

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 24th April 2017

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

In attendance: PCSO E Forrester, County Cllr D Fletcher, Matt McDonald - Project Director
(Coniston Institute) and 3 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
153/2017	Apologies RESOLVED: No apologies	
154/2017	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
155/2017	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
156/2017	Minutes of Meeting 20th March 2017 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 th March 2017 are approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
157/2017	Public Participation <u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester reported there has been one crime since the last meeting – criminal damage to advertising leaflets / banner and there are currently no leads. The next Police desk is 16 th April from 10 – 12 in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute. On 13 th May there is a bicycle marking event at the Coronation Hall, Ulverston. PCSO Forrester is working with South Lakeland District Council on reducing dog fouling in the area. There will be more patrols with checks that dog owners have poo bags on them. Additionally work will be done with the primary school to raise awareness of this. Cllrs are aware Little Moss, Collingwood Close and Yewdale Road is an issue with dog fouling. If anyone knows a dog owner who does not clean up this can be reported (anonymously if preferred) to PCSO Forrester (ring 101 or e-mail Emma.Forrester@cumbria.police.uk , there are forms available for reporting at Coniston TIC or to South Lakeland District Council (01539 733 333 www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-environment/dogs/dog-fouling/). When reporting please include name and address of person in charge of the dog, description of the dog along with the time and location of the incident.	

Cllrs reported the advertising of a car parking space with the sale of the property, Villa Maria, beside the fish & chip shop. However, this is on a narrow stretch of road with a blind bend.

County Councillor – Dave Fletcher

County Cllr Fletcher reported he has looked at the street lighting at Beck Yeat and down Lake Road and requested Ian Harker from Cumbria County Council review it. The new LED lights have a different spread which can be an issue in semi-rural areas where lampposts are quite wide apart.

Cllrs requested other areas to be reviewed including Shepherds Bridge Lane.

A meeting with Highways is being arranged to look at pedestrians on the road at Park Gate and Bowmanstead. Funding could come from the Locally Important Projects fund.

One solution for the problem of non-residents parking at The Garth / Little Moss is to arrange for resident parking permits for the area. There are already ‘Residents Only’ signs there. One issue identified is that businesses in Coniston direct people to park at these areas. It was suggested that the Coniston Sports & Social Club could do a leaflet drop to highlight their reasonably priced parking that is close to the village.

District Councillor – Anne Hall

Nothing to report.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

Mr A Cameron explained the governance for the Coniston & Torver CLT is still being worked on. He has attended a conference about the new Community-led Housing Fund which discussed the issue of increasing numbers of second / holiday homes in the area and what the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) could do.

The LDNPA currently have a request for sites that would be suitable for housing or business sites (www.lakedistrict.co.uk/planning/call-for-sites)

Matt McDonald, Project Director, Coniston Institute

Mr McDonald explained he has recently started a 2 year post involving Grizedale Arts, Institute and Museum working together ore to get the village more vibrant. He is keen to speak to people and community groups about their ideas and suggestions and is at the office at Coniston Institute Monday – Friday. He has suggested setting up a monthly / bi-monthly session for people to attend with business / community project ideas as he could put people in touch with relevant organisations. Matt can be contacted via e-mail matt@grizedale.org.

Public Participation

It was suggested the new streetlights could have reduced wattage bulbs and the sides altered to give more spread on the ground. The new streetlights are designed

	to save money and stop light going up to the sky to reduce light pollution.	
158/2017	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan & obtaining resilience equipment</u> No update.</p> <p><u>To update on the work to be carried out on the streetlight at Cat Bank</u> No update.</p>	
159/2017	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>No planning applications received.</p>	
160/2017	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following application:- 7/2017/5182 - Little Arrow Moor, Walna Scar Road, Coniston - Application for Lawful Development Certificate for use of existing land as a car park</p>	
161/2017	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grants of Planning Application:-</p> <p>7/2017/5018 - Bridge Gate House, Shepherds Bridge Lane, Coniston – creation of single storey extension with balcony</p> <p>7/2016/5788 – Fairsnape, Coniston – extensions to dwelling, access improvement (resubmission of 7/2016/5072)</p> <p>7/2016/5690 – Thurston Lodge, Coniston – proposed changes to planning application ref 7/2015/5172</p> <p>Cllrs noted that when houses are re-named it can cause an issue with the emergency services finding the correct address.</p>	
161/2017	<p>Coniston Parish Council Annual Report 2016/17 RESOLVED:- Cllrs approved the Coniston Parish Council Annual Report 2016/17 and it will distributed through the Parish Newsletter and available on the Coniston Parish Council website (www.coniston.info).</p>	
162/2017	<p>Coniston Parish Plan Revision Clerk has commenced drafting the Coniston Parish Plan. Cllrs were grateful for her assistance. RESOLVED: Clerk to complete a draft of the document for Cllrs to discuss and arrange a meeting to discuss the results and how to work on issues.</p>	
163/2017	<p>Highways Issues The white lines in Coniston have recently been repainted after 4 years of requests.</p> <p>There is a new system for reporting highways issues www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/default.asp</p>	

164/2017	<p>Annual Meeting of Coniston Parish Council Mr D McGowan, Head of Development Management, LDNPA will be attending the May meeting to discuss planning issues in Coniston. Cllrs will invite organisations that received a grant last year to the June meeting for an update.</p>	
165/2017	<p>LDNPA Planning Department RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the queries / matters to be put before the LDNPA representative attending the May meeting are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why were the Cllrs concerns to planning application Fairsnape not listened to or questioned at the Development Control Committee meeting when the planning application was passed? 2. Cllrs would like to know why Coniston did a Neighbourhood Plan when it is not adhered to by LDNPA. 3. Are Parish Councils just consulted out of courtesy? Coniston Parish Council are pro-active and are keen to give their views of applications. 4. Does the LDNPA do any analysis of planning application responses and the number where a Parish Council object but the Development Control Committee passes the application. <p>The Clerk will ask CALC to circulate an e-mail asking if other Parish Council's find they object to planning applications and they are subsequently passed by LDNPA.</p>	
166/2017	<p>Older Person's Housing Strategy RESOLVED: Cllrs completed the questionnaire in relation to South Lakeland District Council's Older Person's Housing Strategy review.</p>	
167/2017	<p>Dog Fouling Cllr Troughton saw comments on Facebook about dog fouling issues and turned it into a positive stance. The Clerk has been in contact with South Lakeland District Council who are looking at obtaining stencils to highlight hotspot areas and will put posters in the same areas to highlight the issue. RESOLVED: Locations that need to be targeted are:- Little Moss Close, Collingwood Close, Lake Road, Pier Cottage, Coniston Boating Centre area by the lake, Monk Coniston and Sun Lonning.</p>	
168/2017	<p>Councillor Matters A poem has been sent via Twitter about John Ruskin School that will be displayed at the bus shelter and local noticeboards. It was suggested having a 'poetry bus stop'. There is an overgrown hedge on the back of Shepherds Bridge Lane from Barratt Croft that now affects vehicles. Cllr Hall spoke to people working in Line Cottage garden where it is believed there could be a drainage issue causing water to run down Haws Bank on A593. The people agreed that Highways could have a look to confirm if there are any issues in that area.</p>	

	<p>The residents at Collingwood Close are putting together a petition for residents only parking.</p> <p>Cllr Hart explained that after 4 years of having difficulty sleeping and trying to resolve the issue, he has had to contact the SLDC Environmental Health Officer about the level of noise from the church chiming during the night.</p> <p>Cllr Coward reported the size of the sign advertising the St Andrew development on Tilberthwaite Avenue was in the planning application and was approved. The tree that was pruned was done by a professional tree surgeon.</p> <p>On the next agenda a honesty box in the playground on Lake Road is to be discussed.</p> <p>There is a concert by a male voice choir at John Ruskin School in aid of Coniston Mountain Rescue Team on 1st June and tickets are £10.00</p> <p>The Coniston Copper Project is going very well and they are looking for people interested in a full week dry stone walling opportunity.</p>	
<p>169/2017</p> <p>170/2017</p> <p>171/2017</p> <p>172/2017</p> <p>173/2017</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>To discuss applicants for the Shop Front Grant Scheme and award grant of £500.00:-</u> Coniston Sports & Social Centre Coniston Newsagents RESOLVED: Cllrs awarded the two applicants £250 each.</p> <p><u>To consider Lengthsman tender documents</u> <i>Draft Agreement between Coniston Parish Council & Highways Department</i> RESOLVED: No response from Highways Department</p> <p><i>Draft Agreement between Coniston Parish Council & Lengthsman</i> No response from Highways Department on if the Contractor has to be Highways approved</p> <p><i>Draft List of Work Required to be Carried Out by Lengthsman</i> No further work to be added to the list.</p> <p><u>To note the financial summary from January – March 2017</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the financial summary from January – March 2017</p> <p><u>SLDC National Non-Domestic Rate Bill 2017/18 in respect of the Bridge Toilets</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted there is no payment due for the SLDC National Non-Domestic Rate Bill 2017/18 in respect of the Bridge Toilets</p> <p><u>3 year deal with Water Plus for the supply at Bridge Toilets</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to a 3 year deal with Water Plus for the Bridge Toilets.</p>	

174/2017	<u>Asset Register</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs confirmed the Asset Register is correct.													
175/2017	<u>Internal Auditor</u> RESOLVED: The same Internal Auditor from last year has agreed to audit the accounts.													
176/2017	<u>Section 1 Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Audit from BDO</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised the Chair to sign Section 1 Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Audit from BDO													
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178/2017	<u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipts:- <table data-bbox="279 840 1300 907" style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Bridge Toilets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£128.06</td> </tr> </table>	Bridge Toilets	£35.24	Bridge Toilets	£128.06									
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180/2017	Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – LDNPA Parish Member Election 2017; Kent and Leven community meeting; Updated Request To Promote DCMS Better Broadband Campaign In Your Areas; INVITATION Flood Recovery Debrief workshop 27th April 2017; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Leaflet guidance for help TO DISTRIBUTE; Revised Legal Topic Notes; Friday round up and one day Common Land event; Cumbria Leaders Board 17 March 2017; News Spring 2017; LDNPP news bulletin 2 - Updates, opportunities and important dates; CALC’s April newsletter; HIMS Launch Communication; 2017 editions of The Good Councillor Guide; Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in England 2017 edition; Friday Round up • SLDC - South Lakeland District Council Agenda for Meeting on 29 March 2017; South Lakeland District Council - Council Plan (2017 Update); Standards Committee • LAP - Next joint HF and G&C LAP meeting, Wednesday 10 May: Rural crime and Rural Policing • Cumbria County Council - Cumbria County Council - Notice of Election • LDNPA - Event Notification: Lakeland Trails in Coniston - 4 June 2017; Lake District National Park Local Plan Review – Call for Sites 2017 													

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 1st March, plans meeting 15th March, agenda 5th April • Torver Parish Council – minutes 2nd March, agenda 6th April • Blawith & Subberthwaite – minutes 13th March; 3rd April • Helena Golding - Parish Councillor Survey • Cumbria CVS - South Lakes Community News e-bulletin 27/03/17 • Environment Agency - Storm Desmond Recovery Workshop - request for communities to attend • Coniston Copper Project – volunteering opportunities • Pageant Master - Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute & WWI Beacons of Light • John Ruskin School – events during 2017 • Cumbria Tourism - TV Village of the year 2017 • Ourea Events – event last weekend of April <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Farron MP Advice Surgeries Spring 2017 • Lakeland Trails Marathon Festival Coniston 4th June 2017 • LDNPA – Where is your site? 	
181/2017	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 15th May 2017 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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Date

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)