

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.00pm on Monday 15th December 2014

Present: Cllr J R Carroll (Chair)
Cllrs – K Batty, D Coxon (until 9.10pm), A Hall, A Kelly and J Stoddart
Mrs J C Carroll - Clerk

In attendance: 7 members of the public, Lisa Keys - Director and Interpretation Consultant
Minerva Heritage Ltd

Minute Number		Action By
382/2014	Apologies RESOLVED: No apologies received.	
383/2014	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
384/2014	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 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 Cllr Kelly – items in relation to Coniston Sports & Social Centre All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
385/2014	Minutes of Meetings 17 November and 25 November 2014 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 17 November and 25 November 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
386/2014	Public Participation <u>Police</u> No report received. <u>Coniston Copper Project – Lisa Keys - Director and Interpretation Consultant Minerva Heritage Ltd</u> Lisa Keys explained she is working on a project to conserve the Coppermines & Penny Rigg Mill at Tilberthwaite as part of a Coniston Copper Project. The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded pilot amount for initial works including consultation to be done prior to a further £500,000 for the three year project which will include interpretation panels. The project is aimed to start June 2015 and run to June 2018. Lisa explained she has spoken to many different local groups & businesses about this. Cllrs expressed their concerns about what happens at the end of the project and a	

long term maintenance plan will be developed. Maintenance will be landowners responsibility and the Heritage Lottery would police this if necessary.

Cllrs stated they supported the project.

Coniston Sports & Social Club possible increase in number of days camping on the field

Representatives from the Coniston Sports & Social Club explained the planning application they are in the process of submitting to increase the number of days they can have camping beyond the current allowed 28 days.

Cllrs requested the applicants ensure the area of land that will only be used for camping is shown on the location plan. It was also suggested ensuring that the facilities are adequate to cope.

Cllrs stated they would support the application and welcomed the opportunity to discuss the application at this stage.

Cumbria County Councillor – D Fletcher

No report received.

South Lakeland District Councillor – A Hall

District Cllr Hall explained she had missed the full council meeting due to other commitments. She has received a Christmas card to say thank you for all the work in Coniston.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

St Andrews Youth Centre is currently up for sale at £700,000 for development for local houses.

There are now concerns over the effluent sewage pipe on Yewdale Road being inadequate in terms of capacity. United Utilities have stated they will not do anything although Two Castles Housing has offered to contribute towards to cost of upgrading the pipe. Cllrs discussed if the same problems would occur if the development was situated off Coppermines Lane.

There was a problem at Barratt Croft with a partially built wall blowing down on the gable end of building although this has now been repaired. The applications for allocations will be advertised in January and this will give a better estimate of the current housing need.

Cllrs attending the meeting to gauge interest in self build homes in the Parish

The meeting was worthwhile with 5 people attending and 4 apologies received. Several questions and concerns were answered and the Lake District National Park Authority will attend a meeting in Spring with those who are interested.

Public Participation

It was noted the road sign at the head of the lake is too large and should be smaller. Cumbria County Council to be contacted for further information about the reasons for the sign.

	<p>People have noted some dead otters have been seen at the head of the lake and it was noted these should be reported to the Environment Agency (EA) as people are interested in knowing how they have died and the EA will have autopsies performed.</p>	
387/2014	<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> The work has now been completed and a bill is awaited from Cumbria County Council.</p> <p><u>To agree if any comments on the Lake District National Park Partnership's Plan for 2015 – 2020 (Management Plan for the English Lake District a National Park and proposed World Heritage Site) – Consultation Draft November 2014 are to be submitted</u> Both Cllr Stoddart & Cllr Hall have read through the document and formulated some comments. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed these comments are to be written up by the Clerk circulated to Cllrs for information and submitted to Lake District National Park Authority.</p> <p><u>To confirm if a speaker will be coming to inform Councillors about the World Heritage Bid for Lake District National Park</u> Cllr Hall explained she will be attending a meeting within the next couple of weeks about this and publicity will be starting. Cllr Hall will contact a person about giving a talk at a future Parish Council meeting.</p> <p><u>To update on progress of the new bus shelter at Haws Bank (including new noticeboard)</u> The bus shelter at Haws Bank is progressing and the building work has been completed. The painting and new noticeboard will be in place by Spring 2015.</p> <p><u>To consider any requests for the precept to be finalised in January</u> No requests made.</p>	<p>JCC</p> <p>AH</p>
388/2014	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2014/5752 - Out Rake, Park Gate, Coniston - Demolition of existing porch and kitchen. Extension to ground and part of first floor including dormer windows RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections to the application provided that an archaeological inspection is taken out to ensure the recording and preservation of anything of archaeological value and to put conditions on the property to ensure it is not subdivided in the future (i.e. into second / holiday homes).</p> <p>7/2014/5759 - The Barn, Atkinson Ground, Coniston - Installation of domestic biomass boiler and flue pipe RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections to the application.</p> <p>7/2014/5551 – Coniston Sailing Club, Coniston Hall, Coniston – Replacement extension to provide changing and showering facilities, new disabled access</p>	

	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>7/2014/5748 – Park Coppice, Park Gate, Coniston – Two lectern-style interpretation panels</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>389/2014 RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the letter regarding an appeal to the Secretary of State in relation to planning application 7/2014/5177 at Recreation Ground, Yewdale Road, Coniston and agreed no further response was required. It was noted the business plan for the pavilion has not been seen by Cllrs.</p> <p>390/2014 RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permissions:-</p> <p>7/2014/5547 – Thurston Outdoor Activities Centre, Coniston – installation of photovoltaic ‘slate effect’ tiles to camping barn building. Installation of photovoltaic panels to enclosed section of main building roof.</p> <p>7/2014/5537 – Shepherds Bridge, Coniston – agricultural track</p> <p>7/2014/5568 – Coniston Old Hall, Coniston – cattle shed</p> <p>7/2014/5549 – Spoon Hall, Haws Bank, Coniston – erect semi-detached houses, relocate static holiday caravans and provide associated parking areas. Install air source heat pumps.</p> <p>7/2014/5491 – Eastview, Coniston – replace dilapidated stone outbuilding with new in similar traditional style</p> <p>7/2014/5522 – Underwood, Litte Arrow, Coniston – conversion of residential garage to with extension – including first floor extension to form local dwelling</p> <p>7/2014/5481 – Land adjacent to Barratt Croft, Coniston – amend condition no 6 of planning approval ref 7/2013/5610 to allow Burlington Blue slate instead of green</p> <p>7/2014/5612 with delegated report – Arrowfield House, Little Arrow, Coniston – single storey side and rear extension requiring demolition of existing 1980s adjoining cottage. Attic conversion including alterations to existing dormer and addition of two dormers.</p>	
<p>391/2014</p>	<p>Parish Plan</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs deferred this until next month.</p>	
<p>392/2014</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Alastair Cameron has tidied up the Neighbourhood Plan and is working through comments from the independent examiner earlier in the year which is resulting in many appendixes. The comments from the Business Forum have been incorporated as well. Paper copies of the Plan to be produced and distributed to each Parish Councillor, the Business Forum, Community Land Trust and other interested parties. A meeting of the team including Councillors is to be arranged in January with the Lake District National Park Authority with an open meeting for</p>	

	the village in February.	
393/2014	<p>Coniston Christmas Lights Committee The Parish Council can own the lights and the committee can fundraise the Parish Council will retain ownership of the lights but hold them for the Committee's use. The insurance implications need to be looked into. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to purchase the Christmas lights for £1 and take over ownership.</p>	
394/2014	<p>Casual Vacancy for Councillor South Lakeland District Council confirmed the vacancy is to be filled by co-option. RESOLVED: Clerk to advertise the casual vacancy and applications to be submitted by Monday 12th January 2015.</p>	
395/2014	<p>Playground RESOLVED: Cllr Coxon agreed to take on the playground portfolio.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cllr Coxon left the meeting at 9.10pm.</i></p>	
396/2014	<p>Meeting Dates for 2015 RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the dates for the Parish Council meetings in 2015.</p>	
397/2014	<p>World Heritage Status RESOLVED: Cllrs deferred this until next month.</p>	
398/2014	<p>Councillor Matters One of the streetlights (222) is continuing to cause problems.</p> <p>The drain at Tent Lodge continues to cause problems and needs further investigation by Highways.</p> <p>It has been suggested having a 20mph limit in the village.</p> <p>It was suggested sending a letter of thanks to Home Housing for the work done on the wall by Brow Steps, however, confirmation is required first that the work has all been completed.</p> <p>It was noted there is a flooding issue in the Cat Bank area that is causing potholes in the road and needs further investigation by Highways.</p> <p>The X12 service is running and updated timetables are available and the operator has got the John Ruskin School contract. It was suggested putting together a full report on the service which could be used to access other potential funding to eliminate social isolation.</p> <p>There is a problem with drains blocked opposite Gate House on Coppermines Road and the costs of a grit bin for the area are to be investigated.</p> <p>It has been suggested a Slow sign would be beneficial on Tinkler near Atkinson Ground as there have been a number of near misses due to too high a speed.</p>	

	<p>At Little Moss Close people on mobility scooters are struggling to access the alleyway between the houses due to the chicane angles, resulting in a round the village trip this to be reported to Home Housing to see what can be achieved.</p> <p>Cllr Kelly is arranging a bingo evening in aid of the Amenities Fund charity and further details will be available in the New Year.</p> <p>It was noted some of the benches in the village have had work done on them.</p> <p>A Residents Only parking sign was broken at Ruskin Avenue but has been fixed today.</p> <p>A letter to the Parish Council was read out in relation to the Christmas Party for the over 75's in the village regarding the issue of who paid for the party and the contents were noted.</p> <p>Steve Emmett of Coniston Flood Forum recommend all individual flood events in the Parish should be reported to the Local Flood Risk Management Team at Cumbria County Council (lfrm@cumbria.gov.uk, 01228 221330).</p> <p>Highways have confirmed that prior to the recent work at Skelwith Hill all the drains in the resurfacing bed were cleaned and jetted. Additional carriageway patching also took place through to Yew Tree Tarn. The white lining required in Coniston is ordered through the traffic management team and is funded separately as part of their routine maintenance so was not carried out at the same time as the white lining at Skelwith Hill.</p> <p>An e-mail from Bob Jarratt, Chairman, South Lakes Deer Management was read out in relation to deer poaching in the South Lakes. Anything suspicious should be reported to 101 and a request made for the incident to be logged.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll stated he will be stepping down as Chair at either the January or February due to other commitments although he will stay as a Councillor.</p> <p>It was noted some of the letters are missing on the Church Fields Close street sign and Cllr Kelly will report this to Eden Housing.</p>	
<p>399/2014</p>	<p>Financial Matters <u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary £317.35 • HMRC £79.20 • EON (Streetlights) – direct debit £60.54 • EON (Bridge Toilets) – direct debit October £10.54 • EON (Bridge Toilets) – direct debit November £13.98 • Stephen Airey £24.00 • Jon Oldham Construction Ltd (Haws Bank bus shelter) £6,660.00 • Playdale Playgrounds Ltd £1,031.16 	
<p>400/2014</p>	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:- - South Lakeland District Council agenda meeting 11 December 2014</p>	

	- Letter from South Lakeland District Council re Casual Vacancy	
401/2014	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 19th January 2015 7pm	

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.