

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.30pm on Monday 20th June 2016

Present: Cllr T Coward (Chair)
Cllrs – K Batty, J R Carroll, J Hart and M Swyer
Clerk – J C Carroll

In attendance: 4 members of the public, Lisa Keys (Coniston Copper Project) & John Moffat (National Trust)

A minute's silence was held in remembrance of MP Jo Cox.

Minute Number		Action By
231/2016	Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hall and Troughton.	
232/2016	Declaration of Acceptance of Office Cllr Swyer signed the Declarations of Acceptance of Office & Code of Conduct.	
233/2016	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
234/2016	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Hart – declared an interest in business matters in relation to planning application 7/2016/5287. All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
235/2016	Minutes of Meeting 16th May 2016 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 th May 2016 are approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
236/2016	Public Participation <u>John Moffat, General Manager (South Lakes), National Trust South Lakes</u> Mr Moffat confirmed that Hoathwaite will be let permanently and not as a holiday cottage. Mr Moffat explained about the hydro project at Greenburn Beck, Little Langdale the National Trust is planning and would like Coniston Parish Council's support. Local people, tenants and Lakes Parish Council have been consulted on about the project. The cables will be placed underground and the building for the powerhouse will be faced with natural stone. It will be aimed to limit disruption to the valley with materials coming in at suitable times. A planning application is aimed to be submitted by early July and work commencing early 2017.	

Lisa Keys, Coniston Copper Project

Ms Keys explained she had come to the Coniston Parish Council about 18 months ago about this potential project and it has now been awarded Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) of £455,000.00. The project is in partnership with Lake District National Park Authority, land owners, Grizedale Arts, Cumbria Amenities Trust Mining History Society, YHA Coniston and Ruskin Museum. The project will run until March 2018 and work has started at Thriddle Incline with an archaeological survey to be carried out at Penny Rigg Copper Mill over the summer. Part of the conditions of the HLF is to engage the local community. A programme is being constructed which will include working with local schools and businesses and having workshops. It is aimed to look at creating visitor experiences through self-guided trails, interpretation boards and leaving sustainable legacies.

A Mining Weekend will be held 3rd – 4th September at the Reading Room to engage the community and encourage people to come forward with stories / local connections with mining heritage.

There will be opportunities for volunteering and further information will be distributed soon or by contacting Lisa Keys, Coniston Copper Project Co-ordinator l.keys@minervaheritage.com

Police

PCSO Forrester sent a report by e-mail with her apologies. Three crimes of note reported since last month – two burglaries (Dairy and Steam overnight) with no suspects and a fraud. No logs of note. The next Police Desk is on 4 August from 10 – 12 at Coniston Tourist Information Centre and the Ulverston Police Desk is at Coronation Hall Monday – Friday 9am – 12 noon every week.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

Alastair Cameron sent a report by e-mail.

Housing Needs Survey – this has been delayed for 4 months and will be distributed in September.

CLT Governance – this is being looked at and the various options considered to cover the CLT's present and future aspirations.

St Andrews Youth Centre – Planning consent has been granted and the planners have suggested arrangements are put in place to allow the transport of large loads of building materials through Ruskin Avenue car park.

Occupancy restrictions – a review has started of the occupancy restrictions on the 171 dwellings with them in Coniston.

CLT website – this is temporarily closed until the new governance is confirmed.

County Councillor D Fletcher

No apologies and no update.

District Cllr A Hall

District Cllr Hall sent a report by e-mail.

She has received comments the new LED bulbs in the streetlights are too bright and unsuitable for village.

	<p>She has been in contact with Lake District National Park Authority about ‘stick n flick’ for dog poo but South Lakeland District Council are responsible for dog waste and she is awaiting a response.</p> <p>A volunteer has offered to assist in organising a military weekend in Coniston for the VC celebration in 2018.</p> <p>Cumbria County Council has stopped the contract for the X12 for school children due to an unruly youth.</p> <p>15 people visited the Italian twin town Solto Collina from 17th – 20th June and this is after last month having 28 French visitors in Coniston from Illiers Combray.</p> <p>A new wall has been built at the bottom of John Ruskin field with LDNPA volunteers.</p> <p>The joint management manifesto for the Museum, Institute and Grizedale Arts have been well received by authorities.</p> <p><u>LAP meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Carroll chaired the recent LAP meeting that was held in Coniston. Housing was the main topic and considering ways to assist people to stay in the area, move to the area and those who need temporary accommodation for summer work. Only 2 out of the 10 eligible Parishes were represented and no decisions could be made as the quorum is 3.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>It was questioned why the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan was passed when the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) do not appear to be listening to the comments passed to them from Coniston Parish Council. It was explained that when LDNPA make a decision against the Parish Council a copy of the decision notice is sent to explain the reasons.</p>	
237/2016	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan & obtaining resilience equipment</u></p> <p>A site meeting was held about the store and work around the Mountain Rescue base will be done. People have been approached about being flood wardens with a view to letting others know if there is a problem on their patch.</p> <p>Cllr Coward is continuing with Emergency Plan.</p> <p><u>To decide on which quote to proceed with between Cumbria County Council and another Contractor to repair the street lights at Brow Steps and Days Bank</u></p> <p>Cllr Swyer stated it appears some work has already been carried out and she will check the lights are working at night time.</p> <p>RESOLVED: No decision is to be made about proceeding with work until it is ascertained what lights are now working and which are not.</p> <p><u>To update on the relocation of the postbox on Yewdale Road</u></p> <p>No further update from the Post Office to date.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the Post Office for expediting this as it is becoming a safety issue with the increase in traffic and tourist in crossing the main roads which are currently required.</p>	

	<p><u>To update on the trimming of the playground hedge</u> The work has been carried out.</p> <p><u>To update on the maintenance work required at the playground</u> Cllr Coward has requested Playdale to carry out the required maintenance work.</p> <p><u>To report on the Parish Walk held on 6th June about Station Road and the Banks</u> Cllrs walked around Station Road and the Banks area noticing many highways and footpath issues. These have all been reported to the relevant departments.</p> <p>It was noted the highways around Thurston Bank have been patched leaving a mess and there are drainage issues in the area.</p> <p><u>To update on a date for training in planning from Lake District National Park Authority</u> Mairi Lock, Planner from Lake District National Park Authority has agreed to carry out training in planning on Monday 5th September at 6pm at Coniston Mountain Rescue Base.</p> <p><u>To update on a meeting between Keswick to Barrow event organisers, tenants of land affected and land owners</u> The Clerk is in the process of organising this and one Councillor will be required to attend.</p> <p><u>To update on the repair to the wall at the Bridge Toilets</u> Cllr Coward spoke to the manager at Hills garage and the work will be carried out.</p> <p><u>To update on new bank signatories</u> The required forms have now been completed and can be sent to Barclays for processing.</p>	
<p>238/2016</p> <p>239/2016</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2016/5287 - Waterhead Hotel, Coniston - Conservatory extension with external terraces. Car park extension and additional landscaping RESOLVED: Cllrs support this application.</p> <p>7/2016/5339 - How Farm, Days Bank, Coniston - Variation of condition 3 of planning application 7/2007/5500 - to allow short term holiday letting RESOLVED: Cllrs strongly object to this application due to it being a retrospective application, lack of evidence of requirement for additional holiday accommodation, it would set a precedent, it is against the Neighbourhood Plan and the original conditions should be adhered to.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notice of Grant of Planning Permission:-</p> <p>7/2016/5165 – Old Telephone Exchange, Yewdale Road, Coniston – change of use and extensions to the former telephone exchange building to form a bistro /</p>	

	restaurant 7/2016/5053 – Thurston, Lake Road, Coniston- minor alteration to roof over garage and raise end portion of existing eastern roof and include additional rear elevation dormers: following Planning Application ref: 7/2016/5535 (commenced)	
240/2016	RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the Notice of Listed Building Consent:- 7/2016/5149 – Coach House, Brantwood, Coniston – main house new gates, coach house café enlargement & alteration	
241/2016	RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the Application for a Lawful Development Certificate:- 7/2016/5305 – Beech Tree House, Yewdale Road, Coniston – Bed & breakfast to dwelling house	
242/2016	RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the approval of planning application at the Development Control Committee on 1st June - 7/2016/5152 - St Andrews Diocesan Youth Centre, Coniston - Change of use of youth centre to form four local occupancy dwellings including partial demolition and six new build local occupancy dwellings within the grounds. Associated car parking and landscaped areas are to be created RESOLVED: Clerk to draft a letter to Mitre Housing, Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust, LDNPA Planning Department and the Architects to request the access way to the development is looked at again, signed by the Cllrs who objected to the application.	
243/2016	Bluebird Project A meeting of the Bluebird Event Group was held on 8 th June. Funding is being looked into for the post of a Project Officer. The requirements (e.g. car parking) for the event are also being discussed. Cllrs noted concerns over funding for the event and that Coniston may incur costs questioning where the money would come for this.	
244/2016	Highways Issues Highways have confirmed the white lines in Coniston that are missing / faded should be redone before the summer holidays.	
245/2016	Coniston Parish Plan Revision RESOLVED: All Cllrs are to read the existing Parish Plan. An article is to be placed in the next Coniston Parish Newsletter asking Parishioners to look at the existing plan and let us know what they would change and also to ask if people would like to assist with producing the next one.	
246/2016	Coniston Neighbourhood Plan <u>To approve the list of Locally Important Heritage Assets</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs to review and it will be discussed next month. <u>To request Lake District National Park Authority formally consult on and approve this list of Locally Important Heritage Assets</u>	

	RESOLVED: Deferred until next month.	
247/2016	Electoral Review of South Lakeland District Council: Draft Recommendations RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Cllr Hall about responding to this.	
248/2016	LDNPA Local Plan Refresh RESOLVED: Response to the request on Bed and Breakfast accommodation currently sale - Cllrs are not aware of any B&Bs being openly marketed at the moment.	
249/2016	Cumbria Choice Allocations Policy – Proposed Changes RESOLVED: No comments are to be sent.	
250/2016	Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust RESOLVED: Cllrs will hold a pre-meeting prior to the August Parish Council meeting to discuss the role of the Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust.	
251/2016	Councillor Matters There are issues with drainage at Thurston Bank and Days Bank. A letter is to be sent to William Barrie Wendt on his recent award of an MBE for voluntary services to Oxfam. It was noted if the Lake District National Park Authority are charging for car parking and toilets a litter bin should be provided. Residents at Collingwood Close would like a ‘Private Residents Only’ parking sign. The grass is growing long at the junction at the head of the lake towards Monk Coniston. There are concerns the recycling site at Lake Road is being used by commercial businesses. It was noted a letter has been received with a Postal Order for £2.00 as a donation towards the Bridge Toilets.	
251/2016	Financial Matters <u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipts- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Toilets Collecting boxes £139.18 • Bridge Toilets Collecting boxes £110.31 	
252/2016	<u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s Salary £323.45 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMRC £80.80 • EON – Bridge Toilets (by direct debit) £11.00 • EON – Streetlights £108.89 • Stephen Airey £415.50 • WL Jones (signs for Bridge Toilets) £192.00 • Print Digital (Neighbourhood Plan) £58.03 	
253/2016	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – LDNPA Parish Forum Notes 25 April 2016; Next District Association meeting - Thursday 9th June from 7pm; Developing Skills Programme; Highway's England Request for Evidence; June Circular; LDNPA Local Plan Refresh; Payscales • LDNPA - Event notification: The Mighty Corinthian - 25 June 2016; Feedback from the early engagement events • CCC - Temporary Road Closure C5059 Brigsteer; Temporary Road Closure Hardknott Pass and Wrynose Pass; Temporary Road Closure B5285 Coniston; Library Consultation document • LAP - High Furness LAP meeting: Wednesday 8 June, Coniston Reading Rooms • SLDC - Allocations Policy Consultation; Cumbria Central Heating Fund Poster • Hawkshead Parish Council – 16 May 2016 • Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council – agenda & draft minutes 9th May • Lakes Parish Council – Agenda and Minutes 8th June • Torver Parish Council - Agenda 2nd June • Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda 21 June, • Cumbria CVS – South Lakes Community News e-bulletin 31/05/2016 • Environment Agency – Community Network 28th June • South Cumbria Rivers Trust - Conserving Coniston & Crake questionnaire 	
254/2016	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 18th July 2016 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)