

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.00pm on Monday 20th October 2014

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

In attendance: 11 members of the public,

Minute Number		Action By
330/2014	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies received and accepted for Cllr Stoddart (holiday)</p>	
331/2014	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
332/2014	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items Cllr Carroll – matters relating to Clerk’s salary and Coniston & Torver District Angling Association Cllr Hall – declared an interest in matters relating to planning and will take no part in planning discussions Cllr Kelly – matters relating to Coniston Sports & Social Club All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
333/2014	<p>Minutes of Meetings 15 September and 29 September 2014 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 15 September and 29 September 2014 both be approved as true records and signed by the Chair.</p>	
334/2014	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Two Castles Housing Association</u> Cllr Carroll explained Mr Greg Denwood from Two Castles Housing Association was attending the meeting to explain briefly about the housing proposals on Yewdale Road and the community consultation to be held on 6th November. Mr Denwood explained he will be working with the Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust. The Parish Council will be consulted again through the planning process. Mr Denwood has some preliminary elevations and site locations which will be e-mailed to the Clerk.</p> <p>The applicant for the planning application will be Two Castles Housing and they will purchase the land for the houses. The access road for the houses will be wide enough to act as access for a car park on the site.</p> <p>There are concerns about the drainage in the field and there are Civil Engineers working on a drainage strategy.</p> <p>It was noted the view from Yewdale Road towards the fells is iconic and there are</p>	

concerns about the potential loss of this view. However, it was noted that new affordable houses are needed for Coniston.

Cllr Carroll stepped down as Chair and Cllr Kelly took Chair

Police

PCSO Forrester sent her apologies for the meeting but sent through a report. There have been seven crimes since the last meeting and 12 non-crime matters. A Traffic Analysis Report has been undertaken recently at Haws Bank, many of the vehicles were driving in excess of 30mph.

Cumbria County Councillor – D Fletcher

County Cllr Fletcher sent his apologies by e-mail but sent a report explaining a consultation is taking place with regards to the delayed dropped kerbs at Old Furness Road. There are negotiations taking place to ensure a X12 service continues.

South Lakeland District Councillor – A Hall (move below CLT)

Cllr Hall explained South Lakeland District Council is lobbying the government for the requirement to apply for change of use from private houses to holiday use.

A planning seminar this Friday is to be held by the District Council about how parishes can help the planning system.

Cllr Hall put forward three items for consideration by the Partnership Plan – mobile phone & broadband coverage, rural regeneration and cultural generation.

Work is continuing to overcome the issue with the derelict house opposite the Methodist Church.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

Mr Cameron gave an update:-

Measuring housing needs – a survey was carried out in 2013 which showed 22 homes in Coniston were required for local people. This information is backed up from two other sources which give slightly higher figures. A further housing needs survey is planned in 2016.

Barratt Croft – work is ongoing on this project and there are concerns from local residents about the work being carried out at weekend.

Heritage lottery funding – 2/3 of the funding has already been raised towards a project in the Coppermines and a key site that would be interpreted is the Upper Mill.

World Heritage Status – Mr Cameron suggested the parish council should vote at a future meeting on whether or not World Heritage Status is a positive thing for the area.

Councillors attending meeting with representatives of Cumbria County Council in relation to recent issues

	<p>A meeting had been held recently with a few Cllrs and Cumbria County Council's local Area Support Worker, Highway representative and County Councillor to discuss recent problems which had led to a formal complaint against Cumbria County Council. Items discussed included highways issues, dropped kerbs, street lamps, X12 bus service, white lines, disabled parking spaces, GP surgery and Far End Sawmill. The meeting was positive but unfortunately there has been little progress on many aspects.</p> <p><u>Councillor attending the Coniston Water Association meeting</u> Cllr Coxon gave a brief update explaining the recent Chillswim event had gone well and Records week was coming up.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> A member of the public informed Cllrs letters have been written to the people that were suggested. Currently there is no provision to get children to college in Ulverston / Barrow although there is provision for the return journey.</p> <p>Concerns were raised over the charging by Coniston Institute for the over 70's Christmas party. It was noted the Institute Committee did need to cover their costs. Cllrs will monitor the situation.</p> <p>It was noted the trees are growing high above the wall along Devonshire Terrace and there had been recent high pressure water bursts on Devonshire Terrace and the Banks.</p>	
335/2014	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on the progress of new dropped kerbs by Barclays Bank and on Old Furness Road by Cumbria County Council</u> There is currently a community consultation taking place on the proposed Old Furness Road by Cumbria County Council to confirm if residents would like the dropped kerb.</p> <p><u>To update on the future of the X12 bus service</u> The new service started today and tomorrow a coffee morning is being held at Rampside with people encouraged to attend. Financial support may be required for the service for the first year and there is the opportunity for businesses to advertise on the bus. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to donate £250 (half of the local allocation from District Councillor Hall) towards the X12 service.</p> <p><u>To receive information from Cllr Carroll on applying for Vodafone 3G coverage in the area.</u> Cllr Carroll has not received a response from Vodafone.</p> <p><u>To receive confirmation if any further work is required at the playground following the recent ROSPA report</u> Cllr Sharp is ongoing with this.</p> <p><u>To agree a date for a meeting for local people who would like to self build in the parish to gauge interest before a full meeting is arranged with the Lake District</u></p>	

	<p><u>National Park Authority Planning Department</u> Cllrs suggested either Monday 1st or 8th December at 7pm in the Reading Room and the Clerk is to contact Mr Cameron of the Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust to confirm his availability and room hire.</p>	
<p>336/2014</p> <p>337/2014</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notice of Grant of Planning Permission:-</p> <p>7/2014/5487 – Dow Crag house, Park Gate, Coniston – extension and alteration of annexed accommodation, replacement of flat garage roof with pitched roof</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the letter from Lake District National Park Authority in replacing the application 7/2014/5603 land adjacent to Barratt Croft, Coniston – non-material amendment to approval ref 7/2013/5610 relating to photovoltaic panelling on roofs and window details on south west elevation of unit 1</p>	
<p>338/2014</p>	<p>Parish Plan</p> <p><u>Litter</u> Areas identified as a problem include Waterhead and the local car parks. It was noted that South Lakeland District Council may be putting bins in the toilets at Ruskin Avenue which may alleviate the problem. RESOLVED: No new bins to be purchased at the moment.</p> <p><u>White lining on Bridge near Barclays Bank</u> A sketch has been sent to Cumbria County Council of the white lines that were on the Bridge near Barclays Bank but no confirmation has been received that the sketch has been delivered and the work will be carried out. Clerk to contact Highways for an update.</p> <p><u>Street Lights</u> At the recent meeting with Cumbria County Council County Councillor Fletcher has agreed to look into the state of repair of the street lights on Old Furness Road.</p> <p><u>Benches</u> The Women’s Institute have confirmed they are not responsible for some of the benches in the playground.</p>	<p>JCC</p>
<p>339/2014</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan The Clerk has now done the Survey Monkey questionnaire which is available online for the second formal consultation and Parishioners are requested to complete this which should only take 5-10 minutes to complete. Postcards are in the process of being printed to be distributed to each household in the village to raise awareness of the consultation.</p>	
<p>340/2014</p>	<p>Haws Bank Bus Shelter Refurbishment A contractor has been appointed who will complete the project before the December deadline.</p>	

341/2014	<p>Coniston & Torver District Angling Association RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed a new trophy could be purchased for the Coniston & Torver District Angling Association whose current one is nearly complete.</p> <p><i>Cllr Kelly stepped down as Chair and Cllr Carroll took Chair</i></p>	JRC
342/2014	<p>Agreement for Coniston Community Compost Scheme at Little Moss with South Lakeland District Council RESOLVED: This land was originally for Coniston in Bloom group who have agreed they no longer require the land at Little Moss for a compost scheme. Clerk to inform South Lakeland District Council this land is no longer required for this purpose.</p>	JCC
343/2014	<p>Local Area Partnership Cllr Hall will be attending this meeting and no other Cllr was available. It was noted the Grant Application form submitted by Coniston Parish Council requires further work before the Local Area Partnership meeting.</p>	
344/2014	<p>South Lakeland District Council Proposed Community Infrastructure Levy RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed they have no comments on this.</p>	
345/2014	<p>Two Castles Housing Association Community Consultation Event on Proposals at Yewdale Road, Coniston Discussed under minute 334/2014.</p>	
346/2014	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>There continues to be problems with a drain at Tent Lodge.</p> <p>It was suggested inviting the media to future meetings to highlight certain issues the Parish Council are continually trying to deal with.</p> <p>It was noted the issue of work required on Shepherds Bridge may be highlighted in The Westmorland Gazette this week.</p> <p>Home Housing has completed their work on clearing plants from the wall by Brow Steps / Old Furness Road and some soil has been cleared from the path verges.</p> <p>Work has carried out at Dow How to trim back the overgrowth and vegetation.</p> <p>There was brief discussion about the telephone exchange on Yewdale Road that is currently for sale.</p> <p>It was noted a number of rats have been reported around the village.</p> <p>A grit bin in Little Moss is missing a lid.</p> <p>The hedge by the footpath at the head of the lake has been trimmed</p> <p>Cllr Coxon informed Councillors that the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) would be refurbishing the toilets at Ruskin Avenue from January to</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cumbria Community Foundation Annual Review 2014 - Cumbria Community Foundation Winter Warmth Fund - Cumbria Community Foundation Big Sleep - Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner Recruitment to Kendal Independent Custody Visiting Panel - South Lakeland District Council agenda 29 September 2014 - Letter from Barclays Bank about Ambleside Branch closing - South Lake District Council Standards Committee 22 September 2014 - Letter from Lakeland Trails re thanking for support - Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust 2nd Report on Loss of Village Homes, Coniston 	
353/2014	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 17 November 2014 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.