

**MINUTES** of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held at the **COUNCIL OFFICES, 9 ESK STREET, LONGTOWN** on **MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026** at **7:00PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Sir J Graham (Chair), G Routledge (Vice Chair), C Johanssen, E Jeffrey, M Irving, M Gunson, C Adams and R Graham

**ALSO PRESENT** – Parish Clerk and RFO and 1 member of the public

**APOLOGIES** – Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone

Minute Number	
216/26	<p><b>Minutes</b> To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025</p>
217/26	<p><b>Chairs Report</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Chairs Report was read out (<i>copy herewith</i>)</p>
218/26	<p><b>Public Discussion</b></p> <p>A member of the public wanted to raise the issue of the apple trees again. They wanted to know what is being done with them</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the member of the public was informed that this year the trees will be pruned back to stop them from fruiting and the Council are looking at moving them to another location</p>
219/26	<p><b>Close</b></p> <p>Meeting closed at 7:10PM</p>

**The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held immediately after the conclusion of this meeting**

# Arthuret Parish Council

## Chairs Report for the year 2025-2026

I will begin by thanking the following Councillors: -

Councillor Elizabeth Jeffrey who has been working on our new quarterly newsletter and for all the work and displays that have been undertaken at Bobbin Mill with Village Veg volunteer Jackie Jefferson.

Thanks also to Councillor Christine Johanssen for carrying out weekly inspections on all 5 of our play areas

Also, to Councillors Margaret Gunson and Carol Adams for dealing with Allotment matters

Thanks to all the Councillors for the work carried out on Sub Committees and to Cumberland Councillor Tim Pickstone for his support over the past year

Thanks also to the Parish Clerk and RFO for their efforts over the past year.

A number of items worthy of note are as follows:-

- We have installed a new MUGA (multi use games area), skate park and exercise equipment at Lochinvar play area
- Grass cutting of the BMX track and land to the side of it has commenced with the plan being to have a 5-a-side football pitch with permanent goal posts
- The grass cutting contractors have been out in force with more frequent cutting so that the green spaces are neat and usable
- Various grants have been given to local groups
- A new speed indication device is due to be installed on Swan Street, just before the school
- Senior Citizens festive lunch took place
- Remembrance Day services took place
- The Parish Council contributed towards the Remembrance Day Celebrations
- Issues with streets and roads are being reported, as well as fly tipping
- The planting of flower beds and baskets is to commence soon
- 2 new waste bins are due to be installed on the Old School field