

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 18th January 2016

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

In attendance: 4 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
101/2016	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Kelly, Coward (work commitments) & Metcalfe (ill health).</p>	
102/2016	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
103/2016	<p>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.</p>	
104/2016	<p>Minutes of Meeting 21 December 2015 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 December 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
105/2016	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester sent a report by e-mail. Since the last Parish Council meeting four crimes have been reported to the Police – assault, theft (Torver), criminal damage (Torver) and historical sexual assault. Four non-crime matters was dealt with – flooding, concern for welfare, road erosion and off-road biking.</p> <p>Wildlife crimes can be reported on 101, 999 (emergency only) or to discuss a particular issue e-mail:- wildlifecrime@cumbria.police.uk</p> <p>PCSO Forrester will be at Coniston Sports & Social Centre on Saturday 23rd January from 10am-1pm and at Hawkshead Primary School on Sunday 24th January from 10am- 12 with bicycle marking kits and registration forms.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Mr A Cameron explained there are some changes in the CLT with Helen Dodd stepping down as Director and Secretary. Two new people will be appointed, one as Director and one as the Company Secretary. The CLT will also be selecting</p>	

	<p>Trustees.</p> <p>A Housing needs Survey is due to be done this year and it is valuable to have up-to-date information.</p> <p>The St Andrews Youth Centre project is slowly progressing with plans being developed and aiming to be with the Lake District National Park Authority in February.</p> <p><u>County Councillor D Fletcher</u> Apologies received.</p> <p><u>District Councillor A Hall</u> District Cllr Hall attended a meeting about the boundary changes, currently she represents Coniston & Crake but it may change to Coniston, Broughton & Hawkshead but the Boundary Commission will make the decision.</p> <p>The Overview & Scrutiny committee will be looking at playground and open spaces.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> A member of the public expressed concerns about the possibility of charging being implemented at the Bridge Toilets. It was questioned about if Parishioners should be charged to input turnstiles, how often local people used the toilets and if the approx. £3,500.00 it is currently costing from the precept to run the toilets would be better spent elsewhere.</p>	
106/2016	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on progress of contacting the Highway Steward</u> Cllr Troughton reported she has still not had any contact from the Highway Steward.</p> <p><u>To consider financial information on charging at the Bridge Toilets and agree whether or not to implement charging from Easter 2016</u> Cllrs discussed whether or not to start charging at the Bridge Toilets. They would prefer not to charge but it is a question of whether it can be afforded, although there is the implications of management of turnstiles if there were installed. RESOLVED: Cllrs would not implement charging for this year and would improve the signage of who is keeping the toilets and monitor the situation.</p> <p><u>To receive quote for repairing streetlights at Days Bank and Brow Steps</u> A quote has been received of £570.00 plus VAT to repair the streetlights at Days Bank and Brow Steps owned by the Parish Council. This will be considered under the budgeting for 2016/17.</p> <p><u>To receive update from Cllr attending a meeting with South Lakeland District Council on their concerns of no running water at the Bridge Toilets</u> Cllr Troughton met with South Lakeland District Council (SLDC). She received information on handwashing and SLDC confirmed the Bridge Toilets have to have</p>	

	<p>running water. This does not have to be hot water. The removal of the hand basins is not compliant with Lease of the premises. Either hand dryers or paper towels will be required. RESOLVED: Cllrs will replace the hand basins and hand dryers.</p> <p><u>To update on relocation of postbox in relation to planning application 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</u> Cllr Stoddart wrote to the Royal Mail on behalf of Coniston Co-operative to offer the relocation of the postbox to an unused doorway at the Co-operative. The Post Office is currently in the process of relocating the postbox. RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Post Office and express concerns about lack of Post Office and preference of location for new site at an unused doorway at Coniston Co-operative.</p>	
107/2016	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>No planning applications received.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grants of Planning Permission:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 7/2015/5661 – Mast, Coniston - Removal of 2 no. antennas. The installation of 4 no. antennas, 2 no. RRU's, 1 no. FTTA box, 1 no. 0.3m and 1 no. 0.6m transmission dishes, alterations within the equipment room and ancillary development thereto • 7/2015/5678 – Coniston Hall, Haws Bank, Coniston - Variation of condition 2 of application 7/2014/5551 - Replacement extension to provide changing and showering facilities, new disabled access <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notice of Approval of Development:- 7/2015/5592 – Bank Ground Farm, Coniston – steel portal framed mono-pitched agricultural shed and solar panels on roof</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted a letter from Lake District National Park Authority – 7/2015/5693 – Lowfield, Bowmanstead, Coniston – confirmation condition number 3 of 7/2013/5471 archaeological work has been discharged satisfactorily</p>	
108/2016	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>A leaflet is the process of being distributed by Cllrs to households in Coniston with information about the referendum on Thursday 28th January 2016.</p>	
109/2016	<p>Bluebird Project</p> <p>Cllr Hall suggested an initial working group of 8-10 people to begin the process of working out what would be required in the village when the proving trial of</p>	

	<p>Bluebird takes place on Coniston. There is no date yet for the event. RESOLVED: Cllrs Hall and Coward will be on the working group initially.</p>	
110/2016	<p>Highways Issues in the Parish Blocked drains were reported opposite Crown Hotel, Walna Scar road, Station Road, Sun Lonning, Coppermines Road, section of A593 opposite Hills garage and on the eastside of the lake. The gully sweeper needs to come round.</p> <p>The grit boxes at the bottom of Brow Steps and Tent Lodge need filling.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Clerk to report all these to the Highways department.</p> <p>Cumbria County Council are working on the issues of flooding at Coniston Primary School.</p>	
111/2016	<p>Coniston Emergency Plan and Resilience Equipment RESOLVED: Clerk will ask Steve Emmett of Coniston Flood Forum and Jeff Carroll, Deputy Team Leader of Coniston Mountain Rescue Team if they would be prepared to update and review the Coniston Emergency Plan.</p> <p>Mr J Carroll explained following the floods in 2009 Coniston Parish Council arranged for some filled sandbags to be stored behind Coniston Mountain Rescue Base which were available for villagers as required. Today, these sandbags are mostly rotten and of little use. The suggestion is to have a shed behind the Rescue Base with resilience equipment including unfilled sandbags with sand. The Mountain Rescue Team is prepared to host and administer it but will not pay for it. Mr Carroll will arrange a meeting in the Spring with Coniston Parish Council, Cumbria County Council, South Lakeland District Council, Environment Agency and Coniston Flood Forum to progress this to gain support and funding.</p>	
112/2016	<p>Queen's 90th Birthday Beacon – 21st April 2016 The existing beacon will be used for the Queen's 90th Birthday Beacon on 21st April 2016. RESOLVED: The beacon will be placed on Maundry Bank and the Reverend Tim Harmer invited to light it.</p> <p><u>Clean for Queen</u> The event is being held on 4th, 5th and 6th March. Cllrs Troughton and Hall will advertise the event to ask for volunteers and the local schools will be contacted.</p>	
113/2016	<p>Buckingham Palace Garden Parties – 19th May 2016 RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to nominate Cllr Troughton as Chair.</p>	
114/2016	<p>Tender for grass cutting at playground, cleaning bus shelters and Bridge Toilets RESOLVED: Clerk to ask for quotes from local contractors for the tendering of the grass cutting at the playground, cleaning the bus shelters and the Bridge Toilets.</p>	
115/2016	<p>Tree in Playground</p>	

	RESOLVED: Clerk to request a new Arboricultural Report on the tree in the playground.	
116/2016	Coniston Institute / Ruskin Museum meetings RESOLVED: Cllrs will attend the Coniston Institute / Ruskin Museum meetings as follows:- 9 th February – Cllr Batty 8 th March – Cllr Troughton 12 th April – Cllr Stoddart	
117/2016	Councillor Matters The newly installed step at Masonic Lodge on the Banks needs to be checked by Highways as cars are catching it when manoeuvring on the narrow road. It has been suggested asking the Rawdon Smith Trust if they would like to attend a future Parish Council meeting to explain about the Trust. Coniston will be getting a plaque for the VC in April 2018 and it has been suggested having a military weekend to celebrate. A decision needs to be made on where the plaque will go. Streetlights are out at Dow How, opposite the Methodist Church and in Church Field Close. It has been suggested advertising the contact details of who to report blocked drains and other highways problems and street light issues to. There is the remains of a tree at the bottom of Lake Road which is blocking access to the litter bin. This has already been reported to John Ruskin School.	
119/2016	Financial Matters <u>Budget 2016/17</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to add £500.00 for street light repairs, £500.00 for verge maintenance and an additional £1,000.00 to cover any additional expense incurred with having running water in the Bridge Toilets and hand dryers.	
120/2016	<u>Precept for 2016/17</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to raise the precept from £18,000.00 to £20,000.00.	
121/2016	<u>Financial Summary</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the financial summary for the 3rd quarter	
122/2016	<u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipts- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coniston Sports & Social Centre (fireworks) £750.00 • Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes £5.23 <u>Payments</u>	

	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s Salary £323.45 • HMRC £80.80 • EON – Bridge Toilets (by direct debit) £7.90 • Atom Fireworks £900.00 • Stephen Airey £75.00 • Great North Air Ambulance £50.00 • Cumbria Association of Local Councils £24.50 • (course – Cllr H Troughton) • Spen-worth Services (Christmas Lights) £340.00 • Spen-worth Services (Christmas Lights) £404.52 • Coniston Institute (room hire) £56.00 <p>Note: Cllrs nominated Cllr Troughton to be the Coniston Parish Council representative on the Christmas Lights Committee.</p>	
123/2016	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLDC – WHITE NOISE FESTIVAL - 5 and 6 February 2016 - Brewery Arts Centre Kendal • CALC – Flood Recovery Update; Developing Skills Programme January to June 2016; First communication from the chair of Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Limited; Next District Association meeting - Thursday 4th February 2016 • Hawkshead Parish Council – minutes 18 December 2015 • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 9th December 2015 agenda 13th January 2016 • Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council – minutes 9th November 2015 and agenda 11th January 2016 • Morecambe Town Council - Irresponsible Parking Outside Schools Awareness Campaign • Forestry Commission - Grizedale Forest running event 16th January • Guide Dogs - Guide Dogs Coniston Challenge - 17th September 2016 • MyTriEvents - Coniston Weekend of events 11 & 12 June 2016 <p>To note the following correspondence has been received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Lakeland District Council extraordinary meeting agenda 6 January 2016 • Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine January 2016 	
124/2016	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 15th February 2016 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)