

## ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to a meeting of the **ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL** that will be held at **THE COUNCIL OFFICES, ESK STREET, LONGTOWN** on **MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 at 7pm**

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Council Rooms  
9 Esk Street  
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**28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

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### AGENDA

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b> To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Public Participation</b> 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 (this is the total time for public participation) and are not permitted to speak at any other time during the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chair</i></p> <p>A member of the public would like to bring the following to the Councils attention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speeding on Netherby Road</li> <li>• Dog mess on Netherby Road</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Minutes</b> To authorise the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025</p> <p>To authorise the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Cumberland Councillor Report</b> To receive a report from Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Cumbria Community Forest</b> To receive a presentation on the planting of new trees/hedgerows</p>

<b>7</b>	<b>To receive a report from representatives on other bodies</b> 7.1 Longtown Community Centre Board of Trustees – Cllr Sir JFS Graham 7.2 Allotment Committee – Cllrs M Gunson and C Adams 7.3 Village Veg – Cllrs C Johanssen and E Jeffrey 7.4 CAP Initiative – Cllrs G Routledge and C Johanssen 7.5 Borderlands Project – Cllr M Gunson 7.6 Borderlands Project – Community Representative Cllr C Johanssen
<b>8</b>	<b>SIDs – Cllr M Irving</b> To receive a report regarding installation
<b>9</b>	<b>Brampton &amp; Longtown ICC (Integrated Care Community) – Cllr. C Johanssen</b> To receive an update from Cllr. C Johanssen
<b>10</b>	<b>Play Areas – Cllr. C Johanssen</b> To receive a report from Cllr. C Johanssen
<b>11</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Policing Team – Cllrs C Johanssen &amp; C Adams</b> To receive an update on the NPT
<b>12</b>	<b>Nature Recovery – Cllr. E Jeffrey</b> To receive a report from Cllr. E Jeffrey regarding Cumberland Nature Recovery Strategy meeting ( <i>copy herewith</i> )
<b>13</b>	<b>Changing Rooms - Clerk</b> To receive a report from the Clerk regarding moving the water meter ( <i>copy herewith</i> )  To receive a report from the Clerk regarding cleaning of the changing rooms ( <i>copy herewith</i> )
<b>14</b>	<b>A7 – Westlinton Flooding</b> To receive a report from Cllr. G Routledge
<b>15</b>	<b>Dolly’s Brae – Clerk</b> To receive and agree to quotes for the removal of the hedge between the under 7’s play area and the wooden play area ( <i>copy herewith</i> )
<b>16</b>	<b>Age Friendly Community – Cllr. E Jeffrey</b> To receive a proposal from Cllr. E Jeffrey regarding Age Friendly Community ( <i>copy herewith</i> )
<b>17</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b> <b>17.1</b> Budget / Precept 2026/2027 To agree the budget / precept for 2026/2027 <b>17.2</b> Bank Reconciliation to end of January 2026 – to receive a report from the RFO ( <i>to follow</i> ) <b>17.3</b> Financial Transactions to end of January 2026 – to receive a report from the RFO ( <i>to follow</i> ) <b>17.4</b> Expenditure to Approve to end of January 2026 – to receive a report from the RFO ( <i>to follow</i> )
<b>18</b>	<b>Church Grant</b> To receive a request from the Church regarding a grant for grass cutting

19	<p><b>North West Recycling Appeal</b> To consider the correspondence from the Chair of Rockcliff Parish Council (<i>sent via email</i>)</p>
20	<p><b>Reports</b> To receive and note a report from the Clerk detailing what has been worked on in December 2025 and January 2026 (<i>copy herewith</i>)</p>
21	<p><b>Planning (<i>circulated prior to meeting</i>)</b> To consider the following planning applications</p> <p><b>App Ref: 25/0711</b> <b>Proposal:</b> Change Of Use Of Land To Extend Existing Caravan Park To Accommodate 30no. Units <b>Location:</b> Camelot Caravan Park, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5SZ</p>

# The Meeting Held Lakes Hotel, Penrith

## Cumbria Local Nature Strategy Plan

Pre Meeting, we were encouraged to discuss with other attendees.

I was sat at a table with Representatives from:-

Forest England

United Utilities

Manager for Yorkshire Dales Nature Strategy Plan, NPA

I explained that we as a Parish Council were new to this Strategy and we needed all the help an assistance from their experience.

For the issues over Lochinvar playing field being now a boggy area because of incorrect drainage of the Burn. I was strongly advised to contact the Eden Rivers Trust first to get their assessment and advice of how to go forward. After that we should contact the Environment Agency. This issue falls under this Nature Strategy Plan.

Jody Ferguson, Cumbria Local Nature Partnership (email [jodyf@cumbrianaturepartnership.org.uk](mailto:jodyf@cumbrianaturepartnership.org.uk)) gave me her details to contact her for any assistance and advice for any issues.

### Meeting Proper

This is a truly comprehensive document for Nature and a Launchpad for action.

Congratulations for this launch in Cumbria, we are facing real pressures, farming is not easy so this is the best decision The Landscape Management Scheme.

We have at the moment £500 million for nature recovery.

The Panel consists of

Cumberland Council

Lake District N.P.

Yorkshire Dales NPA

Natural England

### The roadmap for action is

Bring Nature back

Cleaner rivers

Thriving wildlife.

Create woodland

Create hedgerows

Restore bog and Vally Mire

Enhance lowland  
Restore and create grassland.

The Scheme must work for landowners and businesses which will ensure a plan and deliver, action on the ground, a call to action making a real change for nature and wildlife.

This document is a not to gather dust, this is to cover nature protecting our landscapes which is needed in Cumbria. This is a fabulous document and is the beginning. We need your support for nature.

This has to be done to maintain and enhance existing habitats for wildlife rich places making space for nature. Nature is more than a walk, fresh water and fresh air as we need to prevent the depletion of species which Councillors have ignored. We are failing to restore nature. Cumbria can do this by turning the page and working together.

The Mayor will lead the campaign and we all need to get on and show the Mayor our commitment and get her support.

Cumberland is one of 48 areas in England following this scheme and strategy and is for the next 3-10 years which Defra has funded.

Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Booklet is available on line where you can zoom into areas which have a lot of data. These areas can be altered if new areas are identified. (The QR code is enclosed in this write up)

The Launch today is just the beginning and communication of this plan is important.

## **Information**

There is a scheme where it is an objective to plant one tree per resident. If interested contact the Forestry Commission Penrith (Planting trees) Tel 03000674029 or email [nwwm@forestrycommission.gov.uk](mailto:nwwm@forestrycommission.gov.uk)

There is a problem with Himalayan Balsam which this scheme is wanting to address.

Farming and coastal issues are the Key Themes. Farning and land management is most important there are too many sheep depleting the nature. There are no grants for farmers so the Government needs to get their act together or we are losing our goals.

390 wildlife species are identified as needing assistance.

Securing long term habitat management which is including flooding.

Try to engage younger persons and join communities in community spaces.

Elizabeth Jeffrey

January, 2026

## Changing Rooms

### Report for moving the water meter

Currently the water meter is situated beneath a manhole cover in the middle of the road just as you turn off Mary Street



There is an obvious health and safety issue with this when the supplier requests a meter reading. The other issue being that it is too heavy for me to lift and that if it does get opened what happens if there is a problem with it not re-siting correctly.

I am also not convinced that the meter is reading correctly and that we are being overcharged. I think that this has come up as an issue in the past before I started as Clerk. A temporary meter was installed inside the building, and it is reading hardly any water is being used by the football club.

I believe that re-siting the meter to inside the changing rooms would give accurate readings and will be easily accessible to monitor. Also, this will also save us money in the long run.

### Costs

Site survey - £176.09

Re-location - £670.06

**TOTAL £846.15**

## **Health and Safety and Cleaning of the Changing Rooms**

All the health and safety works have now been carried out. Whilst these were in progress the cleaning was also being done. This was agreed by the Council at a meeting on 23 June 2025.

Now that the H&S is finished the cleaning and weekly flushing through of the water has now also stopped (last clean w/c 26 January 2026).

I would like to arrange a meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss the possibility of employing a caretaker(s), since no one showed any interest in the tender that was advertised.

However, the advertising and interviewing will take time and there will be no one on cleaning duty during this period.

Do you, the Councillors, have any suggestions regarding the cleaning for this period between now and employment of a caretaker?

In the email sent on 22<sup>nd</sup> from NALC titled

## CENTRE FOR AGEING BETTER: FIVE WAYS PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS ARE MAKING THEIR COMMUNITIES AGE-FRIENDLY

Parish Councils and Councillors are requested to make facilities for the older persons over 50 and how we should be celebrating this and assisting in schemes for the older person which are age friendly. Some of the schemes are

- Social Car Scheme
- Pop In Cafes
- Health and wellbeing days
- Community Toilet Scheme
- Community Agents

There is a scheme that we can easily assist with and this is a Pop in Café.

If we team up with the Longtown Memorial Hall Community Centre (LMHCC) where their new Café area can be utilised for a Pop in Café for over 50's where there is free tea, coffee and biscuits.

Here there is a friendly, welcoming, warm place where there is no time limit on visiting and available all LMHCC open hours.

I propose that this could be a start of something which will help the elderly, lonely or anyone wanting to see a different four walls.

I am putting forward that if the Parish Council will provide the Tea, coffee and biscuits that the centre Staff, if agreeable will provide the service.

This proposal, encouraged by Nalc, will show that The Arthuret Parish Council is trying to help its residents.

Costs approximately:-

Tea bags 1,100 PG tea bags £27.50 from Amazon

Instant Coffee, Gold Blend 750g tin £29.49 from Amazon

Fresh milk

Sugar 6 bags £9.98 from Amazon

Biscuits Bronte Traditional Mini packs assortment 100 individual packs. £20.58 from Amazon

To begin, this would cost the Parish Council less than £100 to begin the Scheme. The cost and provision of the milk could be arranged by agreement with LMHCC

This could be advertised on our Website, Facebook page and our newsletters.

We could also provide table entertainment. Scrabble , dominoes, cards, printed quiz sheets, books or crossword magazines, **this idea is limited only by the imagination.**

If this is agreed I will approach the LMHCC to hopefully agree their participation

# Clerks Report – December 2025 & January 2026

## Correspondence from Parishioners

Numerous emails have been dealt with

Dealing with contractors for quotes

General admin duties

Finalising the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

## Council Rooms

Oil tank and boiler – The oil tank has now been removed.

## Issues Reported to Relevant Authorities

### Cumberland Council

Weeds and grass overgrown	Public toilets, Bank Street	01/07/2025	02-Jul-25	Enquiry reference: EI/250069
2x 1 tonne bags of stones	Public toilets, Bank Street	01/07/2025	11-Jul-25	EI/250071 - CC reported as complete - not done and reported 7 July 2025
Flytipping of Settee	Lochinvar play area	01-Aug-25		Unique Reference Number: 00337875
Street/Pathway cleaning	Esk Street, A7, Netherby Street - leaves	20-Oct-25		Reference: NH3148

### Highways

Blocked drains	A6071 from Burn Street to St Michaels Drive	21/10/2025		Enquiry reference: EI/263231
Blocked drains	Netherby Road to The Peth	09/12/2025	12/12/2025	Enquiry reference: EI/272286

## The following documents have also been circulated: -

Cumberland Council - FW: Parent and Carer Champion leaflets and poster

CALC - FW: Anti bullying

NALC – Events newsletter

CALC - CALC Training January - July 2026

NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 11 December 2025

CALC - Exciting Training Opportunities for CALC Members – Jan to July 2026!

CALC - FW: Protect Where We Play - request for support

CALC - Equality and diversity training

CALC - Letter from David Wilson, CALC Cumberland Branch Chair regarding Boundary Proposals

NALC - Events newsletter

NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 18 December 2025

CALC - FW: Family Help, Partnerships & Youth Justice | December Update

National Grid - Harker substation project newsletter: December 2025

NALC - Events newsletter

Cumberland Council - Save the Date: Community Food Growing Spring Event

CALC - CALC AGM 2025 notes and Guest Speaker presentation slides

NALC - our chair has penned an open letter to parish and town councils

Border & Fellside - Border, Fellside and North Carlisle Community Panel's Resilience Network Event - 12 February 2026

NALC – NALC Events

CALC - Weekly update - 7 January 2026

CALC - FW: Book onto Centre For Ageing Better Webinar [Zoom] - Age Friendly Communities Parish & Town Council Guide - 10:00 - 11:15, 29/1.

CALC - Procurement Thresholds FSCS and Tax January 2026,

NALC - NALC events

National Grid - Harker substation – Upcoming Supergrid Transformer (SGT) delivery  
National Grid - Cross Border Connection – January 2026 update  
CALC/NALC - FW: The Future of Local Democracy – Devolution and the Need to Empower Town and Parish Councils.  
ICC - Longtown MUGA Jan 2026 notes and actions  
CALC - Exciting Training Opportunities with Breakthrough Communications & Cloudy IT  
CALC - Local Councils and Climate Action training session  
Cumberland highways - North Cumberland Speed Limit Review – Request for Feedback  
CALC - FW: Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News  
CALC - CALC and Cumberland Health Determinants Research Collaboration Event - Wednesday 25 February 2026 at 7pm via Teams  
CALC - FW: Have your say on our budget proposals for next year  
NALC - Fwd: Chief executive's bulletin - 15 January 2026  
CALC - Weekly update - 21 January 2026  
CALC - CALC News  
NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 22 January 2026  
Request for Scoping Opinion - Wyseby Hill Energy Farm - ECU00006312  
Cumbria Police - Your Policing Update: Carlisle  
CALC - Cumbria Community Transport Conference - 10th March, 10am - 4.00pm  
CALC - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training – 2 March, 7pm  
CALC - Connecting Cumbria Unveils Digital Infrastructure Strategy 2026–2030  
CALC - Upcoming Training Sessions for Town and Parish Councils  
CALC - CALC Vacancies: Director and Treasurer  
CALC - FW: NALC Legal bulletin - 26 January 2026

Planning Notices – x 1