

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 19th June 2017

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

In attendance: Mr J Moffat, General Manager South Lakes - National Trust and 5 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
207/2017	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Batty, Hart and Swyer.</p>	
208/2017	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
209/2017	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum. Cllr Carroll in the Clerk's salary.</p>	
210/2017	<p>Minutes of Meeting 15th May 2017 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th May 2017 are approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
211/2017	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Mr J Moffat General Manager South Lakes Property / Mr S Hill, Area Ranger – National Trust</u> Mr Moffat gave an update on the Greenburn Hydro Scheme, they are still waiting on the last formal consents and hope the Contractors will start on 3rd July. The machinery will go to the site early in the morning and helicopters will be used to fly in most of the materials. It should start 12 months to complete and updates will be on the website:-www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenburn-hydro.</p> <p>All National Trust properties in the area are full. There are new car park machines going in at Tarn Hows which will accept the new £1 coins. There is a forestry work project ongoing at Tarn Hows. The Keswick to Barrow route worked well this year. The National Trust run a licensing system for events on their land.</p> <p>The National Trust are looking at how they work in the Lakes and want to start a conversation with people who work, live or visit the area.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Carroll asked about what could be done at Yew Tree Tarn to prevent the recent issue of the low water levels due to the dam leaking. This resulted in being 2 days from having to do a fish rescue and the fishing club suspending selling day tickets and losing income. Mr Moffat explained he was willing to have a conversation about it and the Parish Council needed to prioritise their requests. Cllrs also requested the vegetation is cut back as it is difficult to see the tarn driving from Ambleside towards Coniston.</p> <p><u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester gave her apologies and sent a report by e-mail. There have been four incidents of note since the last meeting:- a theft of bike parts at Brantwood on 15th May, attempted theft of outboards motors from Coniston Boating Centre on 18th May, a suspicious male was seen with a torch at a remote property on 19th May and a tent and its contents was taken from Coniston Hall campsite on 22nd May. It is essential to ensure all windows and doors are locked when you out and the front door locked when in the garden. PCSO Forrester attended Coniston Primary School with the SLDC Enforcement Officer to discuss the responsibilities of dog ownership including picking up dog mess. The children are designing posters and the winning 3 posters will be displayed around the village.</p> <p><u>County Councillor – Matt Brereton</u> County Cllr had hoped to be able to attend the meeting.</p> <p><u>District Councillor – Anne Hall</u> Cllr Coward gave congratulations from everyone to District Cllr Hall on being awarded an MBE for services to the community in the Lake District</p> <p>She had nothing to report from District Cllr.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Mr A Cameron from the Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust gave an update. The Church Room field and Oak How joint scheme will be going ahead. Mr Cameron is updating the list of homes in Coniston with restricted occupancy. Work is ongoing to change the governance of the CLT.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> There is a water leak on Lake Road.</p> <p>It was suggested that a summary of Parish Council meetings should appear in the Parish Newsletters.</p>	
211/2017	<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 is working on the plan and will be meeting up with Steve Emmett of the Flood Forum. Cllr Carroll explained the trees have now been taken down by the sub-station on Old Furness Road and work can commence on creating the base for the shed to store the resilience equipment.</p>	

	<p><u>To update on the work to be carried out on the streetlight at Cat Bank</u> No update.</p> <p><u>To update on the installation of the donation box at the playground</u> The donation box was installed on Saturday and is already collecting money. Cllr Coward will empty this on a regular basis with the money going to the Coniston Amenities Fund. It was noted a proper sign is required for the donation box, new signs for 'no dogs' and the slate sign on the gate needs repainting.</p> <p><u>To report on the outcome of the SLDC Environmental Health investigation into the St Andrew's Church bells / chimes</u> The Environmental Health Officer has made a decision and informed the Church, he is awaiting a reply.</p>	
212/2017	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2017/5227 - Hollin Bank Farm, Coniston - Conversion of redundant two storey barn into a residential property for use either as a holiday let to supplement the farm income or for a home for a local resident RESOLVED: Cllrs requested an extension in order to have a site visit Monday 26th June at 6pm. Cllrs also requested clarification on why 'holiday let' is in the wording.</p>	
213/2017	<p>Parish Walk RESOLVED:- Cllrs will meet at the Institute on Thursday 29th June at 5.30pm and walk around Collingwood Close and Little Moss.</p>	
214/2017	<p>Coniston Parish Plan Revision</p> <p><u>To update on the progress of Coniston Parish Plan 2017</u> The document is completed except for the conclusion which Cllr Coward will do.</p> <p><u>To agree a date for an event to publicise the completed Coniston Parish Plan</u> It was proposed to have a village meeting on Wednesday 12th July 6-7pm in the Reading Room and the Clerk will confirm.</p> <p><u>To report on the recent meeting held about a Parish Diary</u> Clerk attended a meeting with Cllr Swyer, Mr Sharrod (Coniston TIC) and Mrs Glaister (Marketing and Education Development Officer for Coniston Institute & Ruskin Museum). Mr Sharrod runs a website diary on the Coniston TIC website (www.conistontic.org) which gives details of events namely for tourists. Mrs Glaister explained the Institute will be improving their noticeboard outside and will detail events going on at the Institute and Museum. The Clerk confirmed there is a Parish Diary on the Parish Council website which is currently underused. She will find out if this could be improved to enable it to be printed out and the Parish Diary will be used to contain all local events. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to the extra cost to improve the Parish Diary online to enable it to be printed out.</p>	
215/2017	Highways Issues	

	<p><u>To agree whether or not to take on the verge maintenance work for Coniston Parish from Cumbria County Council</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed not to take on the verge maintenance as Cumbria County Council only provide funding for one year.</p> <p><u>To update on the Lengthsman Agreement with Cumbria County Council</u> No update despite Clerk sending reminders.</p> <p><u>To update on reducing speeding at Haws Bank and The Garth</u> Ben Davies from Highways suggested putting signage ‘oncoming vehicles in the middle of the road’ at the stretch of road between The Ship and Adams Bridge. Cllrs would prefer traffic lights on this section although are aware funding is an issue. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact County Cllr Brereton for potential funding to solve this issue.</p> <p><u>To update on Highways issues in the Parish</u> The Clerk contacted LDNPA, in relation to bins in their car parks their policy is they ask that people take their rubbish home with them. Monk Coniston does suffer from illegal dropping of litter and they do regular litter picks and there are bins in the toilets. The LDNPA will put a sign at the car park exit at Ruskin Avenue to direct traffic away from The Garth. They were unable to locate the wooden sign on the wall on Station Road directing cars to the car park on Old Station Road. RESOLVED: Clerk will take a picture of the wooden sign on the wall on Station Road and send it to LDNPA to assist them in locating it.</p> <p>It was suggesting revisiting the yellow line restrictions on Station Road. There is problems with traffic passing on Coppermines Lane due to parked cars and it was suggesting having a passing place half way on the lane.</p> <p>It was noted the Parish Council are not informed by Highways when work is carried out in the area. If there are any issues with temporary traffic lights it should be reported on 101.</p>	
216/2017	<p>Lake District National Park Local Plan Review – Call for Sites 2017 RESOLVED: Cllrs suggested the following potential sites:- Waterhead barns as office space Gardens at Holly Howe Youth Hostel Far End Saw Mill – not used to its full potential Land at the end of Old Furness Road development – housing Field next to Doctors and opposite the Doctors – housing.</p>	
217/2017	<p>Monitoring Officer Request for Parish Members to Review Declarations of Interest Forms RESOLVED: Cllrs Swyer, Coward and Hall forms are up-to-date and Cllrs Carroll and Troughton are sending in amended forms.</p>	
218/2017	<p>Councillor Matters</p>	

	<p>Cllr Troughton went to Coniston 14 presentation and suggested the Parish Council send a letter of thanks and well done. She also suggested that in future the Parish Council should send a representative to the presentation evening as it is one of the few nights that number of local groups are together.</p> <p>It was noted there is a lot of rubbish at the lake around the Boating Centre towards Pier Cottage.</p> <p>The buddleia has returned on the wall at Brow Steps and the footpath also needs clearing. The wall is owned by Home Housing and the path by Highways.</p> <p>Cllr Troughton attended a Code of Conduct meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Hall got £3,500.00 for the X12 bus service from Cumbria Community Fund.</p> <p>The new manager at the Park Coppice Caravan site wants to be more involved in the community and has so far sponsored the Cricket Club, Football Club and X12.</p> <p>The Lake District bid for World Heritage Status will be announced on 13th July.</p> <p>It was noted that the area around the Boating Centre looks untidy with the rows of canoes.</p> <p>Cllr Coward attended the opening of the Against the Landscape exhibition.</p>																											
<p>219/2017</p> <p>220/2017</p> <p>221/2017</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>To confirm the new pay scale for the Clerk to be backdated to April 2017</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the new pay scale for the Clerk.</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipts:-</p> <table data-bbox="279 1344 1133 1467"> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£88.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VAT Refund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£695.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£111.69</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <table data-bbox="279 1568 1308 2027"> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Salary (inc back pay)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£334.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Overtime (Parish Plan) 10 hours</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£95.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£178.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£107.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Stephen Airey</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£407.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• EON – Bridge Toilets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• EON – street lighting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£133.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• EON – street lighting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£138.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Coniston Mountain Rescue Base (room hire for Bluebird Event meetings x 7 at £15.00 each)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£105.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Coniston Mountain Rescue Base (room hire for Parish Plan meetings x 1)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£15.00</td> </tr> </table>	Bridge Toilets	£88.74	VAT Refund	£695.51	Bridge Toilets	£111.69	• Clerk's Salary (inc back pay)	£334.41	• Clerk's Overtime (Parish Plan) 10 hours	£95.54	• Clerk's Expenses	£178.02	• HMRC	£107.40	• Stephen Airey	£407.50	• EON – Bridge Toilets	£10.26	• EON – street lighting	£133.84	• EON – street lighting	£138.31	• Coniston Mountain Rescue Base (room hire for Bluebird Event meetings x 7 at £15.00 each)	£105.00	• Coniston Mountain Rescue Base (room hire for Parish Plan meetings x 1)	£15.00	
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222/2017	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund: funding for Community Flood Action and/or Emergency Response Groups; police newsletter to parishes from Superintendent Rob O’Connor; Friday round up and one day Common Land event; May CALC Newsletter; NALC update to briefing note LO3-17 on Data Protection; Chief Executive's Bulletin 19 -19 May 2017; Friends of the Lake District Manifesto for the Landscape of Cumbria; Final Paperwork for District Association meeting - Thursday 15th June, from 7pm at Kendal Town Hall (SLDC Chamber) • SLDC - SLDC Annual Council Meeting Agenda 17 May 2017 • LAP - LAPs Newsletter May 2017 • LDNPA - Woodland Crafts & Tales Weekend - 24 & 25 June • Cumbria County Council - Temporary Road Closure Hardknott Pass & Wrnose pass No Waiting or Loading At Anytime Restriction Castle Street, Kendal • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 10th May; agenda 7th June • Torver Parish Council – minutes 4th May, agenda 1st June • Cumbria CVS - South Lakes Community News • Coniston 14 – next year’s date 24th March 2018 • Grizedale Arts - Set 'Against Landscape' Again - Coniston Institute and Museum • Coniston Institute - Against Landscape Exhibition - 3rd - 25th June • Dales Surveying - ESN0129 - Pre-Consultation for the Proposed Telecommunications Mast at Heathwaite • Coniston & Torver CLT - Report 'Restoring Vibrancy in Lake District Communities' <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from National Trust re hydropower scheme on National Trust Common Land at Greenburn, Little Langdale • Seafarers UK – Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day 	
223/2017	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 17th July 2017 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)