

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute on Monday 16th December 2013

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

In attendance: PCSO L Jackson, County Cllr D Fletcher, M Curry and 18 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
207/2013	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Cllr Tarr, Clerk (J C Carroll), S Ratcliffe – Lake District National Park Authority</p>	
208/2013	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
209/2013	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Carroll – matters relating to Clerk’s salary Cllr Coxon – matters relating to Lake District National Park Authority (including car park management & 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 and also discussion on Land Train as a member of Coniston Boating Centre Management Committee Cllr Kelly – matters relating to Coniston Sports & Social Centre All Councillors as Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</p>	
210/2013	<p>Minutes of Meeting 18 November 2013 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 November 2013 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
211/2013	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police Report</u> PCSO Jackson reported there have been no crimes in the area since the last meeting and four non-crime matters dealt with by the police.</p> <p>The ‘Don’t Let Thieves Steal Your Christmas’ campaign urges people to be vigilant against burglary as the nights grow darker and expensive gifts are being bought for Christmas. A Bicycle Marking and Crime Prevention Surgery will be held on Saturday 25th January 2014 from 10 – 12 at the Main Hall, Coniston Institute.</p> <p><u>County Councillor D Fletcher</u> County Cllr Fletcher informed Cllrs that Meet and Greets with Cumbria Highways were recently held in Barrow in Furness and Kendal and the ongoing restructure issues should start to improve in the Highways department. No Cllrs were available to attend the Meet and Greet but Highways will be contacted to invite representatives to a future meeting.</p>	

	<p>Grit is available for delivery locally during extended periods of bad weather and Cllr Coxon will contact Highways to make anticipatory arrangements.</p> <p>Cumbria County Council is encouraging snow plough schemes and County Cllr Fletcher will provide Cllrs with further details.</p> <p><u>Mr A Cameron, Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Cllr Carroll read a report from Mr Cameron. The Barratt Croft Scheme is awaiting planning permission. Mr Cameron has informed Home Group of the maintenance issues within Coniston and has suggested inviting a person from the team to a future Parish Council meeting. Work is continuing to develop St Andrews Youth Centre into affordable housing and other village facilities with Mitre Housing.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> Comments were aired regarding the Neighbourhood Plan consultation in terms of timing – notification postcard in September, closing date end of October. It was explained that the consultation period had been extended to the end of November, however, if people still wanted to submit a response then this would be included.</p> <p>Additional comments regarding potential residential building sites on Yewdale Road beyond John Hext House and Holly How Road with reference to regular flooding in both areas. Assurance was given that as any part of a planning submission proper investigation would take place and the sites have already been subject to Flood Plain assessment, additionally none of the suggested sites were “cast in stone” as definite places, they were very much preliminary proposals.</p>	
212/2013	<p>Renewal of Lake District National Park Authority licence for the Coniston Flyer Cllrs noted a letter from Coniston Business Forum objecting to the renewal of the licence for the Coniston Flyer to operate from the LDNPA Car Park on Ruskin Avenue.</p> <p>A report from Martin Curry, Head of Property Services, Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) will be forwarded to be attached to the minutes for the record.</p> <p>Discussion took place about the renewal of the licence. It was clarified that this licence is granted only to allow the Land Train to work from the Ruskin Avenue and Coniston Boating Centre car parks. The granting of the Vehicle Special Order (VSO) was a matter for the Highways Authorities.</p> <p>Mr Curry agreed to give the Coniston Business Forum the opportunity to work with the Coniston Flyer owners to agree a route and a way forward by 10th February 2014. These details will be forwarded to Coniston Parish Council and the LDNPA. A decision on the renewal of the licence by LDNPA will be deferred until after the February Coniston Parish Council meeting February 17th.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed not to vote on the subject until the February meeting. Cllrs Coxon and Hall will not take part in any vote on this subject.</p>	

	Update on On-going Issues & Actions from Last Meeting	
213/2013	<u>To confirm if a report has been received from Dave Robinson, Lake District National Park Authority in relation to improving signage for footpaths & cycleways and cycle parking in Coniston</u> No report has been received. Mr Curry will request a response.	
214/2013	<u>To update on progress of the remedial work required to the play equipment at the playground</u> Cllr Tarr is working on this.	LT
215/2013	<u>To confirm where the outstanding road markings are that need to be reported to Highways</u> Cllr Stoddart has produced a report which the Clerk will forward to Highways.	JCC
216/2013	<u>To update on the progress of new dropped kerbs after receiving funding</u> The Clerk is awaiting a response from Highways.	JCC
	Planning Applications	
217/2013	7/2013/5632 – Gondola Jetty, Coniston Boat Landings, Lake Road, Coniston – raise jetty RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.	
218/2013	Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permissions:- 7/2013/5058 – 1 Irish Row, Coppermines Valley – installation of water treatment plant to take waste to properties own tank rather than shared with others 7/2013/5471 – Lowfield, Bowmanstead, Coniston – property level access bathroom	
219/2013	Parish Plan <u>Better signage for footpaths</u> The Clerk has contacted the Lake District National Park Authority with a list of additional signs required for the Cumbria Way in the village. <u>Improving the road from Adams Bridge to Ship Inn</u> Highways are still to carry out this work, however it is believed that preliminary work may have already started. <u>Other Action Points to Progress</u> Suggestions given by Cllrs – putting Parish Newsletter online and employing a lengthsman.	
220/2013	Neighbourhood Plan Currently there have been 20 online responses, 26 paper copies of the survey and 7 other letters in relation to the consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. No further update due to the Clerk's illness.	
221/2013	Bridge Toilets Refurbishment	

	<p>Approximate quotes for refurbishment are £2,000.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllr Coxon to meet with Cllr Batty to progress this.</p>	DC & KB
222/2013	<p>Tree at Campbell Memorial</p> <p>Concern had been expressed about the trees by Campbell Memorial on Tilberthwaite Avenue. ARB Consultants on behalf of South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) have confirmed the trees were inspected in October and SLDC will program required work into the current financial year with the exception of the Airspading.</p>	
223/2013	<p>Parish Flowers</p> <p>Coniston Business Forum would like to improve the appearance of the planters in the village and would appreciate assistance with accessing any funding. Cllrs support the proposals of the Coniston Business Forum and suggested they provide full details of their proposals and encourage businesses to take ownership of floral displays adjacent to their own properties.</p>	
224/2013	<p>Coniston Primary School Community Governor</p> <p>Cllr Hall explained she had suggested a person who may be interested.</p>	
225/2013	<p>Inappropriate & Illegal Use of the Countryside by Motor Vehicles Meetings – Representative</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to find out when the meetings are held and a representative from the Council will attend if possible.</p>	JCC
226/2012	<p>Councillors' Matters</p> <p>There is a memorial service for Donald Campbell to be held at the Campbell Memorial at 11am on 4th January 2014 all are welcome to attend and pay their respects.</p> <p>Part of the bulge on Shepherds Bridge has fallen into the field and discussions are now taking place between the Lake District National Park Authority and National Trust on a way forward.</p> <p>The wall below Old Furness Road and above the Brow Steps has been confirmed as being owned by Home Housing and work is scheduled to be done on both the wall and the path in conjunction with Cumbria County Council.</p> <p>The winning Turner Prize exhibit is being displayed in Coniston from 24th January to 9th March.</p> <p>The new bus timetable has been published and Cllrs should express how important the X12 service is.</p> <p>It was noted that no Cllrs have attended the last two Institute meetings.</p> <p>It was questioned who owns the railings by the Lime Kiln outside Coniston as they are in need of repair.</p> <p>Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership have requested a letter of support from</p>	

	<p>Coniston Parish Council for their Heritage Lottery Fund bid.</p> <p>The alleyway on Little Moss Close a railing chicane is too narrow for mobility scooters. Cllr Kelly to contact Home Housing about improving this.</p> <p>Compliments were made regarding the Christmas lights, and congratulations extended to the committee.</p> <p>The Chair advised the Cllrs that the Clerk had requested permission to purchase two publications to assist with her work, cost £85.</p>																	
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230/2013	<p>Correspondence Councillors noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cumbria County Playing Fields Association Annual Report 2012-13 - Cumbria County Council – Better Highways Meet and Greet - South Lakeland District Council agenda 17 December 2013 - Lake District National Park Authority – Notice of Adoption of Lake District National Park Allocations of Land (Local Plan Part Two) and Minerals Safeguarding Areas (Local Plan Part Three) 																	
231/2013	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 14 January 2014 7pm 																	

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.