

Coniston Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council
held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston
at 7.00pm on Monday 21st November 2016**

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

In attendance: 3 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
353/2016	Apologies RESOLVED: No apologies received.	
354/2016	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
355/2016	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
356/2016	Minutes of Meetings 17th October 2016 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 17 th October and 7 th November 2016 are approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
357/2016	Public Participation <u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester sent her apologies and a report by e-mail. There have been three incidents of note since the last meeting – one of criminal damage (caravan at Park Coppice), one theft of a wallet and one arrest to prevent a breach of the peace. PCSO Forrester explained her Police desk at the Tourist Information Centre has been poorly attended so she will move to the Library at the Reading Rooms, Coniston Institute on a monthly basis on a Wednesday. Her final desk at the TIC will be on Thursday 12 th January at 10am. <u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Mr Cameron sent a report by e-mail. The Housing Needs Survey has now been distributed to households in Coniston and people are encouraged to complete and return them by 1 st December. The results will be analysed independently and the results of the survey will be available towards the end of January 2017. The current Housing Needs Survey of 2015 is valid until 2018 but the reason for this survey is due to the Barratt Croft allocation. No progress has been made on the governance of the CLT due to the Housing Needs Survey being prepared.	

	<p><u>County Councillor D Fletcher</u> No apologies and no report received.</p> <p><u>District Cllr A Hall</u> District Cllr Hall will be attending a seminar on poverty and is going to an Overview & Scrutiny meeting tomorrow. Blue recycling plastic bags have been distributed to some of Coniston.</p> <p><u>Report from Cllr attending the Coniston Business Forum meeting</u> Cllrs Coward & Hart attended the Coniston Business Form meeting on 6th November at the Bluebird Café with the two main topics being the Return of Bluebird to Coniston and a Coniston Leaflet. Both topics were received positively although there is no definite date for the return of Bluebird. The proposal of a lengthsman, paid for with contributions from local business, including holiday home owners, was also discussed.</p> <p>It was noted there are events in January for the 50th anniversary of Bluebird.</p> <p><u>Report from Cllr attending the High Furness Local Area Partnership meeting</u> Cllr Carroll attended the LAP meeting. The LDNPA Policy Officer Paula Allen was in attendance to discuss the topics of housing and transport which are under review from the Core Strategy. The current local needs housing restrictions are not working for the area and the restriction to the South Distinctive Area needs to be reviewed.</p> <p>Through the LAP Cumbria County Council Highways are issuing each Parish Council a map of their area showing the gullies they are aware of and requesting Councillors populate the map with any additional gullies. Highways would also like to know the gullies that cause most issues and need prioritising.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> It was noted the positive impact the LED streetlights are having that have replaced the sodium lights.</p> <p>There was a short discussion about planning application 7/2016/5661 and the one discussed last month on the opposite side of the main road, 7/2016/5685.</p>	
358/2016	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan & obtaining resilience equipment</u> Cllr Carroll explained that whilst the store at the Mountain Rescue Base is awaited some equipment will be stored at the base.</p> <p><u>To update on the work to be carried out on streetlights at Days Bank and Brow Steps and decide if the light at Cat Bank is to remain or not</u> Cllr Sywer explained she has spoken to the Contractor and he is awaiting parts.</p>	JRC
	Planning Applications	

<p>359/2016</p> <p>360/2016</p> <p>361/2016</p> <p>362/2016</p>	<p>7/2016/5657 - How Farm, Days Bank, Coniston - Change of use of house annex into a local needs dwelling RESOLVED: Cllrs object to the application as it is unsuitable as a permanent dwelling and the original plan should have been adhered to.</p> <p>7/2016/5661 - Land off Yewdale Road, Coniston - Seven affordable units RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application provided that safe pedestrian access is available to the primary school and that formal 3 bedroom houses are built.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:- 7/2016/5083 – Guards Wood Quarry, Coniston – re-open one of the quarries to provide a source of blue / black slate and appropriate slate products</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the decision on the following planning application:- 7/2016/5577 - Little Arrow Moor, Walna Scar Road, Coniston - Alterations to existing disused quarry to provide a 58 bay pay and display public car park – decision delegated to approve to the Head of Development Management subject to conditions including details of signage at the lower end of Walna Scar Road.</p> <p>Cllrs will invite the Head of Development Management to the next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>The local media will be contacted about the application and the objections to it.</p> <p><u>To discuss the offer received of funding for Coniston Parish Council to have a judicial review of the planning decision on 7/2016/5577 - Little Arrow Moor, Walna Scar Road, Coniston - Alterations to existing disused quarry to provide a 58 bay pay and display public car park</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that the Parish Council cannot be involved in a judicial review.</p>	<p>JCC</p>
<p>363/2016</p>	<p>LDNPA Local Plan Review It was suggested the local needs housing policy requires reviewing and there are infrastructure concerns e.g. maintenance of bridleways. RESOLVED: Cllrs will have a meeting on Monday 5th December at 7pm with the Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust to discuss what suggestions should be put forward for the Local Plan Review.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>364/2016</p>	<p>Highways Issues The resurfacing of Lake Road has been completed. Some work on The Banks has been completed. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Mr P Hosking, Cumbria Highways for an update on the structural weakness on Bank Terrace.</p> <p>The Clerk is still trying to get an update on when white lines will be reinstated in Coniston.</p>	<p>JCC</p>

365/2016	<p>Coniston Parish Plan Revision RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the questionnaire for the Parish Plan Revision 2016. Clerk to arrange printing of the questionnaire.</p>	JCC
365/2016	<p>Proposal for removal of telephony service from BT RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed there was no requirement to keep the telephone box at Adams Bridge, Haws Bank.</p>	
366/2016	<p>Bluebird Return Festival There was a meeting held on 2nd November where discussions continued about working with the Coniston Business Forum, looking at possible places for car parks during the Festival and other events during the proving trial. The next meeting is planned for February 2017.</p>	
367/2016	<p>Coniston Institute Councillors had a discussion about the consultancy post recently advertised which is to progress the working together of the Coniston Institute, Ruskin Museum and Grizedale Arts and the future of the organisations. RESOLVED: Cllrs to put forward the suggestion that the post could look at additional events to promote local people involvement, e.g. community plays, pantomimes, lectures and talks.</p>	JCC
369/2016	<p>Article by LDNPA in ‘The Westmorland Gazette’ dated 3 November 2016 This article stated that Monk Coniston toilets were closed in consultation with Parish Councillors for frost measures. However, no consultation was carried out with any Councillors. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact LDNPA to request they print a correction in the Westmorland Gazette.</p>	JCC
370/2016	<p>Councillor Matters It was noted a garage has appeared at the bottom of a field towards Rawlinson Ground. The yellow lines require re-doing at the Lake Road workshops site. Cllr Hall attended the CALC AGM which was beneficial with lots of issues raised, interest in the X12 service and the possibility of funding for exercise equipment for adults / elderly. Lakes Parish Council who run public toilets pay £10,000.00 in rates and it was noted that although District Councils want Parish Council to take over running of assets there is a cost associated. The Cricket Club has a new plan for a traditional pavilion. The X12 bus service still requires funding support and has had 60,000 passengers in the last 2 years. There are questionnaires out at the moment about the proposal of a federation</p>	

	<p>being created between John Ruskin School, Coniston Primary School and Langdale Primary School.</p> <p>There will be an election through CALC for a member on the LDNPA but a Parish Councillor who is also a District Councillor cannot apply.</p> <p>There are an increasing number of complaints about quarry wagons knocking walls down.</p> <p>Noise issues in the village centre were raised, in particular the church bells, property alarms and lorries reversing audible warning devices.</p> <p>The National Trust are holding a consultation on Thursday 24th November at 2pm at Tarn Hows about potential changes.</p> <p>There has been a request to tidy up the Campbell Memorial for the 50th anniversary in January.</p> <p>Coniston & Torver District Angling Association has had a meeting with Carter Jonas about the fishing rights on Coniston and suggested the rights are gifted to a suitable charitable organisation.</p> <p>The National Trust has launched a new Beatrix Potter award.</p> <p>It was noted the wall between the Bridge Toilets and the garage is still not repaired.</p>	
<p>371/2016</p> <p>372/2016</p> <p>373/2016</p> <p>374/2016</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>To discuss the precept for 2017/18 and any specific projects to budget:- Lengthsman</u> Deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p><u>To consider a request for a grant from Great North Air Ambulance</u> RESOLVED: A donation of £100.00 was agreed.</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipts-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Toilets Collecting boxes £101.88 • Bridget Toilets Collecting boxes £86.06 • VAT refund £632.57 <p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary £326.44 • Clerk's overtime (Bluebird Project) £65.28 • Clerk's Expenses £9.68 • HMRC £98.00 • EON – Bridge Toilets (by direct debit) £14.99 • EON – Streetlights (July & August) £217.77 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EON – Streetlights (October) £122.38 • EON – Streetlights (November) £126.45 • Stephen Airey £316.50 • Hygiene Cleaning Supplies Ltd (Bridget Toilets) £42.36 • Coniston Institute (room hire) £79.00 • St Andrew’s PCC Coniston (Annual Report printing) £160.00 • Poppy Appeal £35.00 • Cumbria Association for Local Councils (New Chair course) £35.00 • Amb IT Solutions (website hosting) £45.00 • Coniston Ground Care £868.80 	
375/2016	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Rodent Control Course; Friday round up; CALC AGM 2016 Agenda and Papers; Advance notice of an election in the South Distinctive Area of the National Park • LDNPA – Footpaths and Bridleways in Grizedale Forest, Broughton Moor, Whinlatter Forest and Wythop Woods; RH partner conference • Cumbria County Council - South Lakeland Flood Factsheet October 2016; Flood Reports; Urgent Temporary Road Closure U5012 Cat Bank, Coniston • SLDC - ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SOUTH LAKELAND: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS; Keep Britain Tidy; Proposal for removal of telephony service from BT • LAP - High Furness LAP meeting: Wednesday 19 October, 7.00pm; Local Area Partnership Flooding Conference: Thursday 24 November; Grange and Cartmel LAP meeting: Rural broadband and Integrated care communities • Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda 18 October 2016, minutes 18 October 2016; agenda 15th November • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 5 October, plans meeting 19 October, agenda 2 November • Torver Parish Council – minutes 6th October; agenda 10th November • Blawith & Subberthwaite – NATIONAL GRID PYLON ROUTE; minutes 10th October; agenda 14th November • Cumbria CVS – South Lakeland e-bulletin 31/10/16 • Rusland Horizons: Thurs 3 Nov – Fell Care Day • Coniston Institute & Ruskin Museum – thank you for grant • Breca Coniston 2017 swimrun event • John Ruskin School - Proposed Federation <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Coniston Parochial Church Council – thank you for grants • Tim Farron MP Advice Surgeries Autumn/Winter 2016/17 • The Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review of South Lakeland: Final Recommendations • Cumbria Association of Local Councils Annual Report 2016 • Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine November 2016 	
376/2016	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 19th December 2016 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)