

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Library, Coniston on Monday 19th August 2013

Present: Cllr J R Carroll (Chair)
Cllrs – K Batty, D Coxon, A Hall, A Kelly and L Tarr
Clerk – J C Carroll

In attendance: PCSO Jackson & PCSO Forrester, C Maclaine & A Kirkbride (Go Lakes Travel),
6 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
101/2013	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Stoddart.</p>	
102/2013	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
103/2013	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Carroll – matters relating to Clerk’s salary Cllr Coxon – matters relating to Lake District National Park Authority (including car park management & Coniston Boating Centre), events and the Land Train Cllr Hall – declared an interest in matters relating to planning and will take no part in planning discussions All Councillors as Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</p>	
104/2013	<p>Minutes of Meeting 15 July 2013 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 July 2013 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
105/2013	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police Report</u> PCSO Jackson introduced PCSO Forrester who is the new PCSO for Coniston & Torver.</p> <p>There have been 5 crimes in Coniston since the last meeting and several non crime matters. The burglaries in Coniston are being investigated and a reminder was given to keep valuables out of sight, free advice is available from PCSO Forrester.</p> <p><u>Claire Maclaine (Programme Manager) & Alastair Kirkbride (Sustainable Transport Advisor) – Go Lakes Travel</u> Ms Maclaine gave an overview of the Go Lakes Travel project which is a 4 year programme and has 2 visitor seasons remaining. Nine projects are being delivered in partnership with other organisations (Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Tourism and Lake District National Park Authority).</p> <p>Locally, the Go Lakes Travel has:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • financially supported later journeys from Ambleside 	

- supported the X33 bus service to Ravenglass
- produced several cycling leaflets, including one for Coniston
- run cycle events at Brockhole which have been successful
- organised Skyrides – volunteer led free guided bike rides some which start from Coniston Boating Centre
- pay as you drive car – there is a Volkswagen Up! available to hire by the hour in the village (see www.co-wheels.org.uk/golakes for further details)

Cllrs supported the excellent work that had been done on the railway line at Torver and thanked Carol Barr for coming to explain the work that had gone into achieving this, Carol went on to say that the Parish Council would not spear head any further extension of the line towards Coniston. Claire Maclaine explained the project would need a lot of support including from the land owners, designs would be needed and if ready it may make the last year of Go Lakes funding.

Go Lakes Travel have a small grant scheme of up to £5,000 for passenger schemes.

Claire Maclaine explained Richard Ingham (Cycling Advisor) would be willing to work with Coniston on improving signs in the area for cycling. Funding would be available for cycle parking, stands and lockers.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to help publicise Go Lakes Travel projects locally. Cllr Coxon agreed to talk to investigate if further extensions of the line were feasible.

Ron Rutland – Coniston TIC Director – Parking at Ruskin Avenue

Mr Rutland explained Coniston TIC was a not for profit limited company and volunteers run the TIC. It is owned by the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) and they do not have any issues with them and they are supportive. Mr Rutland would like the Parish Council to be aware of the issues with the car park and the complaints – mainly the cost of parking, fines being issued when payment was made and the machines not working & difficult to use.

Cllr Coxon explained in his role for LDNPA the parking charges have not increased for 3 years and there are no plans to. He is looking at reducing the winter charges provided the community puts on offers at the same time and the suggestion is made through the Parish Council. A transferable ticket between car parks is not encouraged at a senior level within LDNPA as it will encourage people to move around by car. The existing contract with Parking Eye at Ruskin Avenue is until October 2014. After which time it is planned to introduce a pay on exit system at Ruskin Avenue. At a High Furness Local Area Partnership meeting there was talk of a county wide parking forum with all organisations which ran car parks. Cumbria Tourism were organising this but were struggling to get the support of several of the parking providers.

It was suggested the Business Forum could inform people about free parking that is available and it could also be done through the new Parish Council website.

Coniston Flyer & local businesses

Cllr Carroll explained some local businesses have been unhappy with the business

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	<p>practices of the Coniston Flyer and the effect the Coniston Flyer is reportedly having on their businesses.</p> <p>Cllr Coxon reported the LDNPA will look into possibility changing the terms of his existing licence. The LDNPA will consult with the Parish Council and any formal business forum in December before the new licence is agreed in January.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> Comments from members of the public were held for the agenda item 14.</p>	
106/2013	<p>Future of Doctor's Surgery in Coniston A public meeting is to be held at 10.30 on Saturday 31 August with Tim Farrom MP and Cllr Coxon chairing. RESOLVED: Clerk to circulate a draft letter in support of changing the funding to keep the doctor's surgery to Cllrs for their comments.</p>	JCC
107/2013	<p>Update on On-going Issues & Actions from Last Meeting <u>Additional Signage on Path to Waterhead with regards to dog muck</u> Cllr Tarr to work on this.</p>	LT
108/2013	<p><u>Coniston Business Group</u> Mr G Archibald, a District Councillor with portfolio for small business & town centres will be visiting Coniston on 10th September to look around the village. The first meeting of a Coniston Business Forum will be held on 24th September at 7pm in the Reading Room and is open to all businesses in the village with Mr Archibald and Mr S Ratcliffe from LDNPA Business Taskforce attending.</p>	
109/2013	<p><u>Montane 50/100 Event</u> No problems have been received following the vent. Cllr Carroll started the race and Cllr Hall presented the prizes. RESOLVED: Clerk to write a thank you letter to the organisers.</p>	JCC
104/2013	<p><u>Proposed time parking restrictions near Bluebird Café</u> Cllr Coxon reported all café and Coniston Boating Centre staff are currently parking in the field but this is not a long term solution. RESOLVED: Cllrs requested a time restriction of 1 hour be put on.</p>	
105/2013	<p><u>Overgrown hedges at head of the lake and corner by Pier Cottage</u> It was noted these have now been cut.</p>	
106/2013	<p><u>Signage on the Bridge</u> This has been resolved.</p>	
107/2013	<p><u>Missing road markings throughout Coniston</u> These will be painted when the markings between the Ship Inn and Adams Bridge are done. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact County Cllr Fletcher and Highways Department for an update on the road markings between the Ship Inn and Adams Bridge.</p>	JCC
108/2013	<p><u>Damage to wall at the Bridge and wall at Devonshire Terrace</u></p>	

<p>109/2013</p> <p>110/2013</p>	<p>Highways Department are looking at the wall at the Bridge. The wall at Devonshire Terrace is the responsibility of the LDNPA. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact LDNPA about the wall at Devonshire Terrace.</p> <p><u>Resurfacing of the road to Tilberthwaite</u> County Cllr Fletcher had contacted the relevant person and they had reported there was edge erosion on the road.</p> <p><u>Lane between John Ruskin School Field and Acre Cottages</u> This has now been strimmed.</p>	<p>JCC</p>
<p>111/2013</p> <p>112/2013</p> <p>113/2013</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2013/5404 – Tarn Hows car park – erection of 5 non-illuminated signs RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>7/2013/5441 – The Coppermines, The Powder Magazine, Coniston – replacement of existing storage containers with storage building RESOLVED: Cllrs object to the application as there are no existing buildings and this would be overdevelopment of the site.</p> <p>Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:-</p> <p>7/2013/5212 – 21 Collingwood Close, Coniston – refurbishment and alterations including increase in roof height of residential dwelling.</p> <p>7/2013/5187 – Waterhead Hotel, Coniston – new open sided, glazed roof canopy to entrance, replacement doors/windows to existing restaurant. New external terrace to restaurant.</p> <p>7/2013/5240 – Waterhead Hotel, Coniston – three fascia signs and one projecting sign</p>	
<p>114/2013</p>	<p>Parish Plan</p> <p><u>Village Diary & Website</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs to look at the draft of the new website and let the Clerk know if they have any comments.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>115/2013</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan The draft of the Neighbourhood Plan should be ready for formal consultation from 16th September. A coffee morning will be held on 28th September. An online questionnaire will be available to gain comments on the draft document and it is planned to have postcards delivered to all houses in the parish, similar to the Parish Plan.</p>	
<p>116/2013</p>	<p>New Homes Bonus Deferred until the next meeting.</p>	
<p>117/2013</p>	<p>Lengthsman for Coniston One application has been received.</p>	

	RESOLVED: Clerk to confirm the amount of verge maintenance money available.	
118/2013	High Speed Broadband in Coniston Mr Mike Postle will speak about this at the September Parish Council meeting.	
119/2013	Post Office – Proposed Move & Consultation The Post Office is proposing to move the function to Hills Garage. The current opening hours would change to 7am to 10pm 7 days a week. Mr Glennon, current Postmaster explained he supports the move and additional opening hours. It was noted many people were possibly not aware of the proposed move. RESOLVED: Clerk to respond to consultation expressing concerns about the confidentiality, traffic management but that it is positive a Post Office is remaining in Coniston.	JCC
120/2013	Tree Planting Cllrs agreed there was no location that currently required a new tree in Coniston. RESOLVED: Clerk to suggest to the Environment Agency maybe one of the schools in Coniston would like a tree in their grounds.	
121/2013	Community Governance Review Cllr Carroll read the comments for Coniston Parish in the Community Governance Review. One submission was received from the parish council which commented that the current arrangements work well and that no changes were required at present. The councillor/elector ratio is currently good. Election history is good with the majority of elections being contested.	
122/2012	Councillors' Matters It was questioned what is happening about the Christmas lights RESOLVED: Cllr Hall to investigate. There is Invasive Species Training with South Cumbria Rivers Trust on Wednesday. Concerns were expressed at the litter in local car parks. It was suggested through the Business Forum that bins could be sponsored by local businesses although there would also be the emptying costs to consider. The amount of weeds or unwanted plants around the village has been noticed. Cllrs to note the Clerk in on annual leave for the last week of August. Cllr Carroll asked Cllrs to note the amount of the work currently undertaken by the Council and the length of the agendas which subsequently increases the workload of the Clerk. He suggested better communication between meetings and to consider holding more meetings.	AH
123/2013	Financial Matters <u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipts:-	

124/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Toilets (collecting boxes) £62.27 • VAT refund £1,582.67 <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised the following payments:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EON - streetlights (by direct debit) £75.11 • Clerk's Salary £308.00 • HMRC £77.00 • Clerk's Expenses £30.00 • EON (Bridge Toilets) £7.53 • R J Airey £372.00 • Stephen Stalker (playground gates) £314.62 • Lake District National Park Authority (PHS Services) £77.30 • Hygiene Cleaning Supplies (Bridge Toilets) £45.94 • Lake District National Park Authority (Wayleave) £1.00 	
125/2013	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Councillors noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cumbria CVS Volunteers your views - Thank you letter from Coniston Co-operative Society Ltd re shop front improvement scheme - Letter re parking charge notice received at Ruskin Avenue - Cumbria County Council Chairman's Appeal 100 defibrillators in 100 days - Letter re noise from Low Bank Ground Farm - Thank you letter from Coniston Christmas Lights - South Lakeland District Council agenda 25 July 2013 - Lake District National Park Authority Consultation on Schedules of Proposed Modifications for the Allocations of Land (Local Plan Part Two) and Minerals Safeguarding Areas (Local Plan Part Three) - Letter from BDS Fuels re independent LPG Supplier - Letter from South Lakeland District Council re Community Governance Review – 2nd Consultation Stage 	
126/2013	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 16 September 2013 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 10.10pm.