

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 18th June 2018

Present: Cllr T Coward (Chair)
Cllrs – J R Carroll, A Hall, H Troughton and A Thompson
Clerk – J C Carroll

In attendance: Mr P Blackburn – Headteacher John Ruskin School

Minute Number		Action By
220/2018	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Batty (work commitments) and Swyer (charity event).</p>	
221/2018	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
222/2018	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
223/2018	<p>Minutes of Meeting 21st May 2018 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st May 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
224/2018	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>PCSO D Ross</u> PCSO Ross sent her apologies with a report. Since the last meeting there have been 15 calls for service:- 4 concerns for safety 2 of which resulted in Mountain Rescues; 2 incidences of Anti-Social Behaviour – both noise complaints; 2 Missing Persons – both returned before search commenced; 3 Animal Welfare concerns involving dogs; 3 Road Traffic Collisions and 1 Domestic Assault – Crime recorded and suspect arrested. The date for next Police Desk at Coniston Library is Wednesday 18th July 2018 from 10am – 12 noon. PCSO Ross is now sharing the facilities at Coniston Fire Station and uses it as a Community Policing base when in the area.</p> <p><u>Mr P Blackburn – Headteacher of John Ruskin School re federation of two schools</u> Mr Blackburn explained the background to the federation which started over 2 years ago, a longer process than anticipated. The federation will include the two schools in Coniston – Coniston CE Primary School and John Ruskin School. It will have a huge advantage for governors. There will be the opportunity for staff to work between the two schools. On a day-to-day basis there will be no difference but longer term it will provide for a more resilient organisation. John Ruskin School has a unique selling point in that it is small and there is a natural</p>	

transition from small primary schools to small secondary schools. The new year 7 intake in September is currently expected to be 45 students.

Councillors thanked Mr Blackburn for attending.

Councillors agreed they are in full support of the federation, which supports the transition from primary to secondary and it is very positive to strengthen links between the two schools.

Mr Blackburn was informed of the Tour of Britain coming through Coniston on 7th September, the Remembrance Days silhouettes with a suggestion on involving students in an oral history project. He was also reminded that applications are now open for the Lakeland 100 Coniston Community Fund.

The Coniston Copper Project has been a very positive experience for the schools in the village.

County Councillor – Matt Brereton

County Cllr Brereton sent his apologies with an e-mail update. He noted that Cllr Carroll will be having a meeting with Highways about lengthsmen. He will continue to remind Highways about a scheme for the Ship Inn to Adams Bridge project. A reminder about the Tour of Britain event and to maximise the opportunity ensuring that all businesses and community organisations are aware with the suggestion of getting a local cycling business to run some basic cycle maintenance courses.

County Cllr Brereton notes that no work was carried out last year on the verges, saplings, sightlines or weed spraying and suggests we work with our local steward to get this done.

He also suggests organising a litter pick, e.g.

<https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/Event/great-cumbrian-litter-pick-18> and SLDC should be able to support. It is worth documenting the amount and type of litter collected to see if there is a particular local source.

He notes that the X112 like many rural bus routes continues to be under threat. He suggests encouraging the take-up of the A2B card for young people, entitling them to subsidised travel outside of term times - www.cumbria.gov.uk/a2bnow

District Councillor – Anne Hall / Tracy Coward / Matt Brereton

Nothing currently to report.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

Alastair Cameron sent his apologies with an e-mail update. He has been working with LDNPA Planning Department on the local occupancy conditions for the new scheme at Oak Howe. The LDNPA Planning Officer who was assigned to Coniston, Mairi Lock has now taken on a new role in relation to the World Heritage Status and another Planner, Jackie Ratcliffe will be Coniston's Planning Officer.

	<p>Work should commence on the new affordable homes for rent by Castles & Coast Housing Association at Church Room Field in September.</p> <p>There has been work at the Coppermines on the repair on the fabric of buildings and this is almost complete. Councillors were unaware of this and will ask for further information.</p> <p><u>Cllr attending the Institute Committee meeting</u> Cllr Carroll reported it was good productive meeting. The financial reporting continues to become clearer and more transparent but there do appear to be some ongoing issues in this regard. The current constitution is being reviewed.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> No public.</p>	
225/2018	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To report on progress of Coniston’s events for the Tour of Britain in September Cycle Race</u> Cllr Carroll has had a meeting with the Chair of the Coniston Business Forum who will be calling a meeting of the Forum to get ideas together. Cllr Coward has spoken to the primary school who are planning events. Cumbria County Council may be able to get hold of old bikes that can be painted. Other suggestions include purchasing bunting and a musical band at the Campbell Memorial. RESOLVED: A representative from the Parish Council would like to attend the Coniston Business Forum meeting and a donation will be made to support the event.</p> <p><u>To update on repairs required to the street lights on Days Bank</u> Cllr Carroll reported the Contractor has sourced replacement units and aims to have the work completed by mid-July.</p> <p><u>To update on arranging a meeting with the Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department on concerns raised over planning matters</u> Clerk is awaiting a response. RESOLVED: In the meantime, the new LDNPA Planning Officer is to be invited to a future meeting.</p> <p><u>To receive a report on the current condition of the benches in Coniston</u> Cllr Coward has updated the previous report on the condition of the benches. Many need painting or re-staining and some have serious damage. RESOLVED: Cllr Coward will get a quote from a local Contractor to repair each of the benches with a view to then contacting the families to see if they will pay for the repairs. If not, there will be an option of replacing the bench or having it re-dedicated.</p> <p><u>To receive a draft policy for benches in Coniston</u> Cllr Coward will work on a policy that states new benches will be in place for 10 years and reviewed after that date.</p>	

<p>226/2018</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2018/5088 - Three Shire Stone, Wrynose Pass Summit - Removal of Three Shire Stone and replace with new stone RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>7/2018/5089 - Three Shire Stone, Wrynose Pass Summit - Removal of Three Shire Stone and replace with new stone RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>7/2018/5318 - Hills Garage, Coniston - Proposed new container RESOLVED: Cllrs object, they would prefer a more permanent solution that is aesthetically pleasing.</p>	
<p>227/2018</p>	<p>Highways</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> A local Contractor has carried out sapling work from Yewdale Bridge towards Waterhead and by Tilberthwaite road end, which has been very positive. It was noted more work needs doing from Glen Mary to Yew Tree Farm and at Yewdale Bridge towards Waterhead, Cllr Swyer is to be asked to contact the Contractor. Before and after pictures are to be put on social media.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll has been offered a meeting with Highways to discuss Lengthsman Agreements.</p> <p>At the CALC meeting attended by Cllr Coward Highways will be invited to a future meeting to discuss lengthsman.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> Cllr Troughton had been contacted by a concerned resident about the issues from the narrow road between the Ship Inn and Adams Bridge. The Parish Council are in contact with Highways to have signage or lining to improve the area for vehicles and pedestrians.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll reported that at Haws Bank where the parking bay is Highways will arrange for the white line to be reinstated as it was prior to resurfacing to give a full car space for parking.</p> <p>On the day of the Coniston to Barrow walk there were issues when coaches were trying to pass at the narrow part between Ship Inn and Adams Bridge. It was suggested traffic management would be helpful in future years.</p> <p>Coniston has been receiving visits from parking enforcement officers which is having mixed responses.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll is in the process of making a list of what single yellow lines are needed to be double and any new double yellow lines that are needed for Highways.</p>	

228/2018	<p>Lakeland Trail Marathon</p> <p>Reports were received from local residents of issues relating to the event held at Coniston Hall on 3rd June. In particular there were cars arriving from 5.30am and issues with local residents leaving their homes for appointments then receiving verbal abuse.</p> <p>RESOLVED: It will be suggested to the event organisers that consideration is given to local residents and traffic management put in place.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllr Troughton will look into event guidelines for the village which includes the requirement to send residents letters informing them of the event, reminding participants they are coming to a working village and removing all markers / notices afterwards.</p>	
229/2018	<p>Parish Walk</p> <p>Cllrs had a Parish Walk around the Campbell Memorial, The Garth and St Andrews Close.</p> <p>The following was noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The street name plate for Ruskin Avenue in the hedge of the car park needs repairing. • Two steel seats at the Campbell Memorial need removing. • There are loose slabs at the Campbell Memorial and metal stakes that need to be removed • There are trees starting to grow where the ones were removed at the Campbell Memorial. • The cash machine sign outside the Yewdale is being positioned so as to cause a hazard for people with wheelchairs. • Double yellow lines are needed where there are currently single ones on Ruskin Avenue. • There is an obvious lack of parking at The Garth. There have been previous attempts to deal with this but with no success. There is now the additional situation where there is a mixture of privately owned and rental houses. • The wood on the benches by the church needs replacing. 	
230/2018	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>It was noted more land by the Bluebird Café has been gravelled over, there is a new container by the Boating Centre and canoes are being left on the lake shore.</p> <p>The path to Waterhead has improved following recent work by LDNPA.</p> <p>There will be 10,000 leaflets produced following the Coniston Coppermines Project and more people are trained to do walks up the valley.</p> <p>The Council has been contacted about a tree adjoining the playground which requires cutting back but proof is awaited that it is the responsibility of the Council first.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll is going to the LAP Chairs meeting on 10th July and will raise how to control non-permanent residences in the area. The Cornwall Community Foundation set up a system where owners of non-permanent residences voluntarily donate a week's rental income for the benefit of the local area and it was suggested</p>	

	<p>this could be set up locally. Cllr Coward will get a quote for a Christmas tree stand at the Campbell Memorial and the Coniston Christmas Lights committee are asked to look into getting some lights to it.</p> <p>The land at Little Moss sold for £700.00 but it is not known who the new owner is.</p> <p>A litter pick will be planned in Coniston for the weekend of 7th and 8th July.</p>																									
231/2018	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>• Clerk’s Salary</td> <td>£365.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk’s Overtime (Bluebird & GDPR)</td> <td>£15.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• HMRC</td> <td>£95.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Stephen Airey</td> <td>£326.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• EON – street lighting</td> <td>£157.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• EON – Bridge Toilets</td> <td>£8.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Thomas Graham</td> <td>£85.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Peter Dixon (benches)</td> <td>£39.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Coniston Ground Care (work at playground)</td> <td>£168.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Water Plus (Bridge Toilets)</td> <td>£232.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Janice Johnston (spraying saplings)</td> <td>£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Andrew Ransome (cutting saplings)</td> <td>£740.00</td> </tr> </table>	• Clerk’s Salary	£365.16	• Clerk’s Overtime (Bluebird & GDPR)	£15.36	• HMRC	£95.20	• Stephen Airey	£326.00	• EON – street lighting	£157.19	• EON – Bridge Toilets	£8.61	• Thomas Graham	£85.79	• Peter Dixon (benches)	£39.85	• Coniston Ground Care (work at playground)	£168.00	• Water Plus (Bridge Toilets)	£232.69	• Janice Johnston (spraying saplings)	£150.00	• Andrew Ransome (cutting saplings)	£740.00	
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232/2018	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Local Plan Consultation; Further update on GDPR and Data Protection Bill; The Great Cumbrian Litter Pick; Supporting Vulnerable People during Emergencies; June edition of the CALC Newsletter • Cumbria CVS - South Funding Event; Social Media Training; South Lakeland Community Newsletter; South Funding Event • SLDC - Declaration of Interest Review • Torver Parish Council – minutes 3rd May, agenda 6th June • Hawkshead Parish Council – minutes 15th May, agenda 5th June; minutes 5th June • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 9th May, agenda 6th June • Blawith & Subberthwaite – minutes 14th May; agenda 11th June • Coniston Institute - Monday Village Lunch • John Ruskin School - Proposal for Federation • South Cumbria Rivers Trust - River Habitat Improvement Work Notifications 																									
233/2018	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 16th July 2018 7pm at the Reading Room, Coniston Institute 																									

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)