between 08:00 & 21:00 Hours 7 Days A Week (Including Bank Holidays) (Retrospective)

Location: Croftlands View, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5RQ

From: Andrew Tyler B.A.(Hons) (Dunelm) Modern Languages

Application to the Longtown Parish Council to support me in a grant application.

I have lived in Longtown for over 25 years and during that time I have held a number of posts; Bishops Council, Church Warden, PCC member and secretary, Brampton Deanery chairman, Editor of the parish magazine for 4 years, Meals on wheels delivery, Blood Bikes Cumbria volunteer.

Over the last two years I have devoted my spare time to looking at helping the residents of Longtown. To this effect I have produced a series of Apps such as what shops and businesses there are in Longtown, recycling timetables as well as the bus timetable. I did this after discovering that those businesses who had signed up to Google maps and associated web based sites found that updates were not uploaded. I researched local shops and businesses and took their details and permission and designed these apps. Following this I realised that the recycling timetable took too long to find out if using the council website, so I made an app which gives more or less an instant view of recycling dates and what to recycle. I have also made laminated paper copies of the recycling timetable which has proved extremely popular. The same was true of the bus timetable so I made that as an app. I have recently uploaded an Incident Manager App. This helps people to cope in the unfamiliar situation of being the first arrivals at the scene of a road accident. This came about following a course that I attended whilst driving for Blood Bikes Cumbria.

Although I have spent many months designing the above Apps, I have not charged anything for them – they have been totally free for the local population to download and use.

So, after a good period of designing, coding, producing and publishing to the Google Play Store, I have decided that I can further increase the availability of these apps. At the moment the Apps are only available to the Android part of the market. There is another equally large part in iOS the ratio of Android to iOS in the UK is roughly 50/50 so 50 percent of people are missing out.

I am willing to make apps for the other 50% but unfortunately, I don't have the hardware to do it. In order to fulfil this need means that I would need an iOS system comprising MacBook, an iPad for testing purposes and an iOS licence to produce Apps. I will also need to spend enough time learning to code in Xcode and Swift.

I am well aware that these items are not cheap. I did try to apply for a grant from the Grantscape but as I am not a company I fell at the first hurdle. The advice given to me was to get someone to back me in an application, so what I am asking the Parish Council to do is to support me in an application to Grantscape.

Approximate costs:

iMac £1699

iPad £479

iOS licence £100 pa

Arthuret Community Engagement Development (A.C.E.D)

Purpose

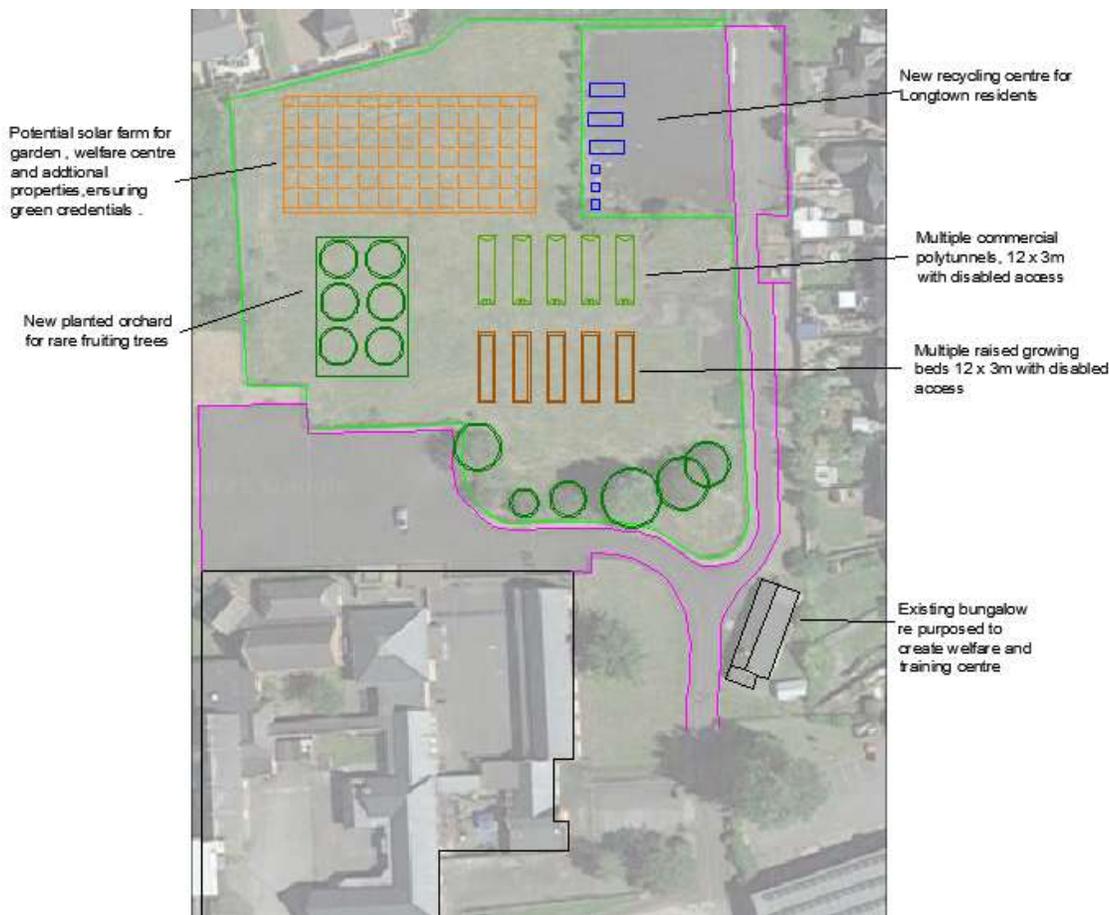
Is to engage Arthuret Community in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) strategies with the development, regardless of ability, age, in the fundamentals of the wholly green and organic growing of plants and vegetables, ***by the community, for the community, in the community.***

Located

In the area bordered by the, the old ball games area, primary school and caretakers bungalow. It forms a currently unused area of approximately 5700 m2.

This area is adjacent to the Primary School and may be of interest to expand the pupils curriculum, and only 300m from the Eskdale Care Home, providing another interest to the residents thereof.

The plan



Run by

Possibility of local volunteers who have an interest in developing the above strategies, but may not wish to own an allotment, or have access to a garden.

Comprising

- Multiple commercial poly tunnels made from hard wearing materials, with doors and floors suitable for wheelchair access. Those shown on the image below are 12m x 3m and should provide 24 m² of growing space
- Raised growing beds, 12m x 3m providing 36 m² of growing space
- Possibility of an orchard to establish lesser-known fruits
- Some form of secure building to provide refuge and storage for tools.
- A seating area to view the fruits of their labours
- A small scale solar array could theoretically provide enough energy to provide lighting and heating for the polytunnels, bungalow and provide an additional financial return. Rain water from the panels could be harnessed for use in growing. The solar array, installation, and management could be of interest to technical colleges in the area.

The Bungalow

Currently over funded and underutilised. In its current guise, it consumes some of the greatest parish financial resources yet provides little to no benefit to the community as a whole. The existing building could be re developed to provide welfare (including disabled facilities) for those attending the “ACED”, and an additional meeting and training room

Note: The building could also contain the existing Parish Office, showing that Arthuret Parish is forward thinking and concerned about the environment. It also provides a substantial saving at least from energy consumption.

The recycling centre

The recycling centre currently located outside the community centre on the A7, which has been under scrutiny for some time could be re deployed to the old ball games area. Providing an enclosed area, preventing rubbish being strewn across the road and limiting the volume of un solicited cardboard deposited by non-residents as they pass through the area.

Benefits

- In addition to the obvious benefits mentioned above, there will be some secondary financial return on the investment (ROI) by providing plants for the local community public areas and this in itself could be less than 12 months.
- It brings into use, a currently overlooked area.
- The project could attract investment from other areas
- It may develop into a larger system, and become widespread
- Early season fruit and vegetables could be grown.

Stuart Rushworth 19/01/2025



Arthuret Parish Council

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Clerks Report – December 2024 & January 2025

The following are items that have been worked on in December 2024 and January 2025

Correspondence from Parishioners

- Problems in Raefield with cars being driven over the grassed area – reported to Riverside, awaiting response
- Streetlight not working in Raefield – reported to Riverside
- Streetlights in Ward Street not working – reported to Cumberland Highways
- Litter outside the SPAR is a concern with residents – letter sent to SPAR
- Old Bank masonry falling on to pavement – Tim Pickstone looking into this
- Streetlight on The Scaur not working – reported to Cumberland Highways
- Netherby Road footpath reported to Cumberland Highways
- Loose kerbstone at The Scaur reported to Cumberland Highways
- Dog fouling on Old Road reported to Council
- Pot holes on A7 Esk Bridge reported to Highways
- Comments on a planning application were not uploaded to the planning website by the planning department – have requested Cllr Pickstone to look into this

I have set up an 'issues' log so that we now have easy access to all reported issues

Tenders

Tenders for grass cutting, flower beds, trees, hedges and litter bins have been sent out

Council Room Boiler

Engineer turning up on 13 Feb to service the boiler

The Bungalow

Working on getting quotes for the works to be done (mould removal, hire of dehumidifier, re-decoration)

The following documents have also been circulated: -

NALC – events newsletter

NALC – Chief Executive Bulletin Dec 2024

CALC – Training, Jan to July 2025

CALC – Have your say on the 2025/2026 budget

CALC – Newsletter

CALC - Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council

CALC - Have your say on proposed changes to waste services, our budget and more

Cumberland Gov - All aboard for change: Shape Cumberland's bus routes with £5 million investment - Extension of Survey

NALC – Events newsletter

CALC - Border Fellside Community Panel

CALC – The big lunch 2025, Eden Project

CALC – Cumberland Electoral Review

CALC – VE Day

NALC – Survey and Consultation
CALC – Thriving Communities (litter campaign)
CALC and Cumberland Council Health and Wellbeing Events
NALC – Events Newsletter
NALC – Sector standards survey
Cumbria Police – January 2025 newsletter
NALC – Chief Executives bulletin
NALC – Events newsletter
Cumberland Council – Food Conservation Event

Planning Notices – x3