

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.30pm on Monday 16th May 2016

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

In attendance: 4 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
200/2016	<p>Chairman RESOLVED: Cllrs elected Cllr Coward as Chairman and she signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p> <p>Cllr Coward thanked Cllr Troughton for her time as Chair.</p>	
201/2016	<p>Vice-Chairman RESOLVED: Cllrs appointed Cllr Carroll as Vice-Chairman.</p>	
202/2016	<p>Declarations All Councillors signed the Declarations of Acceptance of Office & Code of Conduct.</p> <p>RESOLVED: All Councillors will complete the Declaration of Financial and Other Interests Form and return it as soon as possible and within the timescale.</p>	
203/2016	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Swyer.</p>	
204/2016	<p>Minutes of Meeting 18 April and 11 May 2016 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 18th April and 11th May 2016 are approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
205/2016	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
206/2016	<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. Cllr Hart – planning application 7/2016/5165 due to business interest All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
207/2016	<p>Portfolio holders for local subject areas Playground Cllr Coward Housing Cllr Hall Bus shelters Cllr Swyer</p>	

	Environment Cllr Coward Street Lighting Cllr Troughton Village Maintenance Cllr Hart Highways Cllr Carroll Bridge Toilets Cllr Batty	
208/2016	Representatives to other bodies Crake Website Cllr Troughton Institute and Museum Committee Cllr Swyer Coniston Water Association Cllr Troughton Coniston & Crake Partnership Cllr Carroll Local Area Partnership (LAP) Cllr Carroll Flood Forum Cllr Coward Coniston Sports & Social Centre Cllr to AGM (July) Friends of Coniston Medical Practice Cllr Troughton Bluebird Event Group Cllr Carroll, Coward & Hall	
209/2016	Public Participation <u>Simon Hill, Area Ranger, National Trust South Lakes</u> Simon Hill is the new Area Ranger for Coniston & Little Langdale replacing Luke Barley. Simon gave a few updates from John Moffat (General Manager for South Lakes):- <i>Housing</i> – there are currently no voids either residential / agricultural in the area. Hoathwaite will be let as a single larger unit but clarification is required as to whether this will be for a permanent let or a holiday let. <i>Open Access</i> – there is still a lot of flood recovery work being undertaken, particularly on the shore of Windermere. Coniston Parish Council reported the poor state of the footpath at Park Coppice and Simon will talk to the Lake District National Park Authority about a solution and fixing the culvert. <i>Tarn Hows</i> – Simon will be looking at how to make better use of the education room and a landscape plan that was done some years ago. <i>Coniston & Crake Partnership</i> – Simon will be working with this group on their Heritage Lottery Funding project looking at water quality and habitats along the becks. <i>Proposed hydro scheme at Greenburn</i> – John Moffat would like to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss this project and Cllrs suggested the boundaries are checked as to what other Parishes are affected. <i>Trust & Event Licensing</i> – it was noted the tenants at Tilberthwaite Farm had expressed their concerns about the Keswick to Barrow route this year and a meeting will be arranged to discuss a positive way forward. Simon explained the National Trust licences all events that go over this land including assessing the impact / numbers / nature conservation / insurance. An admin fee is charged for the licence. Simon will look at whether or not it is possible to inform Coniston Parish Council of events that receive a licence. <i>Litter pick</i> – the head of the lake requires a litter pick and this will be done in conjunction with John Ruskin School and volunteers from the community. Councillors explained how due to the Environmental Health Department at South Lakeland District Council explaining legislation they have had to replace the use	

of only santiser gel at the Bridge Toilets with running water and sinks in order to comply. Councillors explained the National Trust may wish to consider the information in view of the facilities available at Tarn Hows.

The bridleway that comes downhill from Tarn Hows at the point where it crosses the one way road exiting from Tarn Hows near Monk Coniston still requires a chicane to slow down bikes so riders realise there is a road.

The leaflet about the Monk Coniston tree walk appears to have disappeared and it was very popular and would be worth reinstating.

Police

PCSO Forrester reported there has been one crime of note – a theft from a B&B. A log of note is a road traffic collision. The next Police Desk is on 2nd June from 10-12 at Coniston Tourist Information Centre and the Ulverston Police Desk is at Coronation Hall, Ulverston Monday to Friday 9-12 every week.

It was suggested PCSO Forrester could do a talk on fraud prevention and internet protection for the local community.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

No report this month.

County Councillor D Fletcher

County Cllr Fletcher explained 2% extra for adult care and services has been added to the Council Tax. Further efficiency savings are required with the revenue grant likely to disappear by 2020 and the income will be business and council tax.

The Highways Department continue to have lots of problems due to flooding. There is an extra £4.5 million for potholes and patching will be done soon along with surface dressing.

Cllrs discussed the issue of the step at Chapel Bank House with the County Cllr and its encroachment onto the highway. It was felt the Highways Department were better placed to deal with it.

Cllrs noted Coniston is still waiting for white lines in the area to be done more than 3 years after reporting them.

District Councillor A Hall

District Council Hall explained she had no relevant information to report.

Councillor attending the LDNPA South Distinctive Area meeting on 20th April

Cllr Hall attended this first meeting with LDNPA on consulting for the new core strategy. Seven parishes attended with lots of suggestions put forward and more consultations are to come. These consultations will be the opportunity to put forward change to policy for local occupancy restrictions.

Public Participation

No issues raised.

<p>210/2016</p>	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan & obtaining resilience equipment</u> Cllr Coward has nearly finished reviewing the Coniston Emergency Plan. Steve Emmett from Coniston Flood Forum has received funding for a shed and resilience equipment.</p> <p><u>To update on the relocation of the postbox on Yewdale Road</u> The location of the new postbox has been agreed by the Post Office near to the wooden flower box on Yewdale Road on the pavement between the Greenhousekeeper Café and Orchard Cottage B&B. There is no timescale yet and apparently the paperwork takes a few weeks to sort out.</p> <p>Councillors questioned what happened to the old GR postbox that was removed and if it could be placed in the Museum.</p> <p><u>To update on trimming the playground hedge</u> Clerk to progress this.</p> <p><u>To report on the Queen’s 90th birthday beacon event</u> The beacon was very successful. There were a few complaints about a lack of publicity but it was on posters in the village and on Facebook. Thanks were given the Coniston Mountain Rescue Team who assisted on the evening and the 15-20 people who attended.</p> <p>The beacon is currently stored by Cllr Batty.</p> <p><u>To decide on which quote to proceed with between Cumbria County Council and another Contractor to repair the street lights at Brow Steps and Days Bank</u> No updated quote has been received from the private Contractor to compare with the quote from Cumbria County Council. RESOLVED: Cllr Troughton to contact the private Contractor and request a quote before the next meeting. Also, the Contractor and Cumbria County Council to both be contacted to ensure the work could be carried out before September.</p> <p><u>To update on required maintenance work being carried out at the playground</u> The rocking horse has been repaired and Cllr Coward will contact Playdale to arrange the other required repairs.</p>	<p>TC & JRC</p> <p>JCC</p> <p>JCC</p> <p>JCC</p> <p>HT & JCC</p> <p>TC</p>
<p>211/2016</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2016/5165 - Old Telephone Exchange, Yewdale Road, Coniston - Change of use of and extensions to the former telephone exchange building to form a bistro / restaurant RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections.</p> <p>7/2016/5229 - 9, Beck Yeat, Coniston - Two storey rear extension & alterations to windows on front elevation</p>	

	RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections.	
212/2016	RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notice of Grant of Planning Permission:- 7/2016/5118 – Shepherds Bridge, Shepherds Bridge Lane, Coniston – replacement of an existing septic tank, with a proprietary package water treatment plant, located in the back garden of the property and outflowing into an adjacent river (Yewdale Beck)	
213/2016	RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the withdrawal of planning application 7/2016/5072 – Fairsnape, Coniston – extensions to dwelling, access improvement	
214/2016	<u>Possible future planning application by Coniston Football Club and Coniston Sports & Social Centre</u> Helen Lace from Coniston Sports & Social Centre explained they were considering working with a company to install a mast which would improve mobile coverage and gave a brief outline of the proposals. A formal planning application will follow in due course.	
215/2016	Parish Walk RESOLVED: Cllrs will meet on Monday 6 th June at David Watts to look at the Station Road, Devonshire Terrace and the Banks.	ALL
216/2016	Future Meetings RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the following speakers for future meetings June – National Trust re proposed hydro scheme at Greenburn July – Highways Department August – Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust September – John Ruskin School Headteacher October – Area Ranger, Lake District National Park Authority.	
217/2016	Future Projects <u>Updating the Parish Directory</u> RESOLVED: Cllr Hart will take this forward with Coniston Business Forum <u>Parish Plan Revision</u> Clerk to e-mail the existing Parish Plan and it will be an agenda item for June. <u>Victoria Cross plaque – Jimmy Hewitson -18th April 2018</u> Coniston will receive a special plaque in 2018 and it has been suggested having a military weekend to celebrate. RESOLVED: Cllrs Hall &Troughton will take forward with Coniston Business Forum.	JH JCC HT & AH
218/2016	Training in Planning RESOLVED: The Clerk to arrange training for a Monday / Tuesday in early September to give a broad overview of planning and how Cllrs comment on planning applications.	JCC

219/2016	Improving the Signage to Coniston RESOLVED: Cllr Hart will progress.	JH
220/2016	Grant Funding through Environmental Partnership Fund No projects considered.	
221/2016	Keswick to Barrow Walk RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange a meeting with local land owners, event organisers and tenants to find a positive way forward for future years.	JCC
222/2016	Coniston Christmas Lights Cllrs noted the decision of Coniston Christmas Lights Committee to detach themselves from Coniston Parish Council although no reasons were given.	
223/2016	Councillor Matters A tanker at Hills Garage has knocked down the wall at the Bridge Toilets. It was requested when the wall is rebuilt it is done to the same standard as when a different section of the wall was knocked down. Cllr Coward will investigate. It was requested a letter is sent to Coniston Primary School to thank them for the work done on cleaning the Cenotaph memorial which looks much better now. Dan Cooper, a local artist is having his biggest exhibition at Ruskin Museum from 11th June. It was suggested the Parish Council might like to give comments to the planning application (7/2016/5198) for a 40 foot jetty on the east side of the lake. Cllrs said it would depend if it is a like for like replacement jetty or if it was new it seemed excessive. The Annual Development Management Performance Report 2015/16 by Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) is available on the LDNPA website. There are concerns about the empty house at Collingwood Close. Fundraising continues for the X12 bus service and a bus service will be available to Skelwith Bridge.	TC
224/2016	Financial Matters <u>Bank Signatories</u> Currently only Cllr Troughton is a signatory. RESOLVED: Cllrs Coward and Hall will be added as signatories.	
225/2016	<u>Internal Audit Report for 2015/16</u> RESOLVED: No issues raised.	
226/2016	<u>Financial Regulations</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs approved and adopted the revised Financial Regulations.	

227/2016	<u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipts- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precept from South Lakeland District Council £19,080.91 • Parish Grant from South Lakeland District Council £919.09 • Bridge Toilets Collecting Boxes £85.33 	
228/2016	<u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EON - streetlights (by direct debit) £105.38 • Clerk's Salary £323.40 • Clerk's Overtime £92.40 • Clerk's Expenses £227.63 • HMRC £103.95 • Fiona Ebbs – Internal Auditor £50.00 • EON (Bridge Toilets) £14.14 • Stephen Airey £342.00 • JF Batty & Son £898.51 • Coniston Institute (Room Hire) £42.00 • Cumbria Association of Local Councils £214.00 • Alastair Cameron (Neighbourhood Plan expenses) £14.34 • Print Digital £29.62 • Came & Co (insurance) £916.77 	
229/2016	Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbria County Council - South Lakeland Flood Fact Sheet 21st April 2016; Keswick to Barrow traffic closures • CALC - LDNP Parish Forum April 25; District Association meeting - Thursday 9th June 2016 - 7pm • SLDC - Business Premises Survey Results 2015 and Summary of Town and village comments • Lakes Parish Council - Annual General Meeting 11 May • Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council – agendas & minutes for meeting on 9th May 2016 • Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda 17 May 2016 <p>To note the following correspondence has been received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from South Lakeland District Council – Environmental Protection Act 1990 Coniston Bridge Toilets • Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine May 2016 	
230/2016	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 20th June 2016 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)