

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 September 2017

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

In attendance: 5 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
270/2017	Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Swyer.	
271/2017	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
272/2017	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
273/2017	Minutes of Meetings 21st August and 8th September 2017 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st August and 8th September 2017/2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
274/2017	Public Participation <u>Police</u> PCSO Forrester reported that there have been no crimes since last meeting. There was one incident of note, a burglary at the Black Bull Inn overnight on 22 nd August – access was gained and the tip jar stolen there was no CCTV or suspects. A reminder to ensure that your home and outbuilding security is effective. Thieves will be deterred from premises that are well lit (LED dusk til dawn lighting is recommended), have CCTV cameras (and/or signs to say there are CCTV cameras) and if good locks are used to secure valuable equipment. <u>Lisa Keys – Coniston Coppermines Project</u> Ms Keys was unable to attend the September meeting and the Clerk will invite her to the November meeting. <u>Representative from Cumbria County Council Highways Department</u> Apologies were sent from Andy Brown, Senior Manager Strategic Asset and Network Management Highways from Cumbria County Council. <u>District Councillor – Anne Hall</u> District Cllr Hall explained she will be having a meeting at SLDC regarding Bluebird and other local issues.	

	<p><u>Public Participation</u> No comments from the public.</p>	
275/2017	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan</u> A meeting was held with local organisations who will work together and update telephone numbers in the Emergency Plan. There will be a joint familiarisation exercise and regular meetings.</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 event in relation to the VC plaque for James Hewitson</u> District Cllr Hall will be speaking to SLDC about this.</p>	
276/2017	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2017/5575 - The Ruskin Museum, 13-15 Yewdale Road, Coniston - Installation of an information kiosk and community bread oven RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections to the application.</p> <p>7/2017/5566 - Gatesgarth, Coniston - Demolition of existing building and replace with contemporary four bedroom home RESOLVED: Cllrs object to this application due to overdevelopment of the site, out of character with surrounding buildings and road safety issues due to access.</p>	
277/2017	<p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the withdrawal of the following planning application:- 7/2017/5366 - John Ruskin School, Lake Road, Coniston - Erection of single storey infill extension to south elevation of existing school building. Replacement & renewal of existing glazed screens & windows to elevations of school buildings. Associated works to create level access to existing door openings to school buildings & proposed external ramp to sports area</p>	
278/2017	<p>Coniston Parish Plan <u>Completion of Coniston Parish Plan document</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs confirmed the Parish Plan is now completed and available on the website www.coniston.info</p> <p><u>Action Plan</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to have a separate meeting to progress the Action Plan and this will be on Monday 2nd October MRT Base 7pm.</p>	
279/2017	<p>Bluebird Event Group Meeting RESOLVED: Cllrs confirmed they support both the return of Bluebird and having an event / festival during the proving trial and the Clerk will confirm this to the Bluebird Event Group and LDNPA.</p>	

	<p><u>Recent meeting of the Bluebird Event Group</u> There was a productive meeting recently working on how the village will respond to the proving trial. It is difficult to plan with no date, no idea of numbers that will attend but the group is being proactive and getting ideas together.</p>	
280/2017	<p>Highways Issues</p> <p><u>To update on the Lengthsman Agreement with Cumbria County Council</u> An update is not expected from Highways until the end of September.</p> <p><u>To update on reducing speeding at Haws Bank and The Garth</u> There was a road traffic collision recently at Haws Bank highlighting the need for some way to slow traffic going through the narrow section between Adams Bridge and the Ship Inn. At The Garth there will not be a ‘residents only’ parking scheme. The LDNPA has been contacted to request better signage at the entrance and exit of the car park to avoid visitors going down The Garth looking for parking. Highways have been contacted for a replacement “No Access” sign at the entrance to The Garth on the left hand side. The County Cllr has also been asked for ideas on reducing speeding at The Garth and non-residents parking there.</p> <p><u>To review the work required to tidy up highways in Coniston</u> The Clerk will investigate if a Contractor can clean local road signs. Cllr Swyer is investigating other areas of work that can be done until a Lengthsman Agreement is in place.</p> <p><u>District Cllr allocation of budget</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to District Cllr allocating her £1,000.00 :- £500.00 to the new cricket pavilion, £300.00 for Highways maintenance work and £200.00 for the X12 bus service.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> The land between Station Road and Old Furness Road owned by LDNPA still requires the vegetation cutting back.</p> <p>On A593 on the far side of Yew Tree Tarn the traffic lights will be there indefinitely as there is a culvert washing out and no end date for fixing the problem.</p> <p>There are potholes behind on Hawkshead Old Road behind The Crown and on the A593 outside the Doctors Surgery.</p> <p>It is noted that Cllr Swyer has been organising clearing vegetation around The Banks.</p> <p>Highways have been asked on several occasions to clear the Brow Steps footpath.</p>	
281/2017	<p>Coniston Parish Councillor Vacancy <u>To review applications for the position of Parish Councillor and to agree to co-opt</u></p>	

	<p><u>to the vacancy on Coniston Parish Council</u> Three applications were received, one was discounted as it arrived after the deadline and one application withdrew. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to co-opt Adrian Thompson as a Cllr.</p>	
282/2017	<p>Leylandii <u>To report on the position if a nuisance is caused by leylandii trees</u> The LDNPA Planning Department have stated that leylandii trees are not a planning issue. If the trees have reached a height which is causing problems like the loss of light to an adjacent property then SLDC Environmental Health may be able to help if it is causing a nuisance.</p>	
283/2017	<p>Campbell Memorial Area <u>To agree what should happen to the Campbell Memorial area given the two trees are required to be removed due to their condition</u> Cllrs suggested various ideas including a chainsaw sculpture or using the space for festivals. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the trees could be removed whilst more people are asked for their ideas.</p>	
284/2017	<p>Events <u>To discuss the effect of recent external events on the village and impact on villagers</u> The recent Chillswim event left a lot of rubbish and signs were still displayed in the area 2 weeks after the event. The Guide Dog event held at John Ruskin School at the weekend had noise that could be heard at Haws Bank although it did finish at a reasonable hour. The organisers of the Montane Lakeland 50/100 are coming to the October meeting to discuss improving future events. RESOLVED: Cllrs suggest when the Clerk is informed of events the organisers are made aware of the Coniston Amenities Fund and offered the opportunity to make a donation for the benefit of the village.</p>	
285/2017	<p>Councillor Matters The vegetation still needs cutting back at Yew Tree Tarn to open the view up from the A593.</p> <p>The issue of a Sainsburys delivery van getting stuck on The Banks needs addressing to ensure there is no repeat of the incident.</p> <p>There has been an offer of funding for a community project through the Masonics and it was suggested the Christmas Lights could be worthwhile.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll raised the issue of people with second homes being able to contact SLDC and register as a small business and get small business rate relief. He would like to see a change of use application required for a house to become a business and for second home owners to pay double council tax. It was suggested he pursue this outside of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The recent RoSPA report on the playground reported no major issues. Playdale need to be contacted for a quote to repair the chair in the playground.</p>	

	<p>A Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held on 30th September in the Reading Room.</p> <p>It was suggested Cllr Swyer could speak and Cllr Troughton could also attend at the LDNPA Development Control Committee in respect of planning application 7/2017/5535 proposed car park on Yewdale Road.</p>																			
	<p>Financial Matters</p>																			
286/2017	<p><u>Conclusion of the Audit</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the conclusion of the audit by BDO with no issues arising and that the certificate is approved and accepted by the Parish Council.</p>																			
287/2017	<p><u>Shop Front Grants given</u> Coniston Sports & Social Club have been painting and Coniston Newsagents is awaiting confirmation they have sufficient funds to purchase a new canopy.</p>																			
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290/2017	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Cumbria CVS Trustees; General Data Protection Regulations; LDNPA Breakthrough Action; Friday Round Up; CALC AGM 2017; September newsletter; Friday Round up; Cyber Crime training sessions next week: Workington 12th, Carlisle 13th, & Barrow 15th.; Reminder of District Association Meeting - Thursday 21st September from 7pm at the Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens; Events that might be useful for parish councils • SLDC – Heartstart training and other information for LAP reps; Standards Committee agenda • LDNPA - Notification of toilet price increase; Bat Walk, Water Park, 1st September; Upcoming events in Sep 2017 - Green Build Festival and Energy Storage Conference; Consultation on Proposed Temporary Rights of Way 																			

	<p>Closures For Motor Rallies 2 December 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbria County Council – South Lakeland Guided Rides; Grange Living Well Fair • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 9 August, agenda 6 September • Hawkshead Parish Council – minutes 18th July • Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council – minutes July; 11th September 2017 • Cumbria CVS - South Lakeland Community News • Torver Parish Council – agenda 7 September • Westmorland Red Squirrels – News 3 August 2017 • Coniston Twinning Association coffee morning 17 October • Ladies of the Lake Women Only Cycle Ride - Sunday September 10th • Macmillan Coffee morning – 30th September 10 – 12 Reading Room Coniston Institute <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following correspondence received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Farron MP Autumn Surgeries 2017 • Clerks & Councils Direct magazine September 2017 	
291/2017	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 16th October 2017 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)