

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 17th October 2016

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

In attendance: P Milburn & K Grainger of Cumbria Fire Service and 2 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
325/2016	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Hall (holiday).</p>	
326/2016	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
327/2016	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
328/2016	<p>Minutes of Meeting 19th September 2016 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September 2016 are approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
329/2016	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Paul Milburn, Watch Manager & Casey Grainger, Recruitment Officer, – Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service</u></p> <p>Mr Milburn and Ms Grainger explained the Fire Service is currently recruiting for on-call fire-fighters in Coniston. There are currently six retained fire-fighters in Coniston and 12 – 13 are needed to enable it to fully work and ensure the appliance is available 24/7. There is a lot of pressure on the existing six retained fire-fighters in Coniston and they need a life outside of providing cover. If 12 people are able to provide cover only 4 are needed on at a time enabling the others to continue with their lives.</p> <p>There are challenges in Coniston with recruiting retained fire-fighters – permanent residents have reduced in the village over the years with an increase in holiday / second homes. There are many seasonal workers and local businesses struggle to release employees.</p> <p>There are benefits of being a retained fire-fighter – paid work, pension, paid leave, bringing additional skills to current employer (first aid, HGV driver, height training, water safety). If people work in an area during the day and are able to provide cover during this time but do not live in the area they could still be a retained fire-fighter. There is a certain level of fitness that is required and a</p>	

commitment to training on Monday evenings 7-9pm.

In the last 12 months there were 41 incidents, 26 were during the day (9am – 6pm) and the other 15 during the night. 14 of the incidents were property fires, including kitchen and chimney fires. If the Coniston crew are unavailable the nearest crews are Broughton-in-Furness or Ambleside.

For further information please contact Kasey Grainger, Recruitment Officer Tel: 07930973388, kasey.grainger@cumbria.gov.uk

Police

PCSO Forrester sent her apologies and a report by e-mail. There have been 5 incidents of note, an assault, an attempted burglary at Coniston Primary School, two burglaries at the Crown and Yewdale Inn and a theft from a motor vehicle. Night time poaching and thefts from rural isolated properties are currently “Community Priorities”. The A590 has a full closure in both directions on 30th October from 8pm from Booths at Ulverston to Greenodd.

An official complaint has gone in about the road closure at Bowmanstead by United Utilities for the lack of notice.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

Alastair Cameron sent a report by e-mail. The change of governance of the CLT is taking longer than expected and it is hoped to be completed by the end of the year.

Housing Needs Survey – The survey will be issued in Coniston shortly. There is concern about the future of these surveys due to funding cuts.

Cllrs had a discussion about the CLT, how the Housing Needs Survey is based on current demand and not future demand, the usefulness of Housing Needs Surveys and the need to get the local needs criteria for housing changed.

County Councillor D Fletcher

County Cllr Fletcher sent a report saying there is no update on white lines, work will be carried out in early November on The Banks and he has not managed to get to The Garth as yet to look at possible additional ‘Residents Only’ signs and a 20 plenty scheme.

District Cllr A Hall

Apologies were given.

Public Participation

Concerns were expressed at the new streetlights which mean when you out of the beam of light you cannot see what is ahead. The new streetlights aim to reduce light pollution.

It was questioned if the potholes in Beck Yeat would be fixed when the resurfacing work on Lake Road was done. Cllr Carroll explained that due to the limited amount of tarmac put down at Beck Yeat in the first place the whole cul-de-sac

	<p>would need to be resurfaced and Highways would not be carrying out this work in November. However, the pavement at the lower entrance to Beck Yeat will be resurfaced and some potholes fixed. It was noted how positive it is that Highways work is being carried out.</p>	
330/2016	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting <u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan & obtaining resilience equipment</u> Church Beck is currently having some gravel dug out thanks to Steve Emmett's perseverance.</p> <p>There is no update on the shed for storing resilience equipment until Electricity North West have been and cut down the trees near to where the shed will be sited. There is currently some flood equipment placed at strategic sites in Coniston.</p> <p><u>To update on problems with the streetlights at Days Bank and Brow Steps and agree the work to be carried out</u> Dave Ferrier will be commencing work on 3rd November on four of the lights and will quote for the additional two lights that require works.</p> <p>It was noted that the residents at Cat Bank would like to see the light on the electricity pole fixed.</p> <p><u>To report back on the South Distinctive Area Tour in Coniston on 26th September</u> Cllr Carroll reported that he, Cllrs Hall, Coward and Sywer attended the South Distinctive Area Tour held by Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA). There were talks by Directors from LDNPA, Herdy on World Heritage, Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust, the Bluebird return and Neighbourhood Plans. There were some interesting discussions about car park prices, housing and local needs criteria. It was noted that larger issues were concentrated on and the local issues including infrastructure that affects communities were not part of the day.</p>	
331/2016	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2016/5643 - Line Cottage, Park Gate, Coniston - Erection of a replacement garage and hardstanding RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections.</p>	
332/2016	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:- 7/2016/5433 – Ascot House, Haws Bank, Coniston – two storey side extension and driveway alterations</p> <p>7/2016/5494 – Rose Villa, Tilberthwaite Avenue, Coniston – Conversion of 4 bed house in to 2 flats – one being 1 bed, the other being 2 bed – retrospective</p>	
333/2016	<p><u>Report on Site Visit - 7/2016/5577 - Little Arrow Moor, Walna Scar Road, Coniston - Alterations to existing disused quarry to provide a 58 bay pay and display public car park</u> Cllrs Hart & Batty attended the site visit with the LDNPA Development Control</p>	

	<p>Committee. It was noted at the time there were approx. 30 cars and 5 minibuses in October and how many vehicles would there be at the height of the season. The Committee questioned what the alternative would be if there was no car park at all.</p> <p>Cllr Hart will speak at the Development Control Committee meeting.</p>	
334/2016	<p>LDNPA Local Plan Review The Local Plan Review will be discussed at the next High Furness Local Area Partnership meeting on Wednesday 19th October. Cllr Carroll to attend and report back in November.</p>	
335/2016	<p>Highways Issues Highways work on The Banks area will be commencing 7th November 2016 for 2 weeks and the road will be closed from 9am – 3.30pm. Any residents with any concerns should contact either Cllr Swyer or Cllr Carroll.</p> <p>Resurfacing work on Lake Road will be during the evenings of 27th and 28th October.</p> <p>The damaged street light post has been isolated; Electricity North West need to disconnect the supply and then Highways will removed the post.</p>	
336/2016	<p>Coniston Parish Plan Revision Clerk to circulate comments from the Coffee Morning on 17th September. It was suggested if a survey is to go out to all houses in Coniston then it could be distributed at the same time as the Housing Needs Survey. RESOLVED: Cllrs Hart, Coward & Troughton will have a meeting with the Clerk on 25th October at 6pm to devise a survey.</p>	
337/2016	<p>Parish Infrastructure Survey RESOLVED: Cllrs completed the Parish Infrastructure Survey.</p>	
338/2016	<p>Councillor Matters Streetlight number 227 by the horse trough on Station Road has been reported as faulty.</p> <p>An update was requested on the planning enforcement for the camping pod at Howe Farm.</p> <p>There is a broken skylight in the Bridge Toilets that requires fixing.</p> <p>The wall at Hills Garage bordering the Bridge Toilets is still broken.</p> <p>Some members of the local fishing club are having a meeting with Carter Jonas about the fishing rights on Coniston.</p> <p>A sign has been requested pointing to Coniston at the exit of Tarn Hows car park.</p> <p>Colin Barr is stepping down from his role on the LDNPA and Coniston Parish Council will pass on their thanks for the work he has done.</p>	

	Financial Matters	
339/2016	<u>To note the financial summary from April to October 2016</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the financial summary from April to October 2016.	
340/2016	<u>Grant Applications</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs awarded the following:- Coniston Sports & Social Centre £400.00 Coniston Community Development Centre £300.00 Coniston & Torver Parochial Church Council £300.00 Coniston Institute £500.00 Ruskin Museum £500.00 It was noted that bodies should not necessarily expect the same next year as there may be other priorities for Coniston Parish Council.	
341/2016	<u>To discuss the precept for 2017/18 and any specific projects to budget:-</u> <u>Lengthsman</u> Costs for a lengthsman are to be obtained. RESOLVED: Cllrs deferred a decision for the next meeting.	
342/2016	<u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipts- • Coniston Sports & Social Centre (fireworks) £750.00 • Bridge Toilets Collecting boxes £128.71 <u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:- • Clerk's Salary (inc. agreed backpay) £346.28 • Clerk's overtime (Bluebird Project) £186.56 • HMRC £133.21 • EON – Bridge Toilets (by direct debit) £16.66 • Stephen Airey £326.00 • CALC Course (Clerk's Forum) £5.00 • Atom Fireworks £900.00	
343/2016	Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:- • CALC – Changes to the CALC constitution; Neighbourhood Planning; LDNP Partnership and Parish Forum Meeting; September Circular; CALC Circular for October; Paperwork for Next District Association Meeting: Thursday 24th November from 7pm at the Gilpin Bridge Inn; AGM Invite • LDNPA – Parish infrastructure survey; Lake District National Park Housing SPD consultation; Footpaths and Bridleways in Grizedale Forest, Broughton Moor, Whinlatter Forest and Wythop Woods; Coniston Records Week 2017 • LAP - High Furness LAP meeting: 19 October Request for Agenda items • Hawkshead Parish Council – Draft Minutes of 20/09/16 • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 7 th September, agenda 5 th October • Torver Parish Council – minutes 12 th September, agenda 6 th October	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blawith & Subberthwaite – minutes 5th September, agenda 10th October • Environment Agency – Community event - 28th September, Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith • Grizedale Stages Rally – 26th November • YHA Coniston Holly How & Coppermines – Indoor painting project <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Lakeland District Council agenda 22 September 2016 	
344/2016	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 21st November 2016 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)