

## Coniston Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Present:** Cllr Troughton (Chair)  
Cllrs – K Batty, A Hall and J Stoddart  
J C Carroll - Clerk

**In attendance:** 4 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
212/2015	<p><b>Chairman</b> Cllr Hall explained this was the last year of this Council as an election will take place in May 2016. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs unanimously agreed Cllr Kelly to be Chair for 2015/16 and the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed next month.</p>	
213/2015	<p><b>Vice Chairman</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs unanimously agreed Cllr Troughton to be Vice Chair for 2015/16.</p>	
214/2015	<p><b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Kelly.</p>	
215/2015	<p><b>Minutes of Meetings 20 April 2015</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 April 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
216/2015	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.</p>	
217/2015	<p><b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> Cllr Hall – declared an interest in matters relating to planning and will take no part in planning discussions All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
218/2015	<p><b>Portfolio holders for local subject areas</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Deferred until the next meeting when a full Council will be available.</p>	
219/2015	<p><b>Representatives to other bodies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Deferred until the next meeting when a full Council will be available.</p>	
220/2015	<p><b>Public Participation</b>  <u>Police</u></p>	

	<p>PCSO Forrester sent her report by e-mail. There have been 9 crimes reported to Cumbria Police since the last Parish Council meeting, 2 burglaries and 7 thefts. There were also 11 non-crime matters dealt with by the police including Mountain Rescue callouts, road traffic collisions, road related offences and suspicious door-to-door sellers. PCSO Forrester stated in light of recent burglaries residents should be careful by people who approach homes under the guise of a genuine visit. If you see any suspicious behaviour please report to Police on 101.</p> <p><u>Community Land Trust</u> Mr A Cameron from Coniston &amp; Torver Community Land Trust gave the results of the interim Housing Needs Survey following the allocation of Barratt Croft homes. There are now 24 people on the eligible list for housing in Coniston.</p> <p>There are two types of housing that are allowed to be built – one is affordable houses which are usually built by housing associations like South Lakes Home, Eden, Mitre and Two Castle and the second is local needs homes which are built privately for sale to people in Coniston or moving to the area for work subject to occupancy restriction. There was a ministerial statement in November 2014 which alters the number of affordable and local needs required and a small scheme of five houses could be all local needs with a requirement to put a levy into a pot for affordable homes. There is concern from the CLT at the increase in local needs homes and monitoring them to ensure the occupants need the necessary criteria.</p> <p><u>Local Schemes</u> Proposed scheme off Yewdale Road at Far End this is going ahead. There are also 8 homes proposed at Torver railway goods yard. There is no update on the St Andrews Youth Centre site or the Lands Field site.</p> <p><u>County Councillor D Fletcher</u> County Councillor Fletcher not present and no report received.</p> <p><u>District Councillor A Hall</u> Cllr Hall explained that a request for funding towards housing scheme in Coniston is going to the cabinet for a decision. It is the annual meeting on Wednesday night.</p> <p><u>Councillor attending the LDNPA South Distinctive Area meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April</u> Cllr Hall attended the LDNPA South Distinctive Area meeting. Reports were given about the Coniston Coppermines project, upgrade the square in Hawkshead and Rusland.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> A local resident raised concern about the sale of parking spaces being sold at Little Moss and why this was not offered to local people. It will be suggested to Home Group they might purchase the land for additional car park spaces.</p>	
221/2015	<p><b>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>To receive update on plans for a village litter pick</u></p>	

	<p>Deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p><u>To report back on VE Day Beacon celebration</u> Cllr Troughton reported there was a good turnout despite the weather and the beacon worked very well. Thanks were given to Cllrs Kelly and Troughton for arranging this.</p> <p><u>To consider setting up a Finance Group</u> Deferred until the next meeting.</p>	
<b>222/2015</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b> 7/2015/5216 – Shelt Ghyll, Haws Bank, Coniston – new store in garden <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed they have no objections</p>	
<b>223/2015</b>	<p>7/2015/5246 - Unit 4a, Lake Road, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8EW - Change of use from workshop (B1c) to mixed use of workshop (B1c) and retail (A1) <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed they have no objections</p>	
<b>224/2015</b>	<p>7/2015/5249 - Yewdale Hotel, 2, Yewdale Road, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8DU - Erection of illuminated and non illuminated signs to the exterior of the building <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed they object due to number of signs, over signage, detract from character of building</p>	
<b>225/2015</b>	<p><b>Parish Plan</b> Cllrs recently held a meeting to look at reviewing the 2011/12 Parish Plan and decided to have a Community Day to ask for the views of the village. A date has not yet been agreed.</p>	
<b>226/2015</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> The Neighbourhood Plan is currently undergoing Independent Examination and the results are awaited.</p>	
<b>227/2015</b>	<p><b>Two Casual Vacancies</b> There were three applications received for two casual vacancies and the Councillors had a blind vote. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Tracey Coward and Alan Metcalfe were voted on as co-opted Councillors.</p>	
<b>228/2015</b>	<p><b>Internal Audit</b> There were no issues arising from the Internal Audit and the Audit papers will be sent to the External Auditor.</p>	
<b>229/2015</b>	<p><b>Local Area Partnership Meeting</b> Cllr Troughton to attend this Local Area Partnership meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and the Parish Walk planned for this date is to be rearranged for another date.</p>	
<b>230/2015</b>	<p><b>Damage to Wall at Bridge Toilets</b> With the damage created by a recent road traffic collision at Hills garage the wall</p>	

	<p>at the Bridge Toilets needs repairing.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to confirm insurance position, obtain three quotes for repairing the wall and contact the owners of the garage for a possible longer term solution to prevent this happening again.</p>																							
231/2015	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b>  There is an ongoing problem with the drain at Tent Lodge and Highways need to be contacted.</p> <p>At the Coniston Boating Centre area by the lakeshore there is problem with dog dirt being left and visitors to the area are commenting on it. Cllr Hall will contact South Lakeland District Council about this.</p> <p>It was requested that on the Parish Walk at Haws Bank if the cause of the water coming down the main road from Park Coppice can be looked at.</p> <p>It was noted Dow How is looking much better.</p>																							
232/2015	<p><b>Financial Matters</b>  <u>Bank Signatories</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> To confirm the signatories are:- Cllrs Kelly, Stoddart and Troughton.</p>																							
233/2015	<p><u>Insurance Company</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Councillors agreed to the three year deal with Came &amp; Company.</p>																							
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245/2015	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p>																							

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clerks &amp; Councils Direct magazine May 2015</li> <li>- Letter from Lakeland Trails re Marathon Festival 7<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>	
<b>246/2015</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 15 June 2015 7pm</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)