

ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL, held in the LONGTOWN MEMORIAL HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE on MONDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY 2025

PRESENT

Councillor Sir JFS Graham (Chair), Councillor G Routledge (Vice Chair), Councillor M Gunson, Councillor C Adams, Councillor M Irving, Councillor E Jeffrey, Councillor C Johanssen, Councillor R Graham and Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone

Parish Clerk and RFO

ALSO PRESENT – Borderlands representative and 5 members of the public

Minute Number	
611	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>RESOLVED that no apologies were received</p>
612	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on the agenda</p> <p>RESOLVED that declarations were received from Cllrs. Johanssen, Gunson for the allotments and the Chairman Sir J Graham for the Community Centre</p>
613	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>RESOLVED that there were 5 members of the public present, all of whom to speak</p> <p>Member of the public number 1 wanted to note the following points regarding a proposal for a community area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have the football club been made aware of the proposal• A grant from Sport England was obtained to convert the building into changing room facilities• Is the Parish Council aware that the area belongs to Cumberland Council• Have Cumberland Council been informed about re-siting the recycling facility• Would like to make the Parish council aware that this is a big project and if the volunteer numbers drop this area will fall into dis-repair, are the Council confident that this can be maintained <p>Councillor G Routledge responded as follows:- This was merely a suggestion recently put forward by a member of the public for consideration. It was not a Parish Council initiative and had not even been discussed at this point. The Parish Council are aware of ownership of the land to the left and that the changing rooms and playing field to the right are on a long lease to the Parish Council and how they were originally funded.</p>

Could not comment further on any other aspect of the suggestion as it was new to the Parish Councillors and had not been discussed or considered. The matter would be referred to a sub committee meeting for discussion at a later date

Member of the public number 1 then left the meeting

Member of the public number 2 wanted to raise the following points

- Play area at Dolly's Brae is a mess
- Leylandii trees need cutting, hedging needs cutting and cannot understand why apple trees were planted when youths throw the apples around

RESOLVED that Councillor Routledge would go and see the member of the public to look at and discuss the hedging

RESOLVED that the member of the public had already been informed that someone would be cutting the Leylandii hedge

Member of the public number 3 wanted to raise the following issues regarding building work being done on 32 Esk Street

- The property has been divided into 8 units
- The chimney has been knocked down into the side entrance with no form of safety being adhered to
- Asbestos has been removed with no safety being adhered to
- A window has been put in the gable end of the property whereas before it was a solid wall
- There is glass, broken tiles, asbestos and other debris in the side entrance lane which is a hazard
- They have contacted Cumbria Planning, and no planning application has been received
- This property is in a conservation area

RESOLVED that the Clerk is working on investigations and a letter for building control and the planning department

Member of the public number 4

To receive an application for support for a grant application

- Had tried to get funding through Grantscape, however, as he is not a business he cannot apply

RESOLVED that the Council would give more thought to this

Member of the public number 5

To receive a proposal for a community hub

- This proposal was put forward at this meeting to reach The Borderlands Place Programme as could not find any contact details online

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RESOLVED that a presentation was given listing various options and a further meeting is to be planned to discuss them

<p>615</p>	<p>Cumberland Councillor Report To receive a report from Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone</p> <p>To receive an update as to why Parish Council planning comments were not loaded onto the portal by the planning officer RESOLVED that this has been a technical system glitch</p> <p>To receive an update on the damage at the Old Bank RESOLVED that this has been reported and is in hand</p> <p>To receive an update on the removal of the Pear Tree bus shelter RESOLVED that this is very frustrating and that this is in hand RESOLVED that the Parish Council would like to re-locate the shelter and that Councillor Pickstone would ask Cumberland Council if they could store it</p> <p>Councillor Pickstone has had reports that the William Howard school busses have not been turning up on time. Stagecoach has the contract for this and he will be raising this issue</p> <p>Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) Our requests need to be put forward this Summer for 2026/2027 works This is for speed changes, road markings around town etc RESOLVED that the Clerk has already started this</p>
<p>616</p>	<p>Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th December 2024 were submitted</p> <p>RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th December 2024</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th January 2025 were submitted</p> <p>RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th January 2025</p>
<p>617</p>	<p>To receive a report from representatives on other bodies</p> <p>617.1 Longtown Community Centre Board of Trustees – Cllr Sir JFS Graham & Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone RESOLVED that building work has started and usage is up RESOLVED that a squash court has been removed to make way for a bigger gym area RESOLVED that a new door from the garden has been put in which allows access to the gym out of hours with a fob RESOLVED that a number of sporting activities are starting for the youngsters</p> <p>617.2 Allotment Committee – Cllrs M Gunson and C Adams RESOLVED that an Allotment Committee meeting was held in January along with a site meeting RESOLVED that security, CCTV and keeping the gates closed were discussed RESOLVED that the Allotment Committee members are sorting the potholes issue RESOLVED that there is 1 person booked onto a rodent training course RESOLVED that the rent collection dates have been set</p>

	<p>RESOLVED that the rent packs have been put together RESOLVED that procedures for allocation of plots have been set RESOLVED that all in all it was a positive meeting</p> <p>617.3 Village Veg – Cllrs M Gunson and C Johanssen RESOLVED that the Christmas decorations looked very good RESOLVED that neither have had time to tend to the raised beds yet</p> <p>617.4 CAP Initiative – Cllrs G Routledge and C Johanssen RESOLVED that the Clerk had not had time to contact them yet</p> <p>617.5 Borderlands Project – Cllr M Gunson and Community Representative Cllr C Johanssen RESOLVED that this was covered by the Borderlands talk earlier in meeting</p>
618	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>618.1 To accept the recommendations for the Budget/Precept for 2025/2026 RESOLVED that this was accepted</p> <p>618.2 Bank Reconciliation to 24th January 2025 – to receive a report from the RFO RESOLVED that the report was received</p> <p>618.3 Financial Transactions to 24th January 2025 – to receive a report from the RFO RESOLVED that the report was received</p> <p>618.4 Expenditure to Approve to 24th January 2025 – to receive a report from the RFO RESOLVED that the report was received and approved</p>
619	<p>Cumberland Community Panel Grant</p> <p>RESOLVED that £5,000 is available in a year, however, at this stage it has nearly all gone</p>
620	<p>Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council Newsletter To receive an update from the RFO on applications for funding from the Cumberland Community Panels RESOLVED that the RFO had not looked at this yet due to the budget / precept taking up most of the time RESOLVED that this will be looked into</p>
621	<p>Parish Council Logo</p> <p>RESOLVED that a logo has been agreed</p>
622	<p>Grants To review and discuss monies given to the Church</p> <p>RESOLVED that no discussion to be had as the monies were agreed at a previous meeting</p>
623	<p>The Bungalow / Changing Rooms To consider a way forward with usage</p>

	<p>RESOLVED that repairs need to be done to the building before any advertising of the building, etc</p> <p>RESOLVED that more sport usage needs to happen</p>
624	<p>Reports</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerks report was received</p>
625	<p>Planning Applications (circulated prior to meeting)</p> <p>RESOLVED that the following applications are received, and the Planning Authority be advised of the Council's observations as follows:</p> <p>App Ref: 24/0756 Proposal: Demolition Of Existing Dwelling; Erection Of Replacement Dwelling On Same Site Location: Chapeltown, Easton, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5RR</p> <p>THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF A CEMETERY BEING CLOSE TO THE DWELLING AND SUPPORT THE PROGRAMME OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORDING</p> <p>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</p> <p>THIS APPLICATION HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED EVEN THOUGH THE PARISH COUNCIL ASKED FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE SUBMISSION DATE AND THE DATE WAS AGREED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT</p> <p>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</p> <p>NO OBSERVATIONS – CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO ANY RESIDENTS WHO MAY SHOW CONCERN OVER THE CHANGE IN OPERATING HOURS</p>