

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 16th November 2015

Present: Cllr H Troughton (Chair)
Cllrs – K Batty, T Coward, A Hall, A Kelly (from 7.45pm), A Metcalfe and J Stoddart
Clerk – J C Carroll

In attendance: 3 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
356/2015	Apologies RESOLVED: No apologies received.	
357/2015	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
358/2015	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items 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.	
359/2015	Minutes of Meeting 19 October 2015 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 October 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
360/2015	Public Participation <u>Steve Emmett, Flood Forum</u> Mr Emmett gave a report on a recent flash flood exercise based in Coniston put together by the Environment Agency and also the actual flooding in Coniston over the last weekend. The scenario set up by the Environment Agency had about 150 people with all emergency services represented seeing what would happen from top levels down to grass roots. Other communities who had emergency plans also attended and it was noted their plans have been developed further than the Coniston one. Mr Emmett suggested the Coniston Emergency Plan needs to be updated at least every year to ensure any changes of contacts are kept up-to-date. It was also suggested adding in what communication would take place. A copy of the Emergency Plan is to be e-mailed to all Cllrs. Last weekend (14 th and 15 th November) Ambleside was virtually cut off due to flood waters and the rising lake. Mr Emmett went Sunday morning and the becks appeared to be coping well, particularly Church Beck. The Primary School had a drain at the front that was overloaded. There are sandbags available to everyone	

stored behind the Mountain Rescue Base, however, these were created 5 years and many are no longer any use. It was suggested for future it may be worth arranging from some bags to be brought to Coniston from the South Lakeland District Council Eccleriggs depot. There is an officer at South Lakeland District Council who is logging where drains are. There is concern that some rainwater drains interact with sewers. There are no reports of any properties being flooded at the weekend.

It was suggested having a lengthsman to go around clearing drains. There are drains on Yewdale Road, Old Furness Road and Coppermines Road that are blocked.

Police

PCSO E Forrester sent her apologies for not attending and a report by e-mail. Four crimes have been reported since 22nd September – theft, common assault and harassment. 11 non-crime matters including fail to stop after road traffic collision, anti-social behaviour, found property, Mountain Rescue Team callouts, high disruption, concern for welfare and sheep worrying.

Be aware this is the season for shed break-ins and theft of valuable power tools, ensure outbuildings are secure with all valuable items marked. If possible, install lighting or CCTV. More info www.cumbria.police.uk/Advice-Centre/Advice-Centre.aspx.

On 6th November at approx. 2100 hours, CCTV shows a man depositing a chrome and leather office chair on the school grounds. The school is going to be put to some cost in disposing of this if the owner does not return and remove it. If you have any information please contact 101.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

Mr Cameron gave an update on matters since the last Coniston Parish Council meeting. St Andrews Youth Centre – the lease has now been transferred to Eden Housing and a planning application is unlikely this year. The Oak Howe scheme will have 3 affordable and 3 local needs homes. The scheme at Torver Old Goods Yard has been approved by Lake District National Park Authority.

County Councillor D Fletcher

No apologies and no report received.

District Councillor A Hall

District Cllr Hall explained there is little to report in relation to Coniston. The Boundary Commission are considering changing areas slightly so the area she covers may also extend to Broughton-in-Furness to become a three member ward.

Cllr attending the Local Area Partnership meeting on 6th October

Cllr Troughton did not attend as she was on a New Chair course.

Cllrs meeting with New Mechanics Youth Club

Cllrs met with members of the New Mechanics Youth Club to exchange what they each do. The Youth Club suggested some improvements to the playground which

	<p>Cllrs said they would consider and a further meeting would be arranged next year to discuss this further.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> A member of the public asked if there was any update on the proposed car park at Fell Gate. Cllrs explained what they knew to date and that no planning application had been submitted so far.</p>	
361/2015	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on progress of contacting the Highway Steward</u> Cllr Troughton has not had contact with the Highway Steward and will continue to try. The problems are to be reported to the Clerk of Colton Parish Council who is having a meeting with Highways about problems experienced.</p> <p><u>To consider financial information on charging at the Bridge Toilets</u> Cllr Coward has been in contact with David Coxon, Lake District National Park Authority for approx. figures of inputting turnstiles at Bridge Toilet and more exact figures will be obtained for the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Hall explained many people go into the Tourist Information Centre for change for the Ruskin Avenue and do not complain about the charge.</p> <p><u>To consider quotes for work required at the Lake Road playground after the RoSPA report</u> Cllr Coward explained although there is no work at high risk a quote has been obtained from Playdale for the work, £864.97. Cllrs will consider including this in the precept for next year. Work on the benches is also required.</p> <p><u>To update on progress of repairing streetlight at Days Bank</u> Cllr Stoddart met with Cumbria County Council about getting quotes for repairing the lights. RESOLVED: Cllr Hall to contact local residents about possible security lights in the area RESOLVED: Cllr Troughton to contact another company about a site survey.</p>	
362/2015	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2015/5617 - Croft Villa, Haws Bank, Coniston - a) Rebuild and extend the existing single storey side extension; b) alter windows on rear elevation; c) erect small balcony to rear ground floor dining room RESOLVED:- Cllrs have no objections.</p> <p>7/2015/5662 - Post Office, 6, Yewdale Road, Coniston - Proposed reinstatement of the existing door to form a separate entrance to the apartment over 6 Yewdale Road, Coniston RESOLVED:- Cllrs objected as there is no information on provision for relocating the postbox currently situation where the proposed door would be reinstated.</p> <p>7/2015/5661 - Mast, Coniston - Removal of 2 no. antennas. The installation of 4</p>	

	<p>no. antennas, 2 no. RRU's, 1 no. FTFA box, 1 no. 0.3m and 1 no. 0.6m transmission dishes, alterations within the equipment room and ancillary development thereto</p> <p>RESOLVED:- Cllrs have no objections.</p>	
363/2015	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>There referendum for Coniston Neighbourhood Plan is likely to take place in January 2016 and confirmation of the date will be given by South Lakeland District Council.</p>	
364/2015	<p>Parish Council Elections May 2016</p> <p>It was suggested to encourage more people to attend meeting, details in the Parish Newsletter, social media and Cllrs speaking to interested people to encourage candidates for the Parish Council Elections in May.</p>	
365/2015	<p>Highways Issues in the Parish</p> <p>A photograph of flooding in Ruskin Avenue car park is to be forwarded to Lake District National Park Authority to deal with.</p> <p>It was noted Torver has better road markings than Coniston.</p> <p>The road sweeper has not been around Coniston for a while. Cllr Hall will contact them.</p> <p>There are two very deep potholes at Cat Bank, these have been previously reported by the Clerk and will be looked into.</p> <p>The state of the road surface on Lake Road was commented on as it is a main avenue for a lot of visitors and needs resurfacing. This has previously been reported to Highways and an update will be requested.</p>	
366/2015	<p>Meeting Dates for 2016</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the meeting dates for Coniston Parish Council in 2016.</p>	
367/2015	<p>Local Area Partnership</p> <p>The Local Area Partnership required information and Cllrs agreed they would like to be involved and continue attending the meetings on a rotational basis. Cllrs would prefer to have meetings in every Parish with the Chair of that Parish hosting the meeting.</p>	
368/2015	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Streetlight are out on Little Moss Close and at The Garth.</p> <p>Coniston Fireworks display was a good night and more money was made than last year.</p> <p>The new bin collection round started on 16th November with problems experienced on the east side of the Lake.</p>	

	<p>A meeting is being held on 26th November at Ulverston Coronation Hall about the wind turbines on Kirkby Moor. Cllr Hall will be attending to speak against it.</p> <p>Cllr Troughton gave an update on the Christmas Lights – the electrician has gone bankrupt, lights the committee thought were new were reconditioned, old lights originally thought lost have now been found. The lights are in a bad state of repair and awaiting being looked at before a decision is made on what will happen this year.</p> <p>Cllr Troughton is in contact with South Lakeland District Council about arranging a telephone conversation to discuss the issue of no running water in the Bridge Toilets.</p>																			
369/2015	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>Budget 2016/17</u> Issues to be considered for the precept for 2016/17 include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage issues and possibly employing a lengthsman • Money to install turnstiles at the Bridge Toilets to commence charging • Playground maintenance. <p>Further discussion deferred until December when more figures should be available.</p>																			
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372/2015	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDNPA – Malcolm Wilson Grizedale Rally 21st November; Date of next Oxenholme to Grasmere Corridor Travel Plan meeting; Records week dates • SLDC – High Furness LAP meeting minutes: Tuesday 6 October; Cumbria County Council – New live cabinet in Barbon; New live cabinet in Flookburgh; New live cabinet in Coniston; New live cabinets in Greenodd; Consultation on Development 																			

	<p>Management Policies DPD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Consultation Response on Closure Kendal Courts; Health and Wellbeing Strategy Letter and Consultation Document; Minutes from the LDNP Parish Forum 12 October 2015; Agenda and Papers for the AGM 14 November 2015; LDNPA Business Plan - April 2015 to March 2018; CALC's November circular; Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation • Cumbria County Council - Consultation on new Council plan, Budget Savings and new ways of working • Grizedale Arts - The Village Table at the Coniston Institute • Seismic Events – Cycle Ride 18th October • Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda 20th October; minutes 20th October • Lakes Parish Council - Plans Agenda for 21st October • Cumbria CVS - South Lakeland Community News E-bulletin 26/10/2015 • Local Government Boundary Commission - Electoral Review of South Lakeland • Lakes Parish Council – agenda 4th November • Skelwith Parish Council – agenda 3 November • Torver Parish Council – agenda 5th Novmber • Blawith & Subberthwaite – agenda 9th November and minutes 12th October • Natural England - Extensions to the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks <p>To note the following correspondence has been received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC Annual Report 2015 • Clerks & Councils Direct November 2015 • Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of South Lakeland • Thank you letter from Parochial Church Council of Coniston & Torver for grant • Thank you letter from Coniston Institute & Ruskin Museum for grant 	
373/2015	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 21st December 2015 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)