

## Coniston Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Library, Coniston on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**Present:** Cllr J R Carroll (Chair)  
Cllrs –D Coxon, A Hall and J Stoddart  
Clerk – J C Carroll

**In attendance:** Sergeant M Jacobs, Mr J Moffat (General Manager South Lakes – National Trust)  
Cumbria County Cllr D Fletcher and 1 member of the public

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| 47/2013       | <p><b>Apologies</b><br/><b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs Batty, Kelly and Tarr.</p>  |           |
| 48/2013       | <p><b>Requests for Dispensations</b><br/>No requests received.</p>  |           |
| 49/2013       | <p><b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b><br/>Cllr Carroll – matters relating to Clerk’s salary<br/>Cllr Coxon – matters relating to Lake District National Park Authority (including car park management &amp; Coniston Boating Centre), events and the Land Train<br/>Cllr Hall – declared an interest in matters relating to planning and will take no part in planning discussions<br/>All Councillors as Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</p> <p>The Chairman reminded Cllrs of the importance of declaring disclosable pecuniary interests and to ensure their forms available on the website are up-to-date and correct.</p>  |           |
| 50/2013       | <p><b>Minutes of Meeting 20 May 2013</b><br/><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 May 2013 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>   |           |
| 51/2013       | <p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>Police</u><br/>Sergeant Jacobs explained he understood there had been concerns raised at the last Parish Council meeting in relation to the Fred Whitton Challenge event and associated parking / obstruction issues. He explained the organisers of the Fred Whitton Challenge are working with the school and Police to improve the situation. The Police do not become involved in events which are commercial enterprises unless they are paid and this is the reason there were no cones out from Oak Howe round to Shepherds Bridge Lane. There are commercial traffic management companies that will arrange coning as necessary and work in accordance with the county council. If cones are not put in place by the Police or a traffic management company there are not enforceable. The organisers of the Fred Whitton are keen to make improvements for next year.</p> <p>A new PCSO, Emma Forrester will start at the end of July to cover Coniston &amp;</p> |           |

Hawkshead.

No crimes reported within the last month. It was noted there have been fake £20 found in circulation in the village.

Mr D Coxon, Operations Manager – Lake District National Park Authority

Mr Coxon explained last year was the worst for visitor numbers at Coniston Boating Centre since starting to record figures and there was a drop in income. Discussion took place about the impact of events on the area and the benefit they bring. It was noted event organisers are encouraged to register with Cumbria County Council and adhere to their Code of Conduct although this is voluntary.

**RESOLVED:** Cllrs agreed another events meeting would be helpful with the organisations that provide space for events.

Mr J Moffat, General Manager South Lakes – National Trust

Mr Moffat explained it had not been a good start to the year in terms of visitors and income but the recent improvement in the weather was turning this around. Tarn Howe has 2 Trampers that are available. Rangers are working on projects in Langdale around Blea Tarn with Windermere Reflections. Over the next 6 months they are working on maintaining access with Go Lakes on the west shore of Windermere.

There are 2 houses there will shortly be coming up for let at Tilberthwaite and Tarn Hows. Hoathwaite Farm and its future will be looked at in autumn. The criteria for housing eligibility are on the National Trust website.

Larch and Ash trees have various diseases affecting them and the National Trust will be pro-active about felling Larch over the next 3-5 years.

It was noted there is a problem with litter at the Dog Kennel Folly below Guards Wood. The walled garden at Monk Coniston was complimented. Concern was expressed about the future of the Gondola. Mr Moffat explained a lot of maintenance work has been undertaken over the winter and bad weather affects the service, but overall he felt that the service was relatively safe. It was suggested better signage for some of the footpaths and Mr Moffat will follow this up, along with the cutting of the hedge at the corner at the Head of the Lake.

Cumbria County Councillor

Congratulations were given to Mr Fletcher on his recent election to be Cumbria County Cllr.

Mr Fletcher reminded people any applications for school transport to be returned as soon as possible.

The recent Broadband announcements were decisions made around existing infrastructure and meant Coniston could have improved service in 2014/15.

The traffic calming measures between Adams Bridge and the Ship Inn proposed by Highways and accepted by the Parish Council will be put forward for funding next month.

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|         | <p>Cllr Fletcher will look into his members budget will a view to potentially funding some dropped kerbs required in the village and check if there are any other potential sources of funding.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u><br/>No comments received from members of the public.</p>  |  |
|         | <p><b>Update on On-going Issues &amp; Actions from Last Meeting</b></p>  |  |
| 52/2013 | <p><u>Verge Maintenance</u><br/>The wall above the path by Brow Steps has been sprayed. A local contractor is to carry out work on the Banks.</p>  |  |
| 53/2013 | <p><u>New Noticeboard</u><br/>This is now completed. It was questioned if the noticeboard is in the correct place and it was suggested contact is made directly with the contractor.</p>   |  |
| 54/2013 | <p><u>Remedial Work at Playground Entrance</u><br/>The work has been completed and an invoice is awaited for the gates.</p>  |  |
| 55/2013 | <p><u>Problem of Water on the road at Old Furness Road / Station Road and the Banks</u><br/>No update has been received.</p>   |  |
| 56/2013 | <p><u>Possible Landscaping at Dow How and Associated Costs</u><br/>Deferred until the next meeting.</p>  |  |
| 57/2013 | <p><u>Shop Front Improvement Scheme</u><br/>The remaining two businesses have completed the work and are awaiting invoices.</p>  |  |
| 58/2013 | <p><u>Additional Signage on Path to Waterhead with regards to dog muck</u><br/>Deferred until the next meeting.</p>  |  |
| 59/2013 | <p><u>Funding for Dropped Kerbs</u><br/>It was noted the Clerk is continuing to look into funding for these.</p>   |  |
| 60/2013 | <p><u>Litter pick week commencing 4 June 2013</u><br/>Cllr Stoddart reported this had been a success and next year it should be held a month earlier. Both schools assisted along with various members of the community.</p>   |  |
| 61/2013 | <p><u>Parish Walk on 1 May 2013</u><br/>The refurbishment of the Bridge Toilets will be looked at in October 2013. Cllr Coxon explained the LDNPA has recently spent money on the cliff face at Old Furness Road and will need to wait further funding to repair the wall at the top of Brow Steps and the wall near the Post Box on Old Furness Road. Work is still awaited by Home Housing on the steps and overgrown vegetation below Old Furness Road.</p> |  |
|         | <p><b>Planning Applications</b></p>  |  |
| 62/2013 | <p>7/2013/5258 Peasecroft, Silver Bank, Coniston - change of use of former wooden coach house into a low impact building for holiday use</p>   |  |

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| <p><b>63/2013</b></p> | <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to arrange a site visit.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:-<br/> 7/2013/5131 – 12 Yewdale Road, Coniston – change of use of dwelling house into shop with flat over including external staircase to rear and enlarged window on ground floor of front elevation.</p> <p>7/2013/5056 – 3 Low Yewdale Cottage, Coniston – install underground LPG storage tank within garden</p>  |  |
| <p><b>64/2013</b></p> | <p><b>Parish Plan</b><br/> <u>Village Diary &amp; Website</u><br/> It was agreed due to the difficulties encountered with the current company a different company will be contacted to get a new website for the Parish Council. It was requested to ensure the Parish Council own the domain name.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>65/2013</b></p> | <p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b><br/> The potential sites for businesses and housing were agreed but a different map showing more of Coniston was suggested.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>66/2013</b></p> | <p><b>Parking in Coniston</b><br/> Discussion took place about the amount of parking available in the village when there is an increase in need associated with events held and the possibility of temporary surface being hired to put on fields for guaranteed parking.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>67/2012</b></p> | <p><b>Councillors' Matters</b><br/> It was questioned about contractors not collecting the grass cut at The Garth and Campbell Memorial.<br/> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Hall to investigate.</p> <p>It was noted Cllr Carroll and the Clerk will attend the Planning Pow Wow meeting on Wednesday.</p> <p>Cllr Hall reported she attended a Housing Conference at Rheged and the film about Coniston was shown.</p> <p>Cllr Stoddart reported the Friends of the Lake District are not able to assist with putting the lines near Pier Cottage underground.</p> <p>The Highways department requested feedback on the Land Train run in Coniston and Cllrs agreed there were no issues with it.</p> <p>Cllr Hall reported the Development Worker for Coniston Institute has started work.</p> <p>There will be a display of some of the applications for a new cricket pavilion at Coniston at the end of June in Coniston Institute. This project has generated much interest from literally all over the world and a very high number of proposals has been received.</p> |  |

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| <p><b>68/2013</b></p> | <p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><u>Receipts</u><br/> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following receipts:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cumbria County Council £400.00<br/>(money towards Development Worker for the Institute)</li> <li>• Amenities Fund of Coniston Parish Council £1,134.29<br/>(money towards playground works)</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b>69/2013</b></p> | <p><u>Payments</u><br/> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs authorised the following payments:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EON - streetlights (by direct debit) £75.11</li> <li>• Clerk's Salary £308.00</li> <li>• HMRC £77.00</li> <li>• EON (Bridge Toilets) £6.55</li> <li>• Cumbria Rural Housing Trust £13.64<br/>(Housing Needs Survey postage)</li> <li>• Internal Auditor £50.00</li> <li>• Sam Clarke (noticeboard) £1,320.00</li> <li>• Jon Oldham (playground works) £1,361.51</li> <li>• Coniston Institute ( Development Worker) £400.00</li> <li>• Black Bull Inn &amp; Hotel £300.00<br/>(Shop Front Improvement Scheme)</li> <li>• Nicholson Outdoors £300.00<br/>(Shop Front Improvement Scheme)</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>70/2013</b></p> | <p><b>Correspondence</b><br/> Councillors noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter of thanks for shop front improvement scheme grant from Black Bull Inn &amp; Hotel</li> <li>- South Lakeland District Council agenda 22 May 2013</li> <li>- Lakeland Trails notice of event 5 October 2013</li> <li>- Lakeland Trails notice of event 7 July 2013</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>71/2013</b></p> | <p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 7pm</li> </ul>  |  |

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.