

## Coniston Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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

**In attendance:** 2 members of the public and Simon Hill, Commercial Property Manager from Lake District National Park Authority.

Minute Number		Action By
129/2018	<b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Swyer.	
130/2018	<b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.	
131/2018	<b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
132/2018	<b>Minutes of Meetings 15<sup>th</sup> January and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 15 <sup>th</sup> January and 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
133/2018	<b>Public Participation</b>  <u>Mr S Hill, Lake District National Park Authority Commercial Property Manager re car parks</u> Simon Hill explained about the recent changes in the LDNPA Coniston car parks. He has been in post for over a year and reviewed complaints about the car parks which were due to operational issues with Park with Ease. The decision was made to move to pay and display on an interim basis on the 8 car parks that did have Park with Ease. Customers will be surveyed to find out what they want in the future.  Councillors suggested a transferable car park ticket and / or weekly permit would be beneficial, even if it is just for LDNPA.  The LDNPA will not be considering reinstating litter bins in any car parks and will continue to request people to take their litter home.  Councillors commented that the signage for Station Road car park has still not been redone. The Ruskin Avenue car park needs the entrance and exit signage needs improving.	

	<p>Councillors thanked Simon for attending the meeting.</p> <p><u>PCSO D Ross</u> PCSO Ross sent her apologies with a report. There have been 13 calls for service in the Coniston area since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was one incident of Criminal Damage – crime recorded</li> <li>• 3 suspicious incidents</li> <li>• 2 concerns for welfare</li> <li>• 1 damage only road traffic collision</li> <li>• 1 incident of Anti-Social Behaviour</li> <li>• 5 Burglaries of non-dwelling – All commercial premises which all occurred overnight 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> February, 5 crimes recorded.</li> </ul> <p>The burglaries appear to be part of a spate of non-residential properties throughout the south of Cumbria, 2 people from outside the area were arrested. Business owners are encouraged to not leave any items of high value insecure and to consider having CCTV.</p> <p>The next date for the Police Desk at Coniston Library is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 10am-12noon.</p> <p><u>District Councillor – Anne Hall</u> District Cllr Hall explained about the recent letters sent out about the change in reference numbers for people paying their Council Tax by direct debit which is due to a change in computer systems. The Council are still working on getting empty homes back in use, there is an increase in recycling and a recent quality of life survey gave an increase from 46 to 52%. Some of the projects getting funding from the Locally Important Projects include a year round hub at Grasmere, new street lighting at Holme, refurbishing of a children’s playground at Sedbergh.</p> <p>District Cllr Hall received concerns about Coniston 14 road closure but it should only be in sections of 15 – 20 minutes.</p> <p><u>Coniston &amp; Torver Community Land Trust</u> A report was received from Alastair Cameron about a lack of information from Castles &amp; Coast Housing Association about progressing the housing development at John Hext field although there is a meeting tomorrow.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> An update was requested on a date for the Bluebird Proving Trials. Councillors confirmed there is no information about dates as yet.</p>	
134/2018	<p><b>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>To update on the event in relation to the VC plaque for James Hewitson</u> Cllr Hall explained a meeting will be held next week and the event is coming together.</p> <p><u>To consider future ideas for the area for Campbell Memorial area</u> It was noted that people like the area and are getting used to the trees not been used. Various ideas have been put forward:-</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village information post to advertise business activities</li> <li>• Village information map for visitors</li> <li>• Additional landscaping</li> <li>• Maintain it as a quiet space with trees with seating</li> <li>• Upgrade the memorial to include a memorial garden for Donald Campbell</li> <li>• Possible statute of Donald Campbell</li> <li>• “Pop up” stalls or shops / farmers markets</li> <li>• Have a fixture in the ground for a village Christmas tree</li> </ul> <p>It was clear from the start of this that both trees would need to come down, one was rotten and one was damaging the memorial.</p> <p>The seating around one of the trees was originally installed by Coniston in Bloom &amp; Gina Campbell but on removal was rotten and unable to be reused.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Councillors agreed no decision would be made tonight and further ideas would be sought before making a final decision on the area.</p>	
<p><b>135/2018</b></p> <p><b>136/2018</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>No planning applications received.</p> <p><u>To note the reason why a planning application was required for 7/2017/5771</u> The LDNPA planning department confirmed the application was required was due to the fact that the height was over 1m in height adjacent to the highway.</p>	
<p><b>137/2018</b></p>	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p><u>To review the work required to tidy up highways in Coniston and agree who can carry out tasks in the absence of a Lengthsman Agreement</u> All of the Coniston Tidy Up tools are now in the resilience shed. Cllr Troughton reported she is signing up for the Great British Spring Clean on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A local contractor has been out salting footpaths in icy conditions.</li> <li>• There are potholes at the junction of Little Moss and Collingwood Close to be reported.</li> <li>• The footpath from Shepherds Bridge to Guards Wood and from Guards Wood back through the field needs maintenance work</li> <li>• The footpath from Coniston Hall campsite along the lake shore towards the Priestley Centre also requires maintenance work.</li> <li>• The section of the A593 outside the doctors’ surgery has been reported to Highways and also the County Cllr.</li> <li>• At Little Arrow a blocked culvert was causing water to flow onto the road and this has now been fixed.</li> <li>• The road surface at Old Furness Road with the junction to Station Road is in a bad state.</li> <li>• A letter from a Parishioner expresses concerns about the demolished walls,</li> </ul>	

	<p>roadside railings and inability to use the footpath between Brathay and Skelwith Bridge on A593. There are also saplings causing issues. This will be reported to Lakes Parish Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The gates have been repaired on the fields from Lake Road towards Coniston Hall and at Haws Bank.</li> <li>• LDNPA has the footpath from the village towards Pier Cottage on its list of inspections and will look to see what can be done.</li> <li>• The slippery footpath surface in wet conditions on the bridge by Barclays Bank and the condition of the wooden railings has been reported to Highways.</li> <li>• The flooding issues from Park Gate to the Haws Bank bus shelter and at Gateside have been resolved by jetting out the drains and Highways say any flooding is the amount of water running onto the road from the hills.</li> <li>• The blocked drains on Old Furness Road, Station Road and Sun Lonning have been cleared.</li> <li>• The broken Give Way sign by the Coniston Co-op building has been repaired.</li> <li>• A street light assessment of Lake Road will be carried out by the street lighting department.</li> </ul>	
<b>138/2018</b>	<b>Bluebird Event Working Group</b> No further update.	
<b>139/2018</b>	<b>General Data Protection Regulations</b> The Clerk is due to attend a course with CALC on 7 <sup>th</sup> March.	
<b>140/2018</b>	<b>Coniston Water Byelaw Exemption Application</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs completed the consultation feedback form for an exemption from the Coniston Water Byelaws 2010	
<b>141/2018</b>	<b>Water in Public Toilets</b> In order to comply with SLDC Environmental Health Department Coniston Parish Council had to reinstate running water in the public toilets at the Bridge. It is noted there are other public toilets in the area that do not have running water. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to contact Environmental Health for an update.	
<b>142/2018</b>	<b>Revision of Coniston Parish Council Policies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> No updates required. It was suggested checking to see if safeguard policies or equal opportunities policies are required.	
<b>143/2018</b>	<b>Streetlights at Brow Steps &amp; Days Bank</b> A power surge has stopped the new streetlights on Days Bank working and the circuits have been damaged. The Clerk has contacted the energy supplier who said they only issue a letter in these circumstances and any money towards repairs will have to come through our insurance company. Councillors expressed concern about the new street lights going in a short space of time. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Clerk to confirm with the contractor who installed the street lights if the lights were under warranty and why a power surge caused them to fail.	
<b>144/2018</b>	<b>Valley Project &amp; Coniston Institute</b> Matt McDonald has resigned from his post. He was going to be producing a piece	

	<p>of work for the Hamlin Foundation and has been busy helping local groups. Grizedale Arts have done a lot of work on the Institute including re-doing the kitchen, encouraging the Vintage Fair and establishing the Honest Shop. The Institute Committee are now considering how the Valley Project is going to work and a person has been identified to continue writing the bid to the Hamlin Foundation. When this new person is in post Councillors will request clarity.</p>	
<b>145/2018</b>	<p><b>Headstone for Edgar Woolgar</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Troughton is to approach the Freemasons about taking this forward.</p>	
<b>146/2018</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b>  There has been an issue with toys from the Mothers &amp; Toddlers Group at the Institute needed to be replaced due to being damaged from mouse poison and whose insurance it will come out of. It was suggested the Mother &amp; Toddlers Group should have a meeting with the Institute to move this forward.</p> <p>8 people are interested in setting up a Speed Watch Group.</p> <p>Cllrs have been informed that a recent planning application at Little Arrow incorrectly showed a connection to the main sewer when there is none at Little Arrow. The connection would be to a septic tank.</p> <p>There are saplings that need to be removed by the side of the playground and some additional chippings are needed by the lower entrance gate.</p>	
<b>147/2018</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b>  <u>Receipts</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following receipts: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coniston Christmas Lights £2,051.04</li> </ul>	
<b>148/2018</b>	<p><u>Payments</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's Salary £329.55</li> <li>• Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird &amp; extra meeting) £90.15</li> <li>• Clerk's Expenses £15.60</li> <li>• HMRC £105.00</li> <li>• Stephen Airey £60.00</li> <li>• EON – street lighting £138.31</li> <li>• EON – Bridge Toilets (January) £6.24</li> <li>• EON – Bridge Toilets (February) £8.47</li> <li>• Coniston Institute (room hire) £56.00</li> <li>• Spen-worth Service £900.00</li> <li>• Low Voltage Lighting Services £1151.04</li> <li>• Information Commissioner (Data Protection) £35.00</li> <li>• Mr D Jackson (fishing trophy engraving) £13.95</li> <li>• Coniston Mountain Rescue Team (hire for Bluebird meeting) £15.00</li> </ul>	

<p><b>149/2018</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALC – Final Audit Annual return documentation; 2017/18 External Auditor Update - details of a training webinar on 23 January; GDPR update from NALC; Friday round up; IMPORTANT Audit Information; Paperwork for Next District Association Meeting - Thursday 8th March from 7pm at the Gilpin Bridge Inn; DPC Centre Ltd workshop 1st and 2nd March; Friday round up including the New General Data Protection Regulations training events; Friday round up; LCR opinion survey; February CALC Newsletter</li> <li>• LDNPA – Prohibition of Four-wheeled traffic over Byway Open to All Traffic 529037, Mountain Road, Hawkshead; Lake District National Park - Car Park update; Event Notification: Keswick to Barrow Walk - 12 May 2018; Event Notification: Coniston Triathlon - 24 June 2018; Footpaths and Bridleways in Grizedale Forest, Broughton Moor, Whinlatter Forest, Wythop Woods and Chapel House Plantation</li> <li>• Cumbria County Council - community wellbeing meeting; Future Flood Risk Management Drop-Ins; Temporary Road Closure A5084 Mill Bridge, Near Torver</li> <li>• Cumbria CVS - South Lakeland Community Newsletter</li> <li>• SLDC - Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) consultation information; Older Persons' Housing Strategy Draft for Consultation; Request for Topics for Consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2018/19; Stakeholder Consultation: Review on Local Government Ethical Standards</li> <li>• National Trust - Happy New Year from Gondola</li> <li>• Torver Parish Council – minutes 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018; agenda 1<sup>st</sup> February</li> <li>• Hawkshead Parish Council – minutes 19<sup>th</sup> December; agenda 16<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>• Blawith &amp; Subberthwaite – minutes 8<sup>th</sup> January agenda 12<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• Lakes Parish Council - Plans Agenda for 24th Jan; Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> January; Agenda 7<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• Conserving Coniston &amp; Crake – January Newsletter</li> <li>• Craven DC - Great Place: Lakes and Dales council precept information request</li> <li>• BATTLE'S OVER - A NATIONS TRIBUTE PRESS RELEASE AND LOGO</li> <li>• Planning Inspectorate - Works on common land: Walna Scar, Coniston</li> <li>• Open Adventure - C2C In a Day 2018 Letter to Parish Council</li> <li>• Breca Coniston 2018 swimrun event – 16-17<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following correspondence received since the last meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter re Malcolm Wilson Rally 3rd March 2018</li> </ul>	
<p><b>150/2018</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 7pm</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)