

## Coniston Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute at 7.00pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

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

**In attendance:** 4 members of the public & Cumbria County Cllr D Fletcher

Minute Number		Action By
127/2015	<p><b>Chairman</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs unanimously agreed Cllr Coxon will be Chairman until May following the recent resignation of Cllr Carroll.</p>	
128/2015	<p><b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> No apologies received.</p>	
129/2015	<p><b>Co-option of Parish Councillor</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Ms H Troughton 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 her to complete and a Code of Conduct will be e-mailed.</p>	
130/2015	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.</p>	
131/2015	<p><b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> Cllr Coxon – matters relating to Lake District National Park Authority (including car park management &amp; 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 &amp; Social Centre All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
132/2015	<p><b>Minutes of Meetings 19 January 2015</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 January 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
133/2015	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester sent apologies and a report by e-mail. One crime of shop theft has been reported since the last meeting. There have been 7 non-crime matters dealt with by the police including a mountain rescue, illegal off-roading, highway disruption and suspicious incidents.</p>	

Cumbria County Councillor – D Fletcher

Cumbria County Cllr Fletcher explained he has been chasing the awaited invoice for the recent dropped kerbs installed in the village. The invoice will be issued by the accounts department in due course and Cllrs requested if the invoice could be ready by the next meeting in March.

All of the current years budget County Cllr Fletcher has has been spent largely on a crossing at Kirkby school where traffic calming was a priority and the entrance in front of Hawkshead school. Some money will come to Coniston Parish Council towards the dropped kerbs out of next year's budget.

There have recently been communication problems with Highways Stewards in the area and there is to be a change of personnel at the top of the portfolio shortly which will hopefully resolve issues.

Coniston is on the list to have high speed broadband by April and it was noted Mike Postle has done very well on working on this for the overall area. People need to be reminded when it is available and ask their provider to upgrade.

South Lakeland District Councillor – A Hall

District Councillor Hall had requested the recycling area at Lake Road be cleaned and fencing repaired.

There are various funds available for communities and business and she will distribute further information to relevant groups and organisations.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

Mr A Cameron from Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust sent a report by e-mail. The Barratt Croft scheme is nearing completion and there is considerable interest in the allocation of the dwellings. St Andrews Youth Centre scheme is progressing with tenders invited from Housing Associations.

Councillor attending the Local Area Partnership meeting on 3 February

Cllrs Stoddart and Hall attended the Local Area Partnership (LAP) meeting. Cllr Stoddart found it frustrating that he was unable to raise certain issues.

It was noted the fading of white lining, particularly at road junctions is going to be a safety issue before long. The contract for this is currently out to Lancashire County Council.

The LAP meeting had a speaker from Cumbria CVS Lake District National Park Authority and Cumbria County Council discussed funding opportunities that were available. The next Lake District National Park Authority area meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> April. It was noted the Chair of the LAP would like examples of where early hospital appointments are causing problems to people living in this area.

Public Participation

No comments.

<p><b>134/2015</b></p>	<p><b>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>To note when a meeting will take place for local people interested in self-build with the Planning Department of Lake District National Park Authority</u> Cllr Hall has spoken to the Planning Department and this will be arranged in the Spring.</p> <p><u>To update on a request to clean the footbridge near the workshop units on Lake Road, Coniston</u> The Clerk confirmed the owner of the workshop units on Lake road has offered to arrange for the bridge to be cleaned as a gesture of goodwill. However, all maintenance and repair for the bridge is the responsibility of Lake District National Park Authority.</p> <p><u>To confirm if a speaker will be attending a future meeting to give information on the World Heritage Status bid for the Lake District National Park</u> Cllr Hall explained there was one speaker but a charge would be attached of £200-£300, however, County Cllr Fletcher is arranging for a talk for the Local Area Partnership parishes.</p> <p><u>To update on condition of and any repairs required to benches in the parish</u> Cllr Stoddart explained some repair on benches has been undertaken. Many of the benches require varnishing and this needs to await the better weather in the summer with some volunteers. Any benches with specific problems can be looked at on the Parish Walk later in the year.</p>	<p>AH</p>
<p><b>135/2015</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><u>Proposed car park at Walna Scar Car Park by Carter Jonas on behalf of Rydal Estates</u> The response from the Planning Department to concerns raised at the limited number of proposed car park spaces does acknowledge there is a problem. It was suggested when the car park is formally in place and there are more cars than spaces photographs are taken to back a case for extending the car park if necessary.</p> <p><u>Proposals for increase in number of days camping at Coniston Sports &amp; Social Club</u> Cllrs noted the Coniston Sports &amp; Social Club intend to apply for 30 days extra camping as advised to them by the Planning Department. The Clerk is to contact the Planning Department to see if with Coniston Parish Council support an application for the desired 60 days would be successful.</p> <p>The Coniston Sports &amp; Social Club need to do a flood risk assessment and it was suggested they contact Coniston Flood Forum for assistance.</p>	
<p><b>136/2015</b></p>	<p>7/2015/5025 - Croft Villa, Haws Bank, Coniston - Erection of rear extension to kitchen, dining room and basement, plus bay window to bedroom <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs were unable to see the plans clearly enough and have requested better plans and a site visit on Monday 23 February at 6pm.</p>	

	7/2015/5050 - Pier Cottage, Coniston - Hanging sign <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs have no objections.	
<b>138/2015</b>	<b>Resignation of Councillor Carroll</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted and accepted the resignation of Cllr Carroll. A letter of thanks is to be sent to him for all his hard work and the Clerk is to start the process of a casual vacancy.	
<b>139/2015</b>	<b>Parish Plan</b> Cllr Coxon is continuing to work on updating the action plan.	DC
<b>140/2015</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> A meeting of the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan team was held on 2 February. A second health check of the document has been carried out by Julian Jackson and Mr Cameron is working through suggested changes. The Clerk has completed a draft Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement. It is hoped a final draft of the document will be ready by the end of February.	
<b>141/2015</b>	<b>Verge Maintenance</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs to e-mail the Clerk if they have any ideas by the end of the week on how to spend the remaining funding.	ALL
<b>142/2015</b>	<b>Events</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> No specific problems have been reported so Cllrs agreed no meeting is necessary.	
<b>143/2015</b>	<b>World Heritage Status</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed to drop this from the agenda until a speaker has been arranged through the Local Area Partnership.	
<b>144/2015</b>	<b>Councillor Matters</b>  A quiz in aid of Coniston Amenities Fund charity on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm at Coniston Sports & Social Club.  Cllr Hall informed Cllrs as custodian trustees of Coniston Institute that a memorandum of understanding between Grizedale Arts, Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum will be discussed. The Cricket Pavilion was approved by the Planning Inspectorate.  A feasibility study of signage in Coniston will be carried of signage in the village to local attractions, for example, Ruskin Museum. Part of this will be to look at the bridge at Coniston Sports & Social Centre and if it could take coaches.  It was noted the bridge repair has been carried out at Shepherds Bridge.  The road sweeper is doing a good job in the area although there is the problem of having to return to Windermere when the vehicle is full as it is contaminated waste.	

	<p>Two children from the village were recently running for the county at South Shields and won the cups for boys, girls and overall.</p> <p>The new noticeboard has been installed at Haws Bank bus shelter and painting will take place by a volunteer group in the summer.</p> <p>It was noted Coppermines Road needs to be swept, especially where cars park on the left hand side and work is required on the one way system from Tarn Hows where there is debris from the land with some potholes. There is dead wood dropping onto roads in the area and it is thought the land owner is responsible for trees and Highways responsible when there is debris on the roads.</p> <p>There has been communications received about a recent sign that has appeared new Lake Road workshop units for the Bluebird Café and concerns the sign is pointing pedestrians to walk along the road over the bridge rather than via the footpath. Cllrs felt the sign was inappropriate and Cllr Coxon will ask for it to be removed.</p>	
<b>145/2015</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b>  <u>Clerk's Salary</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed a non-consolidated payment of £100.00 to the Clerk and approve an increase in salary of £92.40 per annum from £4758.60 to £4851.00 backdated to 1 January 2015.</p>	
<b>146/2015</b>	<p><u>Receipts</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following receipt:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge Toilets collecting boxes <span style="float: right;">£12.15</span></li> </ul>	
<b>147/2015</b>	<p><u>Payments</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's Salary (inc backpay for January) <span style="float: right;">£329.55</span></li> <li>• Clerk's Non-consolidated payment <span style="float: right;">£80.00</span></li> <li>• HMRC <span style="float: right;">£102.40</span></li> <li>• Stephen Airey <span style="float: right;">£48.00</span></li> <li>• Coniston Institute (room hire) <span style="float: right;">£56.00</span></li> <li>• St Andrew's PCC Coniston <span style="float: right;">£160.00</span></li> <li>• Data Protection Registration <span style="float: right;">£35.00</span></li> </ul>	
<b>148/2015</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Malcolm Wilson Rally letter – date of rally 7 March 2015</li> </ul>	
<b>149/2015</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 16 March 2015 7pm</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.