

ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to a meeting of the **ARTHURET PARISH COUNCIL** that will be held in **THE LONGTOWN MEMORIAL HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE**, on **MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2026** at **7:00pm**

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2nd SEPTEMBER 2026

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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	New Parish Councillor To welcome the new Parish Councillor Vanessa Luckley
4	Resignation of Parish Councillor To note the resignation of Parish Councillor M Irving
5	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 Chair</i> Email received concerning the speed of traffic on the A6071 (<i>copy herewith & emailed to Councillors before meeting</i>)
6	Minutes To authorise the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 6 th July 2026
7	Cumberland Councillor Report To receive a report from Cumberland Councillor T Pickstone

8	To receive a report from representatives on other bodies (if applicable) 8.1 Longtown Community Centre Board of Trustees – Cllr Sir JFS Graham 8.2 Allotment Committee – Cllrs M Gunson and C Adams 8.3 Village Veg and Bobbin Mill – Cllr E Jeffrey and Cllr J Jefferson (<i>copy herewith</i>) 8.4 Borderlands Project – Cllrs M Gunson and C Johanssen
9	Tour De France To receive a report from the Working Group
10	Signage for Longtown To receive an update from the Clerk
11	Play Area – Cllr W Errington To receive a report from Cllr Errington regarding The Square play area
12	Zurich Insurance Premium To receive the policy renewal documents from Zurich Insurance. The policy runs out on the 26 th September 2026
13	Deed of Easement To receive and agree to the updated wording of the signature page of the deed of easement regarding pipework across Lochinvar big field
14	Access to Council Meeting Room – Cllr P Milnes To receive a request from Cllr P Milnes regarding access to the Council Meeting Room
15	North Cumbria Parish Council Alliance To receive an update from the meeting on the 20 th August 2026
16	Reports To receive a report from the Clerk detailing what has been worked on in July and August 2026 (<i>copy herewith</i>)
17	Planning (<i>circulated prior to meeting</i>) To consider the following planning applications App Ref: 26/0462 Proposal: Replacement Of Existing Timber Frame Windows And Doors With UPVC Windows And Doors Location: 35 - 45 (odds) Albert Street & 28 - 50 (evens) Burn Street, Longtown, Carlisle
18	Planning – Notification of Decision App Ref: 26/0379 Proposal: Erection Of 2no. Substations And Associated Works (Revised Application) Location: Units A and B, Woodlands, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5TR GRANT PERMISSION

	App Ref: 26/0329 Proposal: Remedial Works To Existing Garage Including Replacement Pitched Roof With New Flat Roof & Replacement Garage Door Location: 53 Esk Street, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5PU GRANT PERMISSION
19	Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 To consider resolving in terms of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (staff contracts, pay), it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw
20	Response to Concerns from a Resident To review and agree to the response for the concerns from a resident (<i>to follow</i>)
21	2026/2027 National Salary Scales To review and agree to the 2026/2027 National Salary Scales from CALC (<i>copy herewith</i>)
22	Caretaker Roles To review the 7 hour caretaker role for end of the probation period To note issues with the 10 hour role and decide on way forward

Bobbin Mill Community Area

This area which was a neglected piece of ground is now a community asset and something that Myself and Jackie are proud of and the Parish Council should see that it is also an asset to the Arthuret Parish Council.

Residents and visitors use this area to sit and enjoy its peaceful aura even though it is situated on a road junction.

The bird boxes and the bird feeders have been a success which have brought wildlife to the area.

The benches are well used by the residents and visitors. Some residents are using them, as was intended, as a respite from the long walk from the new estates to the doctors, school, library and even when visiting friends and family. Some residents from the flats adjacent are using the benches and have stated their appreciation of somewhere, outside their flat to sit and enjoy the days. The benches are used regularly by a resident who walks to the Community Centre who often eats his lunch there.

We need to have the remaining bench put in situ as soon as possible for the use of the residents and of course for the Tour de France. One complaint does not warrant this upset and disruption of this delightful area.

There has been a vast improvement of the grassed area of the Bobbin Mill. There is now no dog fouling and no litter. Another success which shows if a place is cared for it gets respect from its residents.

There was never any anti-social behaviour and it has been proved. There have been ornaments hung on trees, railings and trellis and these are still in place being appreciated by the residents. There are also bird boxes and bird feeders which have never been touched, except by the birds.

We fully intend to upkeep this area and improve on it.

The improvements we intend to complete are to re-establish the existing beds on the perimeter of the grassed area and also to create a circular bed around the middle oak tree. These will be planted with bulbs and flowers, hopefully yellow flowers for the Tour De France.

With your assistance and acceptance Jacky and myself are intending to make this area a visitors and residents green place to wait, enjoy, eat, meet and chat for Longtown residents but also for all the visitors we are going to have during the Tour De France and after.

Elizabeth and Jackie

Report on Village Veggers

The raised beds have been a success this year.

We planted tomatoes, onions, leeks, beans, melon cucumber and potatoes. We replanted/relocated the strawberries.

The potatoes were a triumph as the first planting was a good harvest so we planted a second batch which are already well grown and are on their way to another crop.

Residents have helped themselves to onions, melon cucumber, potatoes and strawberries. The leeks are continuing to grow along with the tomatoes and beans.

We are constantly complemented on the raised beds and what we are achieving for the Community. Because of this we have had the donations of tomatoes, onions and the melon cucumber.

This is an asset to the Parish Council which sits on the Bobbin Mill Community Area.

Myself and Jacky are delighted with its success and are taken aback with all the positivity of this project from residents who are walking by and also by vehicles that stop and thank us for what we are doing. Unfortunately we do not feel that The Parish Councillors understand or fully support the success of these raised beds and the pleasurable, peaceful area that they are located.

Elizabeth and Jackie

Tour De France Report

I attended a meeting regarding the above only to be told about plans for the Tour de Longtown.

I have carried out some forward planning on my own with the help of two other councillors, who like myself agree that the above event should take priority over anything else. As this is the biggest thing that's happened to Longtown, and I believe we should showcase the town.

Actions I have carried out,

1. bid for funds

With help I have put together a bid as follows

Flowers/ Tree maintenance. £4.500

Bunting. 400

Banners. 500

Bus shelters painted. EST. 200

Road signs & fixtures. EST. 1..500

Fence and railing. Repaired. Highways. .?

This has been past to the office to fill in the blanks and apply ASAP

2. Spoken to the Auction market regarding overflow car park.

3. sent emails to local Tim Regarding the bigger picture from the council plans

4. spoken to Lorraine Davis regarding looking into finding out whom maintains the public toilets.

5. I have spoken to the clerk regarding the tender for flowers and tree maintenance. This has already been sent out for next year. Whomever is successful in the bid needs to be aware that there will be an addition to this as a one off for extra work needed in making the A7 route through our town memorial.

6. As a suggestion I have spoken to a sculptor regarding getting a permanent reminder of the event placed in the town, if the council are happy with this.

It would be a man on a bike on a plinth in the flower bed outside the chip shop. This is the only flower bed without railing.

I have also made enquiries regarding getting a grant from the lottery arts grant.

I believe there is a lot to do regarding the event as a parish council going forward

Clerks Report – July & August 2026

Correspondence from Parishioners

Numerous emails & phone calls have been dealt with

Dealing with....

- On boarding the 2 caretakers
- Cumbria waste and Direct 365 for general waste and pet waste bin collections
- Electrician and plumber regarding problem with new water heater
- Booked the Xmas entertainment
- The Rotary Club are booked for Xmas
- The Sycamore Tree have been booked for the lunch
- Advertised the tenders
- Legionella risk assessment and sampling complete – awaiting results
- Fire Risk Assessment and extinguisher service complete – awaiting results on assessment
- Looking for replacement Christmas lighting and nativity figurines
- Cleared out the meeting room of redundant 'stuff' – waiting for Councillors to finish going through it
- Clearing out old paperwork
- Dealing with one of the caretakers not showing up for work – no longer employed with us

Issues reported to various organisations

Weeds and grass overgrown	Esk Street, A7, Netherby Street, Burn Street, Swan Street, Bank Street, outside public toilets	17/06/2026	30/06/2026	Enquiry reference: EI/305039
Fallen Leaves and moss growth	Esk Street, A7, Netherby Street, Burn Street, Swan Street, Bank Street, outside public toilets	17/06/2026	30/06/2026	Reference: NH20275
Overgrown trees	Juntion of Dukeswood Road, Stackbraes and Moor Place	03/07/2026		EI/306995
Flytipping of Settee	Burn Street, in the burn	27/06/2026	29/09/2026	
Overflowing bin	Bottom of Esk Bank	11/08/2026		Reference: NH24910
Blocked drains	Outside 36 Swan Street	01/09/2026		EI/314152
Overgrown trees	Along the beck at the side of Murrays	01/09/2026		EI/314155

The following documents have also been circulated: -

Jacobs - Cumbria Bus Reform Pilot Study – invitation to respond to questionnaire

Planning Policy - Cumberland Local Plan timetable updated following new government guidance

CALC - FW: Cumberland Local Plan

CALC - FW: CALC Partner Bulletin July 2026

CALC - RE: Reminder: CLNRS Workbook Follow-Up Session – 14 July

CALC - FW: Weekly Bulletin - 1 July 2026

CALC - FW: Thriving Communities Information Share

CALC - FW: Pioneer Park Public Engagement

CALC - FW: Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News

CALC - FW: Upcoming Digital Skills Training from CloudyIT – Ready to Share

CALC - FW: One year to go to the Grand Départ 2027!

CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 8 July 2026

NALC events

NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 2 July 2026

CALC - FW: Please promote Home Office Martyn's Law Webinar to all member councils in your patch - 14:30 - 15:30, 20 July, by Teams

NALC - NALC events
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 9 July 2026
 Cumberland Highways - North Cumberland Speed Limit Review - Draft Proposals for Member Review
 CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 15 July 2026
 CALC - CALC Governance, Transparency and AGAR Checklists
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 16 July 2026
 CALC - FW: Martyn's Law update from the SIA – Materials to share with your networks
 CALC - FW: NALC Time off for public duties survey - please ask working age (18+) councillors on your councils/in your areas to complete survey by 23:45 on 30/7
 CALC - FW: 10p swims for kids this summer, celebrity chef at Taste Cumbria Maryport, Lloyds Tour of Britain Women 2026 funding, and more
 CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 22 July 2026
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 23 July 2026
 CALC - Did You Know? Staying Up to Date with CALC
 NALC - FW: Legal bulletin - 27 July 2026
 CALC - CALC News – May & June 2026 Edition Available
 CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 29 July 2026
 CALC - Expression of Interest – RPII Operational Inspector & Maintenance Training
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 30 July 2026
 Cumberland Council - Planned Temporary Road Closure - A7 Longtown
 CALC - Press release New Chief Officer for CALC Dr. Sian Thornthwaite
 Cumberland Council - FW: New Event App Process - Information for External Event Management Partners
 CALC - FW: CALC Partner Bulletin Aug 2026
 CALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 6 August 2026
 Cumbria Police - Neighbourhood Policing Update: Carlisle & Rural
 NALC - NALC events
 CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 12 August 2026
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 13 August 2026
 North Cumbria Parish Council Alliance – Meeting Thursday 27 August
 NALC – NALC Events
 NALC - Star Council Awards 2026/27 – Council of the Year
 CALC - Weekly Bulletin - 19 August 2026
 NALC - Chief executive's bulletin - 20 August 2026
 Cumberland Council - Brampton / Longtown - Voluntary Social Car Scheme
 Cumbria Community Foundation August newsletter
 CALC - FW: Invitation to webinars in August and September
 CALC - FW: Workington Road Plans
 CALC - FW: The Tour of Britain comes to Cumberland, Harraby South ward by-election result and more

Planning Notices – x 1

Notification of Decision Planning Application – x2
(emailed to Councillors)