

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.30pm on Monday 19th May 2014

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

In attendance: 4 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
222/2014	<p>Chairman RESOLVED: Cllrs unanimously agreed Cllr Carroll to be Chair for 2014/15 and the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll stated he will have limited input in the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan and would like the Vice Chair to take on more duties.</p>	
223/2014	<p>Vice Chairman RESOLVED: Cllrs unanimously agreed Cllr Kelly to be Vice Chair for 2014/15.</p>	
224/2014	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: No apologies received.</p>	
225/2014	<p>Co-option of Parish Councillor RESOLVED: Mr D Sharp was welcomed as a co-opted Councillor and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Registration of Financial and other Interests form was passed to him to complete and a Code of Conduct will be e-mailed.</p>	
226/2014	<p>Minutes of Meetings 14 April 2014 and 8 May 2014 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 April 2014 and 8 May 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
227/2014	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
228/2014	<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) and events Cllr Hall – declared an interest in matters relating to planning and will take no part in planning discussions All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum. All Councillors – planning application in relation to Dixon Ground Cllr Batty – declared an interest in relation to an invoice to J F Batty & Son Cllr Sharp – declared an interest in relation to an invoice to D Sharp</p>	
229/2014	Portfolio holders for local subject areas	

	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs were appointed as portfolio holders for the following local subject areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground – Cllr Sharp • Bus Shelters & Environment – Cllr Stoddart • Street Lighting – Cllr Kelly • Highways – Cllr Kelly • Housing – Cllr Hall • Environment – Cllr Stoddart • Bridge Toilets – Cllr Batty 	
230/2014	<p>Representatives to other bodies</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs were appointed as representatives to the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Plan – to be decided at the next meeting • Coniston Water Association – Cllr Coxon / Carroll • Local Area Partnership (LAP)- Cllr Hall & any other Cllr available to attend • Institute & Museum Committee – all Cllrs on rota basis • Coniston & Crake Partnership – Cllr Carroll • Flood Forum – Cllr Coxon • Coniston Sports & Social Club – Cllr Kelly 	
231/2014	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Coniston Twinning Association</u> Mr Adams gave a brief report explaining the grant funding had gone towards advertising Coniston in the Festival of the Lakes in Italy. As a result of this the Mayor of town brought 55 people to Coniston for a visit in April.</p> <p><u>Coniston Christmas Lights</u> A report was e-mailed in explaining the money went towards new lights on Yewdale Road. They are hoping to raise enough money for lights to carry on along past Hutchinsons and to light up the memorial. They are continuing to have more fundraisers.</p> <p><u>Friends of Coniston Medical Practice</u> Report received by e-mail explaining the accounts for 2013-14 and that 7 committee meetings have been held since September 2013. They have been active in asking people to sign the e-petition with hard copies available for people without internet access. Dr Geddes will be visiting Coniston & Hawkshead in June. Three television broadcasts have been aired from the Coniston Medical Practice.</p> <p><u>Coniston Art Society</u> Report received by e-mail explaining the money was spent on art materials for the children and mounting and framing the pictures. The artists all volunteered their time with the children for a day at the Primary School. An exhibition was held to show the finished results.</p> <p><u>Coniston Development Centre</u> No report received.</p>	

	<p><u>Coniston Parochial Church Council</u> Report received by e-mail explained the money went towards maintaining the Church burial ground in Hawkshead Old Road and the Church clock.</p> <p><u>Coniston Institute & Museum</u> Report received by e-mail thanking the Council for their continued support. The aim is to increase the use of the Institute by both the inhabitants of Coniston and visitors. The Museum has replaced equipment and gives free admission to the residents of Coniston.</p> <p><u>County Councillor</u> Cllrs were disappointed County Cllr Fletcher did not attend the meeting and no report had been received, except a brief phone conversation with Cllr Carroll immediately prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Police</u> Report received by e-mail. Four crimes reported since the last meeting and 21 non-crime matters dealt with by the police.</p> <p>If any reports of off-road motorbikes are made, it would be helpful to the police to have the registration details of the transport vehicles.</p> <p>A police surgery will be held on Friday 30 May at Coniston Primary School from 10-12 and PCSO Forrester hopes to have a bicycle security marking kit.</p> <p><u>Councillor attending the Day Centre meeting on 7 May</u> Cllr Hall was unable to attend.</p>	
232/2014	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on meeting with affected parishes about the future of the X12 service</u> Cllr Hall had a meeting with local Parishes about the future of the X12 service. A proposed timetable was discussed and alterations suggested. The proposals will involve a bus doing the Coniston to Ulverston route as an X12 service with a follow on route from Ulverston to Barrow via the coast road as an X11. Discussions will continue and they are currently positive.</p> <p><u>To receive update from Highways on the blocked drain at Tent Lodge</u> Clerk had requested site meeting with Highways. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Highways again.</p> <p><u>To update on installation of cycle stand planters in the playground</u> Cllr Coxon has put one together and unsure of the suitability. RESOLVED: Cllr Stoddart to go and have a look at the planters and assess the suitability.</p> <p><u>To receive about the rubbish near the footpath from Old Furness Road towards the old railway bridge</u> No update received from Lake District National Park Authority. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Lake District National Park Authority.</p>	<p>JCC</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JCC</p>

	<p><u>To update on problems with car parking following an event held at John Ruskin School</u> Cllr Carroll contacted John Ruskin School and the Headteacher was unaware that vehicles had not parked on the field. The Headteacher is willing to attend another events meeting if one is held.</p> <p><u>To update on the private works agreement for dropped kerbs with Highways Cumbria County Council</u> is unable to provide a timetable for the works until the private works agreement has been signed. RESOLVED: The private works agreement is to be signed and request made immediately for a timetable.</p>	JRC/ JCC
233/2014	<p>Planning Applications 7/2014/5248 – roofing over existing machinery storage area (retrospective) – Dixon Ground Farm, Coniston RESOLVED: Cllrs abstained from comment</p>	
234/2014	<p>7/2014/5269 – loft conversion with dormers and roof lights to front and rear and with window at second floor level to east elevation – Rosecroft, Lake Road, Coniston RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p>	
235/2014	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notice of Grant of Planning Permission:- 7/2014/5064 – partial demolition of single storey café to create an external seating area accessed through new sliding, folding doors – Lakeland House, Tilberthwaite Avenue, Coniston</p>	
236/2014	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notice of Express Consent Subject to Conditions:- 7/2014/5071 – 2 illuminated signs – Lakeland House, Tilberthwaite Avenue, Coniston</p>	
237/2014	<p>Parish Plan RESOLVED: Cllrs will discuss this at the next meeting at decide on action points for the next 12 months.</p>	
238/2014	<p>Neighbourhood Plan RESOLVED: Cllrs will discuss this at the next meeting at decide on action points for the next 12 months.</p>	
239/2014	<p>World War 1 Cllrs suggested a working group be formed to plan remembrance events for the centenary of World War I in Coniston. Members could include both schools, History Group, Museum and the Business Forum. RESOLVED: Cllr Hall to discuss with the Coniston PCC.</p>	AH
240/2014	<p>Proposed Code of Conduct for Rights of Way from Lake District National Park Authority RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the proposed Code of Conduct was a good start.</p>	

241/2014	<p>Six Month Absence of Cllr Coxon RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to Cllr Coxon having a six month absence due to family reasons with the option to attend meetings if able to. Cllr Coxon will continue as a signatory on the bank accounts.</p>																																							
242/2014	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>It was noted there were parking problems in the area on the day of the Keswick to Barrow event and suggested another events meeting is held later in the year.</p> <p>Cllr Hall is meeting with Jo Cleary about transport in the area and what needs improving.</p> <p>The Brow Steps above Station Road need clearing again.</p> <p>Parking at the Catholic Church at recent events has caused problems with cars exiting out of Haws Bank. ACTION: Clerk to write asking people attending events to park more responsibly.</p> <p>It was noted the new noticeboard at the Bridge Toilets is leaking and has condensation.</p>																																							
243/2014 244/2014	<p>Financial Matters <u>Bank Signatories</u> RESOLVED: To confirm the signatories are:- Cllr Coxon, Kelly and Stoddart.</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the following:-</p> <table data-bbox="277 1205 1366 1317"> <tr> <td>Precept from South Lakeland District Council</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£18,647.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Grant from South Lakeland District Council</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£983.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets Collecting boxes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£28.74</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <table data-bbox="277 1429 1366 2042"> <tr> <td>• EON - streetlights (by direct debit) April</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£75.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£317.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£79.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Cumbria County Council (LAP funding)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£480.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Coniston Sports & Social Club (room hire – Neighbourhood Plan)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Coniston Institute (Room Hire)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£67.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Came & Company (insurance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£900.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• D Sharp (bus stop refurbishment)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,270.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Stephen Airey (bus stop refurbishment)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£524.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Usher Joinery (Bridge Toilets)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£183.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Ambleside Engineering Co (Lakes Ltd) (Bridge Toilets)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£389.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• J F Batty & Son (Bridge Toilets)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,401.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Stephen Airey (additional work at Bridge Toilets)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Fiona Todd – Internal Auditor</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Steven Hurst Tarmac (bus stop refurbishment)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Cumbria County Council (lighting maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£781.68</td> </tr> </table>	Precept from South Lakeland District Council	£18,647.93	Parish Grant from South Lakeland District Council	£983.03	Bridge Toilets Collecting boxes	£28.74	• EON - streetlights (by direct debit) April	£75.11	• Clerk's Salary	£317.15	• HMRC	£79.40	• Cumbria County Council (LAP funding)	£480.00	• Coniston Sports & Social Club (room hire – Neighbourhood Plan)	£24.00	• Coniston Institute (Room Hire)	£67.00	• Came & Company (insurance)	£900.24	• D Sharp (bus stop refurbishment)	£2,270.40	• Stephen Airey (bus stop refurbishment)	£524.63	• Usher Joinery (Bridge Toilets)	£183.54	• Ambleside Engineering Co (Lakes Ltd) (Bridge Toilets)	£389.38	• J F Batty & Son (Bridge Toilets)	£1,401.12	• Stephen Airey (additional work at Bridge Toilets)	£80.00	• Fiona Todd – Internal Auditor	£50.00	• Steven Hurst Tarmac (bus stop refurbishment)	£2,400.00	• Cumbria County Council (lighting maintenance)	£781.68	
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245/2014	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter from Tim Farron MP re post 16 transport - Came & Company – Spring Parish Matters 2014 - Clerks & Councils Direct May 2014 - Cumbria County Council Go Cumbria Bus Timetable and Travel Guide - Age UK South Lakeland – The Magazine 	
246/2014	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 16 June 2014 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.