

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute on Monday 13th January 2014

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

In attendance: PCSO E Forrester, A Cameron, and 4 members of the public

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| 100/2014 | Apologies None received. | |
| 101/2014 | Requests for Dispensations No requests received. | |
| 102/2014 | 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 and also discussion on Land Train as a member of Coniston Boating Centre Management Committee Cllr Kelly – matters relating to Coniston Sports & Social Centre All Councillors as Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum | |
| 103/2014 | Minutes of Meeting 16 December 2013 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 December 2013 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair. | |
| 104/2014 | Public Participation <u>Police Report</u> PCSO Forrester reported there have been no crimes in the area since the last meeting and six non-crime matters dealt with by the police. There have been boat crimes in the area and people are asked to be vigilant. A Bicycle Marking and Crime Prevention Surgery will be held on Saturday 25 th January 2014 from 10 – 12 at the Main Hall, Coniston Institute. Ruskin’s Quest is a treasure hunt taking part in Coniston during February half term. <u>Mr A Cameron, Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Mr Cameron explained the tenders are out for the new development at Barratts Croft and planning permission has not yet been granted. If the sale of the presbytery at the Catholic Church goes ahead there may be a requirement for a car park and additional grave space. <u>Public Participation</u> | |

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| | No comments received. | |
| | Update on On-going Issues & Actions from Last Meeting | |
| 105/2014 | <u>To confirm if a report has been received from Dave Robinson, Lake District National Park Authority in relation to improving signage for footpaths & cycleways and cycle parking in Coniston</u> No report has been received. RESOLVED: Clerk to chase and invite Dave Robinson to the March meeting. | |
| 106/2014 | <u>To update on progress of the remedial work required to the play equipment at the playground</u> Cllr Tarr is working on this. | LT |
| 107/2014 | <u>To receive Highways response to where the outstanding road markings are that need to be re-instated.</u> Highways have confirmed the outstanding road markings have been added to the list and will be subject to timing and funding. | |
| 108/2014 | <u>To update on the progress of new dropped kerbs after receiving funding</u> The Clerk is still awaiting a response from Highways. | JCC |
| 109/2014 | <u>To confirm if a Councillor is free to attend a meeting regarding Inappropriate and Illegal Use of the Countryside by Motor Vehicles on 18th March at 7.30pm.</u> RESOLVED: No Councillor is available to attend. | |
| | Planning Applications | |
| 110/2014 | Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permissions:- 7/2013/5488 – 2 Low Beck, Coniston – alteration and extension of dwelling to form entrance porch, roof dormer window and roof light to front and garden room to rear. Addition of detached garage to garden ground. | |
| 111/2014 | Parish Plan <u>Better signage for footpaths</u> RESOLVED: The Clerk is to chase Lake District National Park Authority for assistance in providing additional signs required for the Cumbria Way in the village. <u>Improving the road from Adams Bridge to Ship Inn</u> Highways are still to carry out this work. <u>Employing a Lengthsman</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to continue as per this year with an allocated budget. <u>Parish Newsletter Online</u> The Parish Council website could be used to put the Newsletter online. | |
| 112/2014 | Neighbourhood Plan All the responses have been collated and passed to Mr Cameron to analyse. A further meeting will be held in February to progress this. It was suggested having an event in February to inform the village of any revisions made to the draft | |

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| | document following consultation. The draft document will be sent for a pre-assessment before going to an Independent Examiner. | |
| 113/2014 | Bridge Toilets Refurbishment Approximate quotes for refurbishment are £2,000. RESOLVED: Cllr Batty to progress this. | KB |
| 114/2014 | High Furness Local Area Partnership Meeting – 15th January RESOLVED: Cllr Hall will attend this meeting. | |
| 115/2014 | Nomination for Royal Garden Parties RESOLVED: The Chair and Clerk to be nominated. | |
| 116/2014 | Councillors Rota for Attending Coniston Institute Meetings RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the rota. | |
| 117/2014 | Verge Maintenance Funding RESOLVED: The remaining funding to be allocated to Dow How. | DC |
| 118/2014 | Bus Shelter, Tilberthwaite Avenue Cllr Coxon explained the Coniston Business Forum has met with Go Lakes Travel in relation to bikes and buses. There is funding to redecorate the bus shelter, pave the surrounding area and paint the railings in front of the toilets. | |
| 119/2014 | Councillors' Matters The drain below Tent Lodge is still blocked. People are encouraged to write individually about the X12 to Ulverston highly how important the serviced is. Two or three trees in the beck above the gate at Coppermines and could possibly damage walls. The Flood Forum will be informed. The Business Forum are to meet with Laurence Conway. The reporting of problem streetlights is ongoing. The Spring Conference in April 2014 was noted. The Chair reminded Cllrs he is stepping down as Chair in May but will remain a Cllr. The Church of England is taking part in a World Record attempt for the number of people renewing their wedding vows on 8 th February, further details available from the Reverend T Harmer. A brief discussion took place on the application for the Lake District to get World Heritage Status. Consultation was done about 7 years ago, however, it was noted the economy has changed and no current consultation was done. The Chair would like to send an open letter to the local paper questioning what it all means. | |

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| 120/2014 | <p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>To agree budget and precept for 2014/15 including Clerk's Salary and to consider request from Coniston Business Forum for £1,000 towards secretarial expenses</u></p> <p><i>Chair and Clerk left the room during Clerk's Salary discussion</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk's salary to be increased to the top of the current salary band. RESOLVED: Clerk to be paid 30 hours overtime this financial year. RESOLVED: Future precepts to allow for 50 hours overtime. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed it was not appropriate for the Parish Council to fund the business forum but if there are specific events the Parish Council may become involved if support is required. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the precept is to be £18,000 for 2014/15.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 121/2014 | <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised the following payments:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>• EON - streetlights (by direct debit)</td> <td>£75.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Salary</td> <td>£308.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• HMRC</td> <td>£77.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• EON (Bridge Toilets)</td> <td>£8.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• R J Airey</td> <td>£48.00</td> </tr> </table> | • EON - streetlights (by direct debit) | £75.11 | • Clerk's Salary | £308.00 | • HMRC | £77.00 | • EON (Bridge Toilets) | £8.34 | • R J Airey | £48.00 | |
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| 122/2014 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>Councillors noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter of thanks from Coniston Sports & Social Club for grant towards fireworks - List of Advice Surgeries for Winter / Spring 2014 from Tim Farron MP - Letter from Cumbria Community Foundation - Winter Warmth Fund and Big Sleep and Jennings River Ride events - Clerks & Councils Direct January 2014 - Malcolm Wilson Rally 8th March 2014 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 123/2014 | <p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 17 February 2014 7pm | | | | | | | | | | | |

Meeting closed at 8.57pm.