

## Coniston Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

**In attendance:** 5 members of the public, Marc Laithwaite & Terry Gilpin from Lakeland 50/100 and Graham Nicholson from South Lakeland District Council

Minute Number		Action By
292/2017	<p><b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Coward and Troughton.</p>	
293/2017	<p><b>Co-option of New Councillor</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Mr A Thompson was welcomed as a co-opted Councillor and signed the Declarations of Acceptance of Office. The Registration of Financial and other Interests forms was passed to him to complete and a Code of Conduct has already been e-mailed.</p>	
294/2017	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.</p>	
295/2017	<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>	
296/2017	<p><b>Minutes of Meetings 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
297/2017	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>Police</u> The new PCSO, Debbie Ross, set an e-mail with a report. Since the last meeting there have been 6 calls for service in Coniston with no crimes reported. There were two separate calls received about youths sheltering in out-buildings, no damage was caused and they moved on when requested. There were also 2 road related incidents, 1 incident of ASB and 1 mountain rescue.</p> <p><u>Montane / Lakeland 50 /100</u> Cllr Carroll explained that Coniston welcomes organisations holding events to the village, however, at the Montane Lakeland event in July there were issues of noise especially after 11.30 and the closure of Lake Road with no notice. The Parish</p>	

Council would like to work with the event organisers to limit the repeat of this.

Mr Laithwaite, one of the event organisers, explained the background of the event which has been running for 10 years and started with 30 – 40 participants but now has 1,200 participants. It is a 100-mile event and participants do finish at various times throughout the night and spectators like to encourage them for the last part of the race through the village. However, the event organisers do put in their literature that the welcome should commence at John Ruskin School.

This year there were issues with spectators and well-wishers situated by Hills Garage, St Martins Court and down Lake Road making lots of noise and inappropriate attitude when requested to be quiet.

After discussion the Event Organisers have agreed next year to additional marshals patrolling throughout the centre of the village and signs up requesting spectators to be quiet after a certain time along with more advertisement of the event prior to the date. Cllrs suggested an alternative route of down Shepherds Bridge Lane to Pier Cottage if there are still noise problems after next year. Letters will be put through the doors of local residents with details of the children's' race where vehicles are restricted on using Lake Road.

Mr Gilpin and Mr Laithwaite explained that they are aware they do not publicise well what happens to the money raised from the event. Much of the money goes towards footpath repairs, walling, bridge repairs, Mountain Rescue Team and other local groups e.g. children's football teams. They are happy to put money back into the areas the event covers and are willing to donate towards Coniston Amenities Fund.

Representative from Cumbria County Council Highways Department

No apologies received.

District Councillor – Anne Hall

Cllr Hall did not attend the full Council meeting and instead attended the John Ruskin School Awards evening.

County Councillor – Matt Brereton

Not in attendance.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

The new Church Rooms Field scheme has now been allocated to the housing association that put in the highest bid. The St Andrews scheme is running about a month late and the dwellings should be ready for occupation by the end of January.

Cllr attending the Coniston Water Association Meeting

Cllr Troughton attended the Coniston Water Association meeting. Pollution and rubbish were raised as a concern. If anyone does collect rubbish it can be left in a good place and when contacted the LDNPA Ranger Team (tel: 0844 255 2922) will collect bags of rubbish. The Ranger Team is working with the new PCSO Debbie Ross on illegal camping and if anyone sees it it can be reported to the Ranger Team. Records week is 30<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

	<p><u>Public Participation</u> No comments from the public.</p>	
298/2017	<p><b>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan</u> Cllr Carroll explained there are ‘dry sandbags’ in resilience store behind MRT base.</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 event in relation to the VC plaque for James Hewitson</u> Cllr Hall explained she attended a very positive and productive meeting with Carol Last from Cumbria County Council. If Coniston Parish Council could support the event financially there may be access to other funding.</p> <p><u>To receive update from Dave McGowan, Head of Development Management, Lake District National Park Authority following his attendance at the July meeting</u> Mr McGowan has reminded his support team to send out copies of the report when the views of the Parish Council differ to that of LDNPA, requested his team to encourage applicants to involve Parish Councils at an early stage, passed on our concerns about breaches of planning control, spoken to Steve Ratcliffe about if the national legal change regarding change of use from permanent homes can be pursued again.</p> <p><u>To receive suggestions for redeveloping the Campbell Memorial area</u> Graham Nicholson Arboricultural Officer from South Lakeland District Council explained about the two trees at the Campbell Memorial site. The chestnut is diseased with crown dieback now significant, and the Oak trees roots are starting to damage the stonework of the Campbell memorial. The trees were surveyed earlier this year.</p> <p>Various suggestions for the area were put forward.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The two trees are to be removed and the bench (provided by Coniston in Bloom and Gina Campbell) around the chestnut tree and the stonework is to be relocated in the Coniston TIC garden (providing permission is given from Lake District National Park Authority). The area will then be left and a decision taken at a later date on what to do.</p>	
299/2017	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>7/2017/5622 - 8, Beck Yeat, Coniston - Two storey rear extension and alterations to front elevation <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs have no objections.</p>	
300/2017	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grants of Planning Permission:-</p>	

<p><b>301/2017</b></p>	<p>7/2017/5421 – Heathwaite, Coniston – proposed works involve the installation of 1 x 12 m High replica telegraph pole: 2 x Antennas (within GRP shroud); 1 x Transmission Dishes (600mm); 2 x Equipment Cabinet (1 x Blenheim &amp; 1 x Link AC); Associated ancillary equipment</p> <p>7/2017/5224 – Recreation Ground, Yewdale Road, Coniston – Erection of replacement cricket pavilion</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development: 7/2017/5404 – Electricity sub station, High Dixon Ground, Coniston – construction of 15m monopole with associated antennas housed on concrete base</p>	
<p><b>302/2017</b></p>	<p><b>Coniston Parish Plan</b></p> <p><u>To update on the Lengthsman Agreement with Cumbria County Council</u> Despite being told an update would be provided by the end of September no further communication has been received from Cumbria County Council.</p> <p><u>To update on reducing speeding at Haws Bank and The Garth</u> A site meeting has taken place about additional signage for The Garth.</p> <p><u>To review the work required to tidy up highways in Coniston and agree who can carry out tasks in the absence of a Lengthsman Agreement</u> Deferred.</p> <p><u>To receive a report following a site visit about signage with Cumbria County Council</u> Cllrs Carroll and Swyer and the Clerk met with two Cumbria County employees from the Highways Department about improving signage in the village. At Collingwood Close a quote will be provided for ‘Residents Parking’ sign and at Old Furness Road they will look to move the current ‘Residents Parking’ sign to a more prominent position. The signage at The Garth was looked at, there are already three ‘Residents Parking’ signs. The replacement of worn the ‘No Vehicles except for access’ will be costed and also the full replacement of the post and sign at the other side of the road. A residents only parking scheme would require a Traffic Regulation Order at a cost of £6,000.00. Signage at The Banks will be suggested and costed to prevent inappropriately sized vehicles accessing these roads.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> Letters were sent to the businesses on Yewdale Road asking them to ensure their drains are clear, one reply has been received.</p> <p>A local Contractor has quoted £180.00 plus VAT for carrying out work on Shepherds Bridge Lane and £70 plus VAT for work at Far End.</p> <p>On Lake Road where there is a double gate and footpath leading to Coniston Hall the LDNPA have arrange ‘No Parking’ signs to ensure the gate to the field is not blocked by inappropriate parking.</p>	

	<p>The overgrown vegetation on Devonshire Terrace from the cliff face on Old Furness Road has been looked at by LDNPA. The Japanese Knotweed has been sprayed and Contractors will monitor it. As the vegetation is not causing a hazard or blockage to the road at present work will not be carried out until the cliff face is cleared.</p> <p>The LDNPA has cleared the footpath from the car park on Old Furness Road onto Devonshire Terrace of vegetation and replaced the handrail.</p> <p>Home Housing are obtaining quotes for clearing the wall at Brow Steps below Old Furness Road. They are also requesting Contractors to clear the area of land between 22 Old Furness Road and the Brow Steps footpath.</p>									
<b>303/2017</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b></p> <p>A letter is to be sent to John Ruskin School congratulating them on the recent awards evening.</p> <p>A meeting is being arranged between officers from LDNPA and SLDC and the Bluebird Event Group to discuss a way forward.</p> <p>The work Highways did on the drains last year on The Banks has worked well.</p> <p>There is water overflowing from a pond at High Dixon Ground down Walna Scar Road causing issues.</p>									
	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p>									
<b>304/2017</b>	<p><u>To consider and agree grant applications funding (total allocation £2,000.00)</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed to allocated £500.00 to the VC event but deferred making a decision on the remaining applications until the next meeting.</p>									
<b>305/2017</b>	<p><u>To note the financial summary from April to September 2017</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the financial summary.</p>									
<b>306/2017</b>	<p><u>To discuss priorities for the precept for 2018/19</u>  Deferred.</p>									
<b>307/2017</b>	<p><u>Receipts</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following receipts: -</p> <table> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets</td> <td>£130.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets</td> <td>£57.76</td> </tr> </table>	Bridge Toilets	£130.34	Bridge Toilets	£57.76					
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309/2017	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALC – Events that might be useful for parish councils; LDNPA Parish Forum 10th October; Your invitation to shape Cumbria's water and wastewater services; Friday round up; Parish Forum meeting Ambleside 10th October; CALC AGM Carlisle Race Course 2017; Friday round up; Paperwork for Next District Association Meeting - Thursday 30th November, from 7pm at the Gilpin Bridge Inn</li> <li>• LDNPA – Coniston Water Association Meeting 5 October 2017; Environmental Workshop - Hawkshead</li> <li>• Lakes Parish Council – Minutes 6<sup>th</sup> September, Agenda 4<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• Blawith &amp; Subberthwaite Parish Council – minutes 11<sup>th</sup> September, agenda 9<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• Cumbria CVS - Cumbria Green Build Festival - New events added!; Cumbria CVS AGM; South Lakeland Community News; Next week - Large South Cumbria Volunteering Fair, Wednesday 4 October 2017, The Forum, Barrow;</li> <li>• SLDC - South Lakeland District Council Agenda for Meeting on 12 October 2017</li> <li>• Torver Parish Council – minutes 7<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• Coniston Institute - Coniston Copper Workshops – repousse</li> <li>• 50th OMM - Lake District - 28/29 Oct 17</li> <li>• National Trust – Tarn Hows</li> <li>• Royal Air Force Centenary Celebrations</li> <li>• Environment Agency - Important - New telephone number for our flooding incident room, Penrith</li> <li>• Grizedale Stages Rally 2017 - Saturday 2nd December</li> <li>• Cumbria CVS - South Volunteer Vacancies</li> </ul>	
310/2017	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 6.30pm to discuss amendments to planning application 7/2017/5535 proposed car park only (TBC)</li> <li>• Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 7pm</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)