

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.30pm on Monday 18th July 2016

Present: Cllr T Coward (Chair)
Cllrs – K Batty, A Hall, M Swyer, H Troughton and J Carroll (from 7.15pm)
Clerk – J C Carroll

In attendance: 6 members of the public, Peter Hosking (Cumbria County Council Highways Department Highway Network Manager) & Steve Emmett (Coniston Flood Forum)

Minute Number		Action By
255/2016	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hart</p>	
256/2016	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
257/2016	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
258/2016	<p>Minutes of Meeting 20th June 2016 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th June 2016 are approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
259/2016	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Peter Hosking, Cumbria County Council Highways Department – Highway Network Manager</u> Mr Hosking attended the meeting to assist Cllrs in understanding the Highways department and how best to contact them with issues.</p> <p>There are different categories of Highways problems – planned, reactive, emergency and winter programme. <i>Planned</i> – this includes the capital works programme, surface dressing, footway resurfacing & drainage works. These schemes have all gone through an assessment scheme and are looked at 2-3 years ahead. <i>Reactive</i> – e.g. potholes, street lights out, blocked gullies <i>Emergencies</i> – road traffic accidents, floods, trees blocking highways, etc <i>Winter programme</i> – gritting / grit bins etc</p> <p>Highways problems can be reported via the Cumbria County Council website (www.cumbria.gov.uk) or phone 0300 302992.</p> <p>The Highways Area Steward for Coniston is Dave Sankey who is based in Barrow</p>	

in Furness. This information about the change of Area Steward should have been disseminated through the Local Area Partnership 3-4 months ago.

Potholes are repaired depending on the road and depth of the pothole, one with a depth in excess of 100mm should be done within 5 days of being reported. This is a temporary repair which could become part of patching then surface dressing or ultimately resurfacing (this would be part of a larger programme).

There was discussion about The Banks roads and the poor condition of them with concerns about the increased amount of traffic, delivery vans and that the road is likely to collapse due to the poor state. There are also drainage issues. Residents present from The Banks area gave Mr Hosking a written request that a survey is carried out of the area (Thurston, Bank Terrace, Days Bank, Vale View & Cath Bank) for drainage, supporting walls and surface along with photos of problem areas. Supporting walls near to 33 Bank Terrace and the bend over the old railway bridge were discussed as they appear to be collapsing. At Devonshire Terrace there are concerns about the retaining wall which has holes in it. Mr Hosking explained Highways would maintain what is retaining the road and above that is the adjoining landowners' responsibility. Mr Hosking agreed to a site visit to the area within the next month.

Mr Hosking explained about surface dressing being done on roads to extend the life of them to keep water out of the road which means it would be longer before the road required resurfacing and is an economic way of extending the life of the road.

There was insufficient verge maintenance budget last year for any work to be done on clearing saplings on the roadside and it will be the same this year.

Drain / gully unblocking is budgeted to be done once a year, with D roads on demand.

Cllrs thanked Mr Hosking for attending the meeting.

Police

PCSO Forrester sent a report by e-mail with her apologies. There have been two crimes since the last meeting – one of criminal damage to vehicle parked on Yewdale Road and a second of theft of rucksack from Bluebird Café customer. There are two logs of note:- reports of increasing problem with campers on Walna Scar leaving litter and causing damage with fires and a road traffic collision at How Head.

The next Police Desk is Monday 4th August from 10 – 12 at Coniston Tourist Information Centre.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

Mr Cameron sent a brief report by e-mail explaining that the governance changes will take a few months and he will explain it to the Council when it is completed.

	<p><u>County Councillor D Fletcher</u> No apologies received and no update. Cllrs requested the Clerk confirm the number of meetings County Cllr Fletcher has attended and ask that if he is unable to attend meetings to ensure apologies are sent with an update report.</p> <p><u>District Cllr A Hall</u> District Cllr Hall explained smart readers were helpful in seeing how much electricity is being used.</p> <p>There is no date yet for plastic & cardboard kerbside recycling in Coniston, although it should be by May 2017 and a plastic bag will be provided for it.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> The seat at the head of the lake in memory of John Usher has a lot of rubbish around it and Cllr Troughton will contact the National Trust about a litter pick.</p>	
260/2016	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan & obtaining resilience equipment</u> Steve Emmett from Coniston Flood Forum explained he had received an e-mail about taking out insurance for those involved with an Emergency Plan. RESOLVED: Clerk to check if existing Parish Council insurance covers this and volunteers working in a capacity through the Parish Council.</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> It was confirmed the street light on the corner of 27 Days Bank has been repaired although the Parish Council has not requested it. No second quote has been received yet to compare with the one from Cumbria County Council. RESOLVED: Cllrs Swyer and Troughton to see if they can get a second quote from another Contractor.</p> <p><u>To update on the relocation of the postbox on Yewdale Road</u> It was noted the new postbox is now in place.</p> <p><u>To report on the meeting about the route of the Keswick to Barrow in Coniston Parish</u> A meeting was held on 13th July with Keswick to Barrow committee members, National Trust Ranger for Coniston & Little Langdale, local residents affected by the route and Cllr representatives. It was a productive meeting with plenty of discussion about alternatives but no firm conclusions. Another meeting will be held in August to give people time to do some background research into the possible alternative routes.</p> <p><u>To update on the new bank signatories</u> The Clerk has received a letter from Barclays Bank confirming the new bank signatory arrangements are now in place with Cllrs Coward, Hall and Troughton as signatories.</p>	

261/2016	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2016/5433 - Ascot House, Haws Bank, Coniston - Two Storey Side Extension and Driveway Alterations</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p>	
262/2016	<p>Bluebird Project</p> <p>A meeting of the Bluebird Event Group was held on 6th July. There is the possibility of assistance for a Project Officer from the Lake District National Park Authority. The event is now to be called a Festival to assist in obtaining funding. A Project Timeline of requirements for the event has been drafted. A further meeting will be held on 21st September.</p>	
263/2016	<p>Highways Issues</p> <p>It was noted the Walna Scar road is an issue.</p> <p>RESOLVED: A letter from the Parish Council is to be sent to the owner of Banks Ghyll about the maintenance of drains and the responsibilities of land owners.</p>	
264/2016	<p>Coniston Parish Plan Revision</p> <p>Cllrs have all been sent a copy of the Coniston Parish Plan for consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED: A coffee morning is to be planned for Saturday 17th September 10-12 in the Reading Room to get ideas of issues in the village and volunteers to help on the working group to produce a new Plan.</p>	
265/2016	<p>Coniston Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p><u>To approve the list of Locally Important Heritage Assets</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the list.</p> <p><u>To request Lake District National Park Authority formally consult on and approve this list of Locally Important Heritage Assets</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to send the list to Lake District National Park Authority for them to take forward.</p>	
266/2016	<p>Hawkshead Surgery's Patient Participation Group (PPG) Request for Funding</p> <p>RESOLVED: To decline a request for funding from Hawkshead Surgery's Patient Participation Group towards medical equipment.</p>	
267/2016	<p>South Lakeland District Council Consultation on Street Name</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs prefer the name of St Andrews Close for the new street name.</p>	
268/2016	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>It was questioned if the telephone box in front of the Black Bull is still in operation and the usage it receives.</p> <p>There is a caravan in an old quarry on Hawkshead hill and it is believed someone is living in there.</p> <p>There are two bees nest in an inconvenient location – one at the entrance to Ruskin</p>	

	<p>Avenue and by Campbell Memorial.</p> <p>There are fishing rights for rent on Coniston Water and people are questioning the details of this.</p> <p>A letter needs to be sent from Coniston Parish Council to the Institute Museum trust confirming Cllr Swyer is the representative and also a new list of current Cllrs.</p> <p>A Cllr has received a complaint about the overgrown garden at the old youth centre.</p> <p>Yew Tree Tarn is very overgrown, especially the view from the road.</p> <p>On 24th September there will be a presentation and farewell for Alan and Glenda Phillips.</p> <p>The recent Lake District National Park Authority volunteers magazine has articles of work undertaken in Coniston.</p> <p>It was noted the boundary wall of The Crown onto Tilberthwaite Avenue is overgrown and unsightly.</p> <p>Coniston Parish Directory is out of date, however, Coniston Business Forum is looking at updating this.</p> <p>There are saplings coming under the wall at The Banks and Japanese Knotweed has reappeared.</p> <p>There was an event on two weekends ago in the village that could be heard at The Banks.</p> <p>It was noted no shops in Coniston sell dog poo bags.</p> <p>Cllr Coward will attend the Coniston Sports & Social Centre on 4th August at 7.30pm</p> <p>The next Lake District National Park Authority South Distinctive Tour will be on 29th September in Coniston.</p>	
<p>269/2016</p> <p>270/2016</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipts-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Toilets Collecting boxes £88.49 <p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary £323.45 • Clerk's Expenses £22.69 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMRC £80.80 • EON – Bridge Toilets (by direct debit) £13.91 • EON – Streetlights £105.38 • Stephen Airey £326.00 • United Utilities £86.26 • Lakes District National Park Authority £86.40 • (Bridge Toilets Sanitary Service) • Coniston Institute (room hire) £49.00 	
271/2016	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Designing Good Questionnaires for Communities Training • LDNPA - Notification of Adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement; Coniston Copper Project; Parish Member LDNPA; Local Plan Review Website now Live • LAP - High Furness LAP meeting minutes: Wednesday 8 June at Coniston Institute. • SLDC - SLDC Parish Charter: Draft version for comment (by Friday 5 August) • Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council – minutes 13th June, agenda 11th July • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 8th June, agenda 6th July • Torver Parish Council – minutes 2nd June, agenda 7th July • Hawkshead Parish Council – minutes 21st June 2016 • South Cumbria Rivers Trust - Volunteer opportunities - balsam bash <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk & Councils Direct Magazine July 2016 • South Lakeland District Council Empty Homes Guide for Parish and Town Councils 	
272/2016	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 15th August 2016 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)