

## Coniston Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Library, Coniston on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013

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

**In attendance:** Sergeant Nolan, Cumbria County Councillor Fletcher and 1 member of the public

Minute Number		Action By
153/2013	<p><b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Kelly and Tarr.</p>	
154/2013	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.</p>	
155/2013	<p><b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> Cllr Carroll – matters relating to Clerk’s salary Cllr Coxon – matters relating to Lake District National Park Authority (including car park management &amp; Coniston Boating Centre), events and the Land Train Cllr Hall – declared an interest in matters relating to planning and will take no part in planning discussions All Councillors as Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</p>	
156/2013	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting 16 September 2013</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 September 2013 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
157/2013	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>Police Report</u> Sergeant Nolan reported there has been one crime in the area since the last meeting and 15 non-crime matters dealt with by the police.</p> <p>There have been 6 charity box thefts in the area over the last 3 weeks and the police have issued a photo and description of a suspect. PCSO Forrester is holding a Bicycle Marking and Crime Prevention Surgery on 30<sup>th</sup> October at Market Hall, Hawkshead. PCSO Forrester is setting up a Coniston &amp; Hawkshead Bar Watch Scheme and will be inviting all relevant premises to a joint meeting.</p> <p><u>County Councillor Report</u> County Cllr Fletcher explained the documents are going out for county budgets to be commented on. The traffic management work at Adams Bridge is due to be carried out shortly and will be weather dependent. Better Highways department are currently being restructured. The Chair explained there has been a lack of communication with the highways department when reporting issues and Cllr Stoddart explained the loading bay markings have still not been carried out beside the Co-operative.</p>	

	<p>Cllrs questioned if the gritting pilot at Hawkshead would be extended and rolled out to other areas. County Cllr Fletcher will investigate and provide clarity on how it works. It was also questioned if individuals could go to the Far End Council depot to collect grit when required to assist the Council with the gritting of roads in the area. County Cllr Fletcher will investigate and report back.</p> <p><u>Cllr attending meeting with Dave Robinson, Lake District National Park Authority in relation to improving signage for footpaths &amp; cycleways and cycle parking in Coniston</u> Cllr Stoddart has a meeting this week and if any Cllrs have any more suggestions to let him know.</p> <p><u>Cllr attending Water Users meeting</u> The minutes from the meeting will be circulated. The Chill Swim went well in September and likely to be held again next year. Records Week is from 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><u>Cllr attending High Furness Local Area Partnership meeting</u> Cllr Hall gave a brief overview of the meeting and the minutes will be circulated. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to contact Simon Blyth about the £82.00 underspend from the Housing Needs Survey.</p> <p><u>Cllrs attending the meeting on the future of Shepherds Bridge</u> Cllrs explained there was a meeting held recently to try to establish ownership of Shepherds Bridge and if any repairs were required, as there is concern over its condition. The Lake District National Park Authority is responsible for maintaining a footpath and has paid for a survey of the bridge, which has shown that there has been some deterioration in the structure. The bridge will be monitored, a weight limit applied and remedial work will look to be carried out on the collapsing wall.</p> <p><u>Cllrs attending the first meeting of Coniston Business Forum</u> 44 people attended the meeting, including South Lakeland District Council District Cllr and Portfolio Holder for Town Centre &amp; Small Business Giles Archibald and Steve Ratcliffe representing Lake District National Park Authority Business Task Force. It was noted the Chairman did an excellent job of chairing the meeting. A committee has now been formed.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> No issues raised.</p>	JCC
158/2013	<p><b>Future of Doctor’s Surgery in Coniston</b> It was noted the ‘Friends of Coniston Medical Practice’ has been formed and their grant application will be discussed later in the meeting.</p>	
159/2013	<p><b>Update on On-going Issues &amp; Actions from Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>Additional Signage on Path to Waterhead with regards to dog muck</u> The signs are now in place. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Additional signs to be purchased for Dow How and Brow Steps paths.</p>	LT

<p><b>160/2013</b></p> <p><b>161/2013</b></p> <p><b>162/2013</b></p> <p><b>163/2013</b></p> <p><b>164/2013</b></p> <p><b>165/2013</b></p>	<p><u>Progress on Proposed Extension to the Railway Line from Torver to Coniston</u> This is to be removed from the agenda whilst Cllr Coxon continues to investigate the possibility. It was suggested there may be funding available from South Lakeland District Council through the Locally Important Projects.</p> <p><u>Damage to wall at Devonshire Terrace</u> Cllr Coxon explained the Lake District National Park Authority and Cumbria Highways had a site meeting recently about this. The strength of the land has been weakened due to previous utility works. The top of the wall will be cleared next year, a survey carried out and repairs done as necessary between the two authorities.</p> <p><u>Superfast Broadband Project &amp; Broadband Champion for Coniston</u> A person has indicated their interest in being the Broadband Champion and an update will be provided for the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Progress of the Remedial Work required to the Play Equipment at the Playground and the Situation with the Tree at the Playground</u> Cllr Tarr has removed the balance beams from the playground and the dead tree is to be taken out.</p> <p><u>Work Requested at Yew Tree Tarn on the Cutting Back of the Vegetation</u> This will be carried out by the National Trust.</p> <p><u>Request to re-do the White Lines on the Edge of the Brow Steps</u> The Clerk has contacted Cumbria Highways but received no reply to date.</p>	
<p><b>166/2013</b></p> <p><b>167/2013</b></p> <p><b>168/2013</b></p> <p><b>169/2013</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>7/2013/5525 – 7 Beck Yeat, Coniston – rear extension and alterations to existing bathroom <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>7/2013/5555 – 2, 3 and 4 The Forge, Coniston – alterations and extensions <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>7/2013/5488 – 2 Low Beck, Coniston <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs support the application.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grants of Planning Permissions:- 7/2013/5345 – Nether beck, Haws Bank, Coniston – tantalized timber deck on the east elevation (retrospective)  7/2013/5312 – 12 Collingwood Close, Coniston – new dwelling including new vehicular access  7/2013/5258 – Peasecroft, Coniston – change of use of former wooden coach house into a low impact building for holiday use</p>	

<b>170/2013</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notice of Express Consent Subject to Conditions:- 7/2013/5404 – Tarn Hows car park, Coniston – erection of 5 non-illuminated signs	
<b>171/2013</b>	<b>Parish Plan</b> Deferred until the next meeting.	
<b>172/2013</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> To extend the consultation period until the end of November and hold another consultation event.	
<b>173/2013</b>	<b>Grit Bins</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Coxon to arrange for the new grit bins to be positioned at Tent Lodge Hill, Haws Bank bus shelter and Ruskin Avenue.	
<b>174/2013</b>	<b>Meeting Dates 2014</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> With the exception of January and July meetings which will be on the second Monday of the month all remaining meetings will be the third Monday of the month.	
<b>175/2013</b>	<b>Locally Important Projects Funding Programme 2013/14</b> Coniston Parish Council has received £1500 as 50% funding towards dropped kerbs from South Lakeland District Council's Locally Important Projects Funding Programme. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to contact Cumbria Highways about investigating potential dropped kerb by Barclays Bank.  Cllrs suggested applying again for funding towards refurbishing the Bridge Toilets. Cllr Coxon will provide an idea of cost and the implications if charging for toilets.	
<b>176/2013</b>	<b>Wind Turbine on land near Roerigg Tarn, Lowick Common, Nr. Lowick Green</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs objected to the application and are concerned about the visual impact and agree there are more appropriate sites.	
<b>177/2013</b>	<b>Future of St Andrews Youth Centre</b> The Diocese would like interested parties to make presentations to them in August / September next year. The Community Land Trust is looking at potential uses for the site.	
<b>178/2012</b>	<b>Councillors' Matters</b>  Cllr Hall advised the bridge by the telephone has been repaired.  Cllr Hall explained there is the possibility the Church Beck users may now be charged. It was noted the area at Old Furness Road is regularly used by people changing.  It was noted a sign at Tilberthwaite Avenue needs repairing. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to contact Highways.  The forecourt at the museum is dark and there is no light.	

	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Kelly to be asked to look into it.</p> <p>Hills garage would like to cut down the trees on the land beside the Bridge Toilets and the beck. Cllrs confirmed they have no objections.</p>																																			
<b>179/2013</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><u>Financial Summary April – September 2013</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the summary.</p>																																			
<b>180/2013</b>	<p><u>Proposed Precept for 2014/15</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed to discuss this next month when all Cllrs were present.</p>																																			
<b>181/2013</b>	<p><u>Grant Applications</u>  Coniston Sports &amp; Social Centre – Village Bonfire and Firework display  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed to give £300 and request the Firework display starts at 6.30pm in future years to allow younger children to enjoy the spectacle.</p> <p>Friends of Coniston Medical Practice  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed to award £100. They support the work of the group but have limited funding.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed in future years to discuss all grant applications at one meeting in the year. Applications to be received by 30<sup>th</sup> September and will be discussed at the October meeting.</p>																																			
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<b>183/2013</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Councillors noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request from Great North Air Ambulance for a grant</li> <li>- South Lakeland District Council agenda 26 September 2013</li> <li>- Forestry Commission disease <i>P. Ramorum</i> affecting and killing larch &amp; invitation to meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November 7pm</li> <li>- Public Sector Mapping Agreement – Access local mapping data to improve the services you provide to your local community</li> <li>- Lake District National Park Development Management Newsletter Autumn 2013</li> <li>- South Lakeland District Council Standard Committee agenda 8 October 2013</li> <li>- Letter from Department of Health re rural GP Practices</li> </ul>		
<b>184/2013</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 18 November 2013 7pm</li> </ul>		

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.