

## 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> August 2017

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

**In attendance:** Charlotte Hall (South Cumbria Rivers Trust / Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership), Carol Last (Cumbria County Council), PCSO E Forrester, County Cllr M Brereton and 4 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
246/2017	<p><b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Troughton.</p>	
247/2017	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.</p>	
248/2017	<p><b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
249/2017	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
250/2017	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester reported that there have been no crimes since last meeting. There has been a repeat of anti-social behaviour with the misuse of guest hot-tubs behind the Coppermines office by non-guests. There are also rumours of an increase in drugs in Coniston. If anyone has any information on these please contact PCSO 5319 Forrester on 101 or e-mail: Emma.Forrester@cumbria.police.uk and it will be dealt with in confidence, alternatively, Crimestoppers can be phoned on 0800 555 111.</p> <p>PCSO Forrester is going to be a Police Constable at the end of September and Coniston will have a new PCSO. Cllrs thanked PCSO Forrester for her work in Coniston and her friendly approachable manner. Formal thanks will be sent to her Sergeant, Rupert Johnston.</p> <p>PCSO Forrester confirmed that a police patrol did speak to the organisers of the Montane Lakeland 50/100 due to noise complaints that weekend.</p> <p>Carol Last – Cumbria County Council re VC Commemorative Paving Stone - James</p>	

Hewitt

Mrs Last explained that she is part of the Community Development Team and assisted Pennington Parish Council when they received its VC plaque last year. Coniston is the only other parish in South Lakeland to be receiving one, on behalf of James Hewitt, who was awarded the VC on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1918. Mrs Last explained the whole community needed to be engaged with to decide the most appropriate place for a plaque and if an event would happen celebrate it.

Cllrs are interested in taking this forward and a sub-committee will be formed.

Charlotte Hall – South Cumbria Rivers Trust and Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership

Ms Hall explained that in May the project was successful in receiving £950,000 worth of funding through Heritage Lottery to be spent in the catchment. This will include work on physical habitat improvements, water course fencing, uncovering becks, improving habitats in rivers, more variation and restoring reed beds on Coniston water. The community, including schools and outdoor education centres, will be engaged to understand what is being done and why. There are 35 different activities lined up and the main issue is Coniston water is becoming more nutrient rich which has resulted in blue green algae at Coniston Boating Centre. Work needs to be done on ensuring people understand septic tanks and the best products to use to improve water quality.

Representative from Cumbria County Council Highways Department

No representative in attendance.

County Councillor – Matt Brereton

County Cllr Brereton explained he is hearing dissatisfaction from other Parish Councils as well about Highways. He is waiting for answers from Highways on issues in relation to our Parish. There was a large budget overspend last year and this year has had to reflect that which is why there has been a reduction in highways work carried out.

Cllrs reported problems with the website in reporting highways issues and in re-reporting them when required.

County Cllr Brereton was keen for issues to be reported to him and in particular if we have been told a problem has been fixed when it has not.

District Councillor – Anne Hall

District Cllr Hall had nothing to report this month.

Cllr attending the Coniston Sports & Social Centre AGM

Cllr Coward attended the AGM. The Parish Council were thanked for their support with the annual village fireworks display.

Public Participation

At the playground on Lake Road there is a hole in the ground by the entrance with the small gate. It is noted that adults are using the play equipment and one piece of equipment has been removed.

<p><b>251/2017</b></p>	<p><b>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan &amp; obtaining resilience equipment</u> The shed is now in place with equipment. A meeting will take place of local interested parties on setting up a network to distribute the equipment when required and this will be communicated to the village through the Parish Newsletter.</p> <p><u>To update on the work to be carried out on the streetlight at Cat Bank</u> No update.</p> <p><u>To update on the donation box and signage at the playground</u> The donation box is in place and the signage has been ordered.</p> <p><u>To receive update from National Trust following their attendance at the June Coniston Parish Council Meeting</u> The Commons Consent has been received for the Greenburn Hydro Project so works are now underway. Updates at: <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sticklebarn-and-the-langdales/projects/greenburn-hydro-project">www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sticklebarn-and-the-langdales/projects/greenburn-hydro-project</a>. Information on ‘Looking after the Lakes’ work is at <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/our-principles-for-looking-after-the-lakes">www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/our-principles-for-looking-after-the-lakes</a></p> <p><u>To agree to requesting the report done on the noise levels of the church bells / chimes by South Lakeland District Council through a Freedom of Information Request</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed the Parish Council will not request this information.</p>	
<p><b>252/2017</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>7/2017/5183 - National Trust Ticket Office, Lake Road, Coniston - Ticket office/visitor reception hub <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs object to the application due to the obstruction of the iconic view of the lake, the location being beyond the building line, the high flood risk, visual appearance and out of proportion.</p> <p>7/2017/5366 – John Ruskin School, Lake Road, Coniston - Erection of single storey infill extension to south elevation of existing school building. Replacement &amp; renewal of existing glazed screens &amp; windows to elevations of school buildings. Associated works to create level access to existing door openings to school buildings &amp; proposed external ramp to sports area <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs support the application.</p>	
<p><b>253/2017</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:- 7/2017/5227 – Hollin Bank Farm – Conversion of redundant two storey barn into a residential property for use either as a holiday let to supplement the farm income or for a home for a local resident</p>	

254/2017	<p><b>Montane Event 29/30 July</b> There have been several reports of noise especially from cow bells and the inappropriate attitude of spectators during the evening and throughout the night of the weekend of this event.</p> <p>Cllrs do not want the event to stop and gave suggestions about how to improve the event for future. The organisers contacted the Parish Council about the noise concerns.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs believe the issues that occurred this year can be fixed and will work with the event organisers before next year's event.</p>	
255/2017	<p><b>Playground</b> One piece of playground equipment has been removed as it was loose. Remedial work will be carried out along with anything else required after the playground inspection report is received which is due shortly.</p>	
256/2017	<p><b>Highways Issues</b></p> <p><u>To update on the Lengthsman Agreement with Cumbria County Council</u> An update is not expected from Highways until the end of September.</p> <p><u>To update on reducing speeding at Haws Bank and The Garth</u> It has been noted that there is no 'entrance' sign for the car park on Ruskin Avenue and vehicle drive past and down to The Garth looking for spaces. There was a sign for 'no unauthorised vehicles' at the top of Ruskin Avenue / The Garth that was knocked down and has not been replaced.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> It was noted that any work cannot be carried out on highways until the Parish Council has a Lengthsman Agreement in place with the Highways Department. In the meantime investigations can be carried out and landowners asked to carry out if appropriate.</p>	
257/2017	<p><b>Coniston Parish Councillor Vacancy</b> <u>To confirm the resignation of Cllr Jeff Hart</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs accepted the resignation of Cllr Hart.</p> <p><u>To confirm there have been no requests to South Lakeland District Council for the vacancy to be filled by election</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk confirmed that there were no requests for an election received by SLDC and the post can be filled by co-option.</p> <p><u>To commence advertising the Parish Councillor vacancy with applications to be considered at the next meeting</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk will commence advertising for a new Councillor with applications to be discussed at the next meeting in September.</p>	
258/2017	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b> The Black Bull would like to replace the telephone box on their land with a</p>	

	<p>traditional red telephone box and wondered who to contact.</p> <p>The development at St Andrews Centre is delayed until February due to restricted access and electricity. There has been concerns about the height of the building and the state of the private lane due to the building works.</p> <p>It was questioned if the planting of leylandii was legal or not.</p> <p>There is land on Old Furness Road that is owned by the British Railways Board that requires the vegetation cutting back.</p> <p>The vegetation from the cliff face on Old Furness Road is growing onto Devonshire Terrace and needs cutting back.</p> <p>The tree at Campbell Memorial requires cutting back.</p> <p>One of the windows in the Bridge Toilet has been broken.</p> <p>It was noted that signs on the Church Bridge in Coniston are not to be there for more than 28 days.</p> <p>The primary school did a competition for posters about dog fouling and these are now displayed around the village.</p> <p>The Montane 50/100 event donated 4 pallets of food to the food bank at the Co-op to be distributed to the elderly people of the village.</p> <p>It was questioned how the shop front grant money has been spent.</p>																					
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261/2017	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALC – July_August CALC Newsletter; Paperwork for Next Meeting of South Lakeland District Association of Parish Councils - Thursday 21st September; LDNPA Business Plan - April 2017 to March 2020; Friday round up and new Developing your skills programme; Cumbria Constabulary Public Consultation Survey; £350 sponsored (free) places at Low Carbon Britain event Nov 2017</li> <li>• SLDC - BT phone box adoption; Letter from the Solicitor to the Council on behalf of the Independent Remuneration Panel; Community-Led Housing Introduction; Cyber Proficiency Training</li> <li>• Cumbria County Council - Living well with dementia talks around Cumbria; FEEDBACK REQUIRED - Cumbria Design Guide</li> <li>• Lakes Parish Council – minutes 12<sup>th</sup> July, agenda 9<sup>th</sup> August</li> <li>• Cumbria CVS - South Lakeland Community News e-bulletin 01/08/2017; Data Protection Course; Fire Marshalling Training</li> <li>• Cumbria Way Ultra – 16 &amp; 17 September</li> <li>• Coniston Institute - Welcome dinner for visiting Korean Craft Masters</li> <li>• Torver Parish Council – agenda 24 August 2017</li> <li>• Environment Agency - Cumbria County Council Community Recovery Update; Digital flood information service - can you help?</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following correspondence received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tim Farron MP Summer Surgery Tour 2017</li> </ul>	
262/2017	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 6pm (to be confirmed)</li> <li>• Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 7pm</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)