

## Coniston Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016

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

**In attendance:** 1 member of the public

Minute Number		Action By
148/2016	<p><b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Kelly.</p>	
149/2016	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.</p>	
150/2016	<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>	
151/2016	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting 15 February 2016</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 February 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
152/2016	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>Police</u> Not in attendance. <i>Post meeting note – Apologies received due to attending other issues.</i></p> <p><u>Coniston &amp; Torver Community Land Trust</u> Cllr Troughton read a report from Mr Cameron. The new structure for the CLT is nearly complete. A Housing Needs Survey is due to be carried out this summer with the same process as that carried out in 2013. It is hoped to obtain funding for the Survey from Housing Associations. The planning application for St Andrews is currently with the Lake District National Park Authority.</p> <p><u>County Councillor D Fletcher</u> Apologies received with a report by e-mail. Highways will be contacting the Parish Council about the road markings required in the village. Repairs by Highways are still patchy due to being under resourced and the current priority of reinstatement following damage caused by the floods. The integration of health and social care with NHS will give a lot of changes and new teams setting up in South Lakeland under Better Care Together.</p>	

	<p><u>District Councillor A Hall</u> District Cllr Hall stated the budget for the District was increased by 2.8%. She is having a meeting with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee looking at open spaces in communities.</p> <p><u>Cllr attending the Local Area Partnership meeting</u> No Cllr was able to attend.</p> <p><u>Cllr attending Coniston Business Forum</u> Cllr Coward attended and there was a presentation on making the village Coach Friendly Status. There are issues of getting the coaches to the lake due to the bridge and how to manage the limited number of coach spaces that cannot be booked.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the possibility of having a survey to find out why visitors choose Coniston and what draws them back the results of which could assist in attracting funding.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> It has been questioned locally the ownership of the Lake District National Park Authority car park on Ruskin Avenue and whether in fact it had been gifted to the village. The Clerk confirmed there was a Conveyance in 1956 when the Lake District Planning Board purchased the land.</p>	
153/2016	<p><b>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>To update on progress of contacting the Highway Steward</u> County Cllr D Fletcher has raised the issue of problems with contacting the Highway Steward with the Highways Department. Our local Steward has been working nights over the last few months and no alternative contact was put in place. This is now being looked into.</p> <p><u>To update on Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations – Clean for Queen &amp; Beacon</u> Cllr Troughton reported the Clean for Queen event was very successful with a good turnout and the suggestion of making it into an annual event. Unfortunately some of the areas that were tackled have already got rubbish back and there is concern about the amount of dog muck, particularly that left in bags and not put in bins. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs Coward and Hall will investigate a “stick and flick” scheme in relation to dog muck which has been successful in other areas of the UK.</p> <p>The lighting time for the Beacon is 7.30pm on 21<sup>st</sup> April on Maundry Bank. Rev Harmer has agreed to light it. Cllrs will advertise the event and bring cake to celebrate.</p> <p><u>To update on encouraging applications for the Parish Council elections on 5th May</u> Information has been in the March Parish Newsletter with posters on local noticeboards and on the weekly CDC e-mail. Nomination packs are now available from the Clerk and must be returned to South Lakeland District Council by 7<sup>th</sup></p>	

	<p>April 2016 at 4pm.</p> <p>Cllr Stoddart stated his intention to step down and not stand in the elections in May.</p> <p><u>To update on relocation of postbox on Yewdale Road</u> The Clerk has been in contact with the local Delivery Office about the location of a postbox on Yewdale Road. As the Coniston Co-operative is a privately owned building it cannot be located there. The Post Office is currently considering the wide pavement on Yewdale Road between the Fire Station and the start of the row shops.</p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan &amp; obtaining resilience equipment</u> Cllr Coward has had a meeting with Steve Emmett from Coniston Flood Forum. She will also go through the Emergency Plan to review telephone numbers and look into a structure to ensure the command structure is clear. It was suggested looking into having local flood wardens who could pass on information.</p> <p><u>To update on bringing the Bridge Toilets up to the required standards and improving the signage for donations</u> Cllr Batty has carried out the required work and temporary laminated signs are in place until permanent ones are made. The toilets were reopened as planned on 19<sup>th</sup> March in time for Coniston 14. Cllr Stoddart stated his willingness to continue emptying the donation boxes.</p>	
<p><b>154/2016</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>7/2016/5118 - Shepherds Bridge, Shepherds Bridge Lane, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8AL - Replacement of an existing septic tank, with a proprietary package water treatment plant, located in the back garden of the property and outflowing into an adjacent river (Yewdale Beck) <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs supported the application.</p> <p>7/2016/5072 - Fairsnape, Coniston - Extensions to dwelling, access improvement <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs arranged a site visit for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm.</p> <p>7/2016/5149 - Coach House, Brantwood, Coniston - Main house new gates: New purposed made iron gates with matching fixed panel above to both front and rear entrance of archway passage. Coach house cafe enlargement and alteration to include: a. Form new doorway between existing Cafe and existing store. New doorway fitted with glazed double doors to match existing glazed doors to rear of coach house. b. Remove partition wall between existing store and existing coach room to form a single room cafe enlargement. c. Add timber flooring on battens and insulation over existing concrete floor in cafe enlargement area with matching timber steps to new doorway. d. Fit glazed sliding doors with fanlights over in existing store and coach room external doorways. Note! Existing vertical boarded double doors in front to be retained. e. Replacement wood stove and flue to main</p>	

<p><b>155/2016</b></p> <p><b>156/2016</b></p>	<p>cafe area. f. Glazed panels for upper part existing external doors to cafe entrance &amp; WC lobby. g. Painted metal external stairs to rear of coach house.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs have no objections to the application.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grants of Planning Permission:-  7/2016/5027 – 3 Far End Cottages, Far End, Coniston – Replace rotten downstairs living room windows and wooden frames, like for like</p> <p><u>Local Occupancy Clauses</u>  There has been concern about what local occupancy clauses are in place in Coniston and who to approach if a breach is thought to have occurred. The clauses in place in Coniston can be viewed at:-  <a href="http://www.conistonandtorverclt.co.uk/cltdocuments/useful-documents/">http://www.conistonandtorverclt.co.uk/cltdocuments/useful-documents/</a>  and any suspected breaches can be reported to Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department.</p>	
<p><b>157/2016</b></p>	<p><b>Street Lighting – Days Bank &amp; Brow Steps</b>  Cumbria County Council and another Contractor were approached for quotes to repair the street lights at Days Bank and Brow Steps. The two quotes differ by a large amount.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to contact both Cumbria County Council and the Contractor with further queries about LED lights and a deferred payment scheme.</p>	
<p><b>158/2016</b></p>	<p><b>Bluebird Project</b>  An initial meeting of the working group was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March with Bill Smith and 3 other people from the Bluebird Project Team. A further meeting will be held in April to progress initial ideas on having an event when Bluebird has a Proving Trial on Coniston.</p>	
<p><b>159/2016</b></p>	<p><b>Highways Issues in the Parish</b>  The pothole at The Garth has been repaired.</p> <p>It was noted the trees by the road at Tilberthwaite and Yewdale Bridge have been cut but not taken off at the bottom and ensured they do not grow again.</p> <p>The bridge on the footpath from Waterhead to Boon Crag needs repairing as following the floods in December 2015 the bridge is now raised as the gravel underneath has washed out. There is also litter at the head of the lake, including Monk Coniston car park.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to contact National Trust about the footbridge and litter and also Lake District National Park Authority about having a litter pick at Monk Coniston car park.</p> <p>The road surface at Lake Road needs repairing and the Clerk confirmed this has already been reported to Highways.</p>	
<p><b>160/2016</b></p>	<p><b>Broadband Event – 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>  Connecting Cumbria held an information event in Coniston Primary School on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Despite the poor attendance it was a very informative presentation.</p>	

<b>161/2016</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>  <u>Decision Statement from Lake District National Park Authority</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the Decision Statement from Lake District National Park Authority which makes legal Coniston Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><u>Update on the informal list of locally important heritage assets</u>  The list needs to be approved by Coniston Parish Council before it requests the Lake District National Park Authority to consult on and formally approve it.</p>	
<b>162/2016</b>	<p><b>Statement of Community Involvement Consultation</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs Troughton and Hall will reply to this in consultation with Coniston &amp; Torver Community Land Trust.</p>	
<b>163/2016</b>	<p><b>Lake District National Park Authority Car Parking Charges</b>  Cllrs noted there are no 1 hour charges anymore and expressed concerns at the non-transferable tickets and penalty charges.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to request further information on the Lake District National Park Authority's policy on overstaying at car parks, the penalty charges and why the car park tickets are non-transferable.</p>	
<b>164/2016</b>	<p><b>Storage of Coniston Parish Council Minutes</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the Minutes from 2009 to 2013 are now stored at Cumbria County Council Kendal Archives.</p>	
<b>165/2016</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr Hall gave an update on the X12 bus service which has now picked up the X70 round in Ulverston. A new timetable is coming out in April. There will be bus on Saturdays to Ambleside via Skelwith.</p>	
<b>166/2016</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><u>Receipts</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following receipts-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HM Revenue &amp; Customs (VAT Refund) £446.88</li> <li>• South Lakeland District Council £190.00</li> </ul>	
<b>167/2016</b>	<p><u>Payments</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's Salary £323.45</li> <li>• Clerk's Expenses £11.70</li> <li>• HMRC £80.80</li> <li>• EON – Bridge Toilets (by direct debit) £8.17</li> <li>• EON – Streetlights (March) £101.86</li> <li>• Stephen Airey £70.00</li> </ul>	
<b>168/2016</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALC –Friday Round up and Cumbria in Bloom competitions &amp; RHS It's Your</li> </ul>	

	<p>Neighbourhood 2016 entry forms; CALC Circular for March; Lake District National Park Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LDNPA - February news from the See More programme; LDNPA car parking charges; Notice of Intention to prohibit traffic over Various Bridleways in Grizedale Forest, Satterthwaite and Coniston Parishes; Statement of Community Involvement consultation; Various Bridleways in Grizedale Forest, Satterthwaite and Coniston Parishes</li> <li>• LAP – High Furness LAP meeting minutes: Wednesday 24 February;</li> <li>• CCC - SL Flood Fact Sheet 11th February 2016; Funding available to help communities celebrate Armed Forces Day; SL Flood Fact Sheet 18th February 2016; Flood Forum Event Ambleside; South Lakeland Flood Fact Sheet 20160310</li> <li>• Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda 16 February; agenda 15 March</li> <li>• Lakes Parish Council – agenda 17 February; minutes 17 February; Agenda 2 March 2016; Plans meeting Agenda 16 March 2016</li> <li>• Torver Parish Council –</li> <li>• Blawith &amp; Subberthwaite Parish Council – minutes 8th February, agenda 14th March</li> <li>• Age UK - Press release Village Agent Programme</li> <li>• Cumbria CVS - South Lakeland Community Newsletter 29/02/2016</li> <li>• Nuture Lakeland - Help to win funding for a Cumbria project to repair footpath erosion - vote online now!</li> </ul> <p>To note the following correspondence has been received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Lakeland District Council agenda 24 February 2016</li> <li>• Clerks &amp; Councils Direct Magazine March 2016</li> </ul>	
<b>169/2016</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 7pm</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)