

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 16th April 2018

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

In attendance: 2 members of the public, County Cllr M Brereton and Carol Last – Community Development Officer, Cumbria County Council

Minute Number		Action By
167/2018	Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Troughton.	
168/2018	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
169/2018	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum. Cllr Hall as a member of the VC event group.	
170/2018	Minutes of Meetings 19th March 2018 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 19 th March 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
171/2018	Public Participation <u>PCSO D Ross</u> PCSO Ross sent her apologies and a report by e-mail. There have been 8 calls for service in the Coniston area since the last meeting:- a sheep killed by apparently stray dogs, report of insecure premises, drug possession offence, 2 concerns for welfare, a missing person, theft of mobile phone & wallet from campsite and a non-dwelling burglary of a local hotel broken into overnight and cash stolen. The next Police desk is on Wednesday 16 th May at Coniston Library for 10am – 12 noon. <u>Carol Last, Community Development Officer, Cumbria County Council – Tour of Britain Cycle Race</u> Ms Last explained the Tour of Britain Cycle Race will be passing through the area on 7 th September. She would like to encourage Parishes to get behind the tour and encourage businesses and the community to get into the spirit. The route will be confirmed in May, along with numbers taking part, but at the moment it is Barrow – Ulverston – Greenodd – Penny Bridge – Lowick – Torver – Coniston – Hawkshead – Ambleside – Grasmere – Keswick. The route on the west of	

Coniston Water would be used as the route, rather than the East of the lake road. The event will be televised from start to finish. It is up to the community as a whole what they wish to do. Other communities that have had the tour pass through have had yellow bikes on display. Suggestions of community ideas include bike ability – bike maintenance classes in the lead up to it and having the Campbell Memorial as the centre of the event for Coniston.

There is a Ladies in the Lakes Sportive event on 16th September which could be linked in.

Councillors will discuss this next month with a view to setting up a working group to take this forward along with Coniston Business Forum.

County Councillor – Matt Brereton

County Cllr Brereton reported there is work going on this evening in Coniston to repair the road from the top of Lake Road to the Doctors Surgery with evening closures all week.

At the highways and transportation meeting he attended more action has been promised on roads. There is no update on lengthsmen agreements which were not even mentioned at the meeting.

He suggested we revisit our highways priorities and send him a list of our top 5 issues. He noted we have a site visit with Victoria Upton from highways on 10th May about the stretch from Adams Bridge to Haws Bank.

He has asked for the programme of clearing drains and maintenance schedule of highways and will forward them when he receives them.

Cllrs thanked County Cllr Brereton for his attendance and assistance.

District Councillor – Anne Hall

District Cllr Hall explained she has a difficult decision to make at a meeting on Friday when there will be a vote by District Councillors to decide if the town centre of Ulverston should be pedestrian only.

Coniston & Torver Community Land & Trust

Alastair Cameron sent a report by e-mail with his apologies.

Church Fields – There is now some movement on the development of 7 affordable homes to rent on this site.

Land Allocation – The revised LDNPA Local Plan will be issued shortly and it will need to be checked for land allocation for housing in Coniston.

Governance of CLT – The CLT is a Community Interest Company, however, new government provisions will allow a community housing trust to apply for finance without having to become a CLT. Alastair is now looking at reverting to a Housing Trust. Currently the CLT members are Anne Hall, Heather Troughton, Katie Troughton, Hugh Cameron, Alastair Cameron, Mairi Lock (LDNPA) and Megan Henderson (formerly SLDC).

Cumbria Choice – There have been some changes to the Choice Based Letting organisation in Cumbria (Cumbria Choice). It is important that anyone looking for

	<p>affordable homes is registered.</p> <p><i>Workload</i> – Alastair suggests that due to Coniston’s extreme success in proving affordable homes for village families and people this should be communicated through national papers to give information to other communities.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> No comments received.</p>	
172/2018	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on the event in relation to the VC plaque for James Hewitson</u> Cllr Hall explained all is in place for the event next Thursday. In the evening there will be poppies projected onto the church and the last post played at sunset, 8.45pm, as a reflection.</p> <p>Cllrs congratulated Cllr Hall on the fantastic work she has done in organising the event.</p> <p><u>To report on the Great British Spring Clean</u> The spring clean planned for 14th and 15th April was cancelled. It was suggested linking in with the clean planned by the YHA at Far End this Sunday 22nd and encouraging people to do a litter pick as and when they are able to.</p> <p><u>To update on repairs required to the street lights on Days Bank</u> An e-mail has been received from the Contractor about the street light currently not working on Days Bank and Brow Steps path RESOLVED: Cllr Carroll will contact the Contractor for further information.</p> <p><u>To receive the reply from Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department on concerns raised over planning matters</u> Councillors found the response from Steve Ratcliffe, Director of Sustainable Development LDNPA, frustrating. RESOLVED: Clerk to respond with Councillors concerns over decisions made by LDNPA planners in relation to certain planning applications and to invite Steve Ratcliffe to a future meeting for further discussion.</p>	
173/2018	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2018/5149 - Parrock Quarry, Hodge Close, Smithy Brow, Coniston - A 5 year temporary permission for the removal of 2700 cubic metres of building stone from part of the existing spoil heap not in accordance with condition nos 2 and 4 previously attached to planning approval reference 7/2014/5796: relating to numbers of vehicles leaving the site daily and removal of need to have rubber lining to bed of the trailer RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections. However, they would like a condition to be considered that erosion and damage to the banking is repaired and no further erosion takes place.</p>	
174/2018	<p>Highways</p> <p><u>To review the work required to tidy up highways in Coniston and agree who can</u></p>	

	<p><u>carry out tasks in the absence of a Lengthsman Agreement</u></p> <p>Cllr Swyer has not yet heard from the Contractor with a quote but will chase again.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> The blocked drains on Hawkshead Hill are causing flooding issues.</p> <p>The poor road surface at Sunny Bank, Torver was reported and it was noted work will be done by highways in the next few weeks.</p> <p>There was discussion about cars parking on Shepherds Bridge Lane causing the verges to become mud. It was suggested asking for a feasibility study from highways as to solutions and to ensure that buses and cars can pass on the lane.</p> <p>The Clerk has chased highways for an update on the road signs for Collingwood Close, Old Furness Road, The Garth & The Banks</p> <p>Cllrs agreed their top Highways Priorities:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adams Bridge to Ship Inn - narrow 2. Flooding – blocked drains 3. Potholes 4. Shepherds Bridge Lane 5. Verge maintenance and saplings 	
175/2018	<p>Nominating a Councillor to Attend District Association RESOLVED: Cllr Coward will attend the next meeting with a view to Cllrs attending on a rota basis.</p>	
176/2018	<p>General Data Protection Regulations Further information is awaited from CALC. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed not to go ahead with individual e-mails under the Parish Council domain name.</p>	
177/2018	<p>Institute & Museum Committee <u>To report on the presentation on the Institute & Museum</u> Last Monday 9th April there was a presentation from Adam Sutherland, Grizedale Arts and Vicky Slowe, Ruskin Museum in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute. Cllr Carroll then attend the Institute Committee meeting on Tuesday evening.</p> <p>Cllr Hall explained that it was recognised her as Chair, the Treasurer and Curator were of a “certain age” and consideration needed to be given as to the future management of the Institute and Museum. Grizedale Arts have done wonderful work in refurbishing the Institute and many people in the village are not aware of what work has been done. The village lunch, run by Grizedale Arts, has about 15 people attending but it is not growing. The current staff in the Museum are doing a fantastic job and encouraging local people to visit with quizzes for the children.</p> <p>Coniston Parish Council acts as Custodian Trustees of the building. The management committee run the Institute and Museum. The constitution allows for 21 members of the committee and 7 of these can be Parish Councillors or their</p>	

	<p>representatives. Until recently it was understood that only one representative from the Parish Council could attend the management committee meetings.</p> <p>Cllrs fully appreciate what the management committee do and would like everyone to work together to achieve the best for the village and Institute.</p> <p><u>To consider who to appoint as the 7 representatives for Coniston Parish Council on the Institute & Museum Committee</u></p> <p>All Parish Councillors should try to attend the Institute & Museum Committee meetings. Cllr Carroll will attend the next one. It was suggested having representatives from the younger generation for the committee. If an Institute & Museum Director was in place they could work with the Coniston Sports & Social Centre and other local venues to draw up a programme of events with something on every week. Educational links could be set up with schools and Grizedale Arts could be linked in.</p>	
<p>178/2018</p>	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>The Japanese Knotweed on the cliff face above Old Furness Road and below Devonshire Terrace is being dealt with.</p> <p>The scaffolding on the Brow Steps footpath was to clear the buddleia from the wall below Old Furness Road.</p> <p>Blocked drain at Days Bank at Sara Spicer – land drain blocked. The LDNPA have now cleared the blocked land drain.</p> <p>It has been suggested the clearing of some of the undergrowth along the side of Old Furness Road below the cliff face and making it hard standing could create more car parking spaces to alleviate the current pressure on spaces.</p> <p>A generator is currently being used to supply electricity to the mobile mast on the Walna Scar road.</p> <p>Work has been done on the track from Fell Gate to Windy Gap (Crowberry Hause) by LDNPA.</p> <p>It was suggested asking highways for a feasibility study of making Hawkshead Old Road one way – going in from the Meadowdore end and out past Church Field Close. There is a pothole behind The Crown that needs repairing.</p> <p>Cllrs Carroll and Swyer are looking at creating a Coniston Way leaflet with a high and low level route around the lake.</p> <p>The Police will be doing speed watch training on Saturday 28th April at 1pm and anyone interested should contact Cllr Coward.</p> <p>Coniston Carers have received a rating of “Good” on their recent CQC inspection.</p> <p>There is an issue with where bins should be placed for collection at St Andrews</p>	

	Close.	
	Financial Matters	
179/2018	<u>To note the financial summary from January to March 2018</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the financial summary.	
180/2018	<u>To note no payment due for the SLDC National Non-Domestic Rate Bill 2017/18 in respect of the Bridge Toilets</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted no payment is due.	
181/2018	<u>To confirm the Asset Register is correct</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs confirmed the Asset Register is correct.	
182/2018	<u>To appoint an Internal Auditor</u> RESOLVED: Clerk will contact last year's Internal Auditor about this year.	
183/2018	<u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary £329.56 • Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird) £28.30 • Clerk's Expenses £193.99 • HMRC £89.40 • Stephen Airey £236.00 • EON – street lighting £138.31 • Thomas Graham £51.49 • Thomas Graham £88.99 • Cumbria Association of Local Councils £70.00 • Coniston Mountain Rescue Team (room hire) £15.00 • Playdale Playgrounds Ltd £167.77 • Mr S Emmett (rocksalt) £34.32 	
184/2018	Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Planning Training events; Slimmed down GDPR Toolkit; Corrected version of Practitioners' Guide for 2018/19 and Schedule of Amendments - please delete my earlier message and attachments dated 19 March; Consultation: Review of Local Government Ethical Standards; Meet the Planners LDNPA/CALC event; GDPR Workshops 7th and 8th March; What Can We Do With World Heritage Status? - Discussion Event • LDNPA – Local Plan Review Land Allocations Call For Sites • Cumbria CVS - South Lakeland Community Newsletter 27/03/2018; The Right Structure For You; Cumbria CVS - South Lakes Volunteer Vacancies and next Volunteering Fair 6 June 2018 • SLDC - South Lakeland News – correction; Website Link to South Lakeland District Council Agenda for Meeting on 28 March 2018; News Release - Notice of election published; News Release - Deadline nears for election nominations; News Release - Candidates confirmed for local elections; News Release - Time running out to register to vote in local elections; News Release - Extra litter-picking teams on road verges; Website Link to SLDC Standards Committee Agenda - 17 April 2018 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torver Parish Council – minutes 8th March, agenda 5th April • Hawkshead Parish Council – minutes 20th February; agenda 20th March • Lakes Parish Council – agenda 28th March; minutes 28th March, minutes 7th March, agenda 11th April • Blawith & Subberthwaite – minutes 12th March; agenda 16th April • Pure Outdoor Events - Trail running event • Eden Housing Association - Opening of St Andrew's Close, Coniston • Claife Parish Council - change of contact details • Lakeland Trails Marathon in Coniston 2018 – 3rd June 	
185/2018	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 21st May 2018 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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Date

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)