

## 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> March 2018

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

**In attendance:** 3 members of the public and County Cllr M Brereton

Minute Number		Action By
151/2018	<b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Thompson.	
152/2018	<b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.	
153/2018	<b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum. Cllr Hall as a member of the VC event group.	
154/2018	<b>Minutes of Meetings 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
155/2018	<b>Public Participation</b>  <u>PCSO D Ross</u> <i>Post meeting note</i> PCSO Ross sent an e-mail, she had intended to attend the meeting but was called away on a matter of urgency.  There were 5 calls for service in the last month including two concerns for welfare and one damage only road traffic collision. The date for next Police Desk at Coniston Library is Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018 from 10am – 12 noon.  <u>County Councillor – Matt Brereton</u> There is no update on a lengthsman agreement. It will be going to the local area committee meeting and County Cllr Brereton will update us.  If there are any road marking, potholes or roads with outstanding work we need to let him know. There are now temporary road surface signs outside the Doctor's surgery but it is unsure when work will be done.  County Cllr Brereton attended the AGM of the Friends of the X112 bus service. It	

	<p>was a productive meeting by dedicated group. It raises the issue of how to fund rural routes and young people need to be encouraged to use the service including youth groups, scouts etc.</p> <p>There has been success with the Windermere Ferry ticket machines and it is now reverting to payment being made onboard and the removing of the machines.</p> <p>The local area grants have been approved and Coniston Amenities Fund has received funding towards new benches for the playground.</p> <p>There has been some work done by Highways on the A5084 below Lakeland Landrover garage in Torver where water is going onto the road. It was suggested trying to tap into other possible budgets for projects to get funding.</p> <p><u>District Councillor – Anne Hall</u>  District Cllr Hall reported that in Staveley a pub has been turned into office space which has been very successful. There are a couple of places in Coniston that could be considered for similar. There has been praising of the new John Deere dealership at junction 36 and it needs to be remembered there are lots of small businesses deserving praise as well.</p> <p>South Lakes Housing has finished the upgrading of their houses and is now starting to look at building new council houses.</p> <p><u>National Trust</u>  John Moffat General Manager for South Lakes Property in the National Trust sent a report by e-mail. Work is underway again on the Greenburn hydro project. There are no empty properties in the parish at the moment but they have just gone live advertising for new tenants at High Tilberthwaite Farm when the current tenants leave in November 2018. There is ongoing work at Tarn Hows to restore the landscape of Marshall and the horse loggers will be back in over the Easter holidays.</p> <p>Cllrs suggested the National Trust also need to do some work clearing at the head of the lake.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u>  No comments received.</p>	
156/2018	<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 the recent meeting was good and nearly at preparations are ready for the event. Trained marshalls are needed for the people to walk from the Institute to the church and a member of St John’s Ambulance is required to attend. Official invites will be going out shortly.</p> <p>Cumbria County Council Archive Service has produced a display of James Hewitson and the Clerk has informed the primary and secondary school of the display and how to obtain it.</p>	

	<p><u>To consider future ideas for the area for Campbell Memorial area</u> Cllrs suggested leaving the area for the summer and to revisit reviving the area after the summer. Cllr Coward will look at other local areas that have fixing for a Christmas tree.</p> <p>There have been issues with cars parking on the corner of Tilberthwaite Avenue round onto Ruskin Avenue. If this occurs photographs should be taken and the incident reported on 101 or to PCSO Ross.</p> <p><u>To report on the Great British Spring Clean</u> This was postponed due to the weather. New dates 14 &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> April as below</p> <p><u>To report back from SLDC Environmental Health Department on running water in public toilets</u> E-mail from Graham Metcalfe from the Environmental Health department stated that he is arranging for a site visit to Tarn Hows and that the Lake District National Park Authority reinstated their running water in public toilets.</p> <p><u>To update on repairs required to the street lights on Days Bank</u> No update.</p> <p><u>To update on arranging for a headstone for Edgar Woolgar</u> Cllr Troughton has spoken to a member of the Hawkshead Freemason Lodge and this is now being progressed.</p> <p><u>To consider the future of Coniston Institute</u> Cllr Swyer explained that as she is the representative of the Parish Council on the Institute Committee she would like to know what the Parish Council would like to see in the future for the Institute.</p> <p>Matt MacDonald did a lot of work but left half way the project although there is someone continuing to write the bid to the Hamlin Foundation. The summer vintage fair is popular. The Copper project and recent disco night have been successful but rely on people taking on roles. It was suggested that some of the office space upstairs could be used by craft people starting up or for office space for other local businesses.</p> <p>It was agreed the Clerk would arrange a tour of the Coniston Institute to enable Cllrs to understand the whole space that is available. After this a list of ideas and what Cllrs would like to see can be drawn up. It was also suggested inviting Adam Sutherland from Grizedale Arts to a future Parish Council meeting to understand more.</p>	
<p><b>157/2018</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>7/2018/5134 - 8, Beck Yeat, Coniston - Two storey rear extension and alterations to front elevation not in accordance with condition no. 2 previously attached to planning approval reference 7/2017/5622 to allow use of Anthracite Grey uPVC</p>	

<p><b>158/2018</b></p> <p><b>159/2018</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs have no objections.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission</p> <p>7/2017/5771 – Church of the Sacred Heart, Haws Bank, Coniston – provide new car park gates</p> <p>7/2017/5736 – Coniston Park Coppice Caravan Site, Park Gate, Coniston – 7 no campings pods &amp; shed</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the letter from LDNPA dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 re planning application 7/2017/5759 – Fairsnape, Coniston – approval of details reserved by of planning permission 7/2016/5788: condition 3 (drainage) – extensions to dwelling access improvement</p>	
<p><b>160/2018</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></p> <p>A contractor has not replied with a quote to date.</p> <p>The delayed Great British Spring Clean will be re-arranged for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April along with some local verge maintenance work.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u></p> <p>Cllr Carroll attending a meeting about getting electricity to the new EE phone mast which is now installed. The initial proposal of closing part of Station Road and the Walna Scar road to install the electricity supply will not go ahead.</p>	
<p><b>161/2018</b></p>	<p><b>X12 Bus Service</b></p> <p>Cllr Hall reported that it was a positive AGM held recently. Another bus is needed due to the suspension going on one which is partly due to poor road surfaces. The recent coffee morning was a success.</p>	
<p><b>162/2018</b></p>	<p><b>General Data Protection Regulations</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported she attended a day course at Penrith on the new General Data Protection Regulations coming into force 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Copies of the presentation have been circulated to all Cllrs. The best form of Data Protection is to keep as minimal amount of information as possible. The Parish Council already has a Document Retention Policy in place. There is no clear guidance on whether or not the Clerk can act as the Data Protection Officer. Action points include a spring clean of all data including a document audit. A disclaimer is required on all e-mails and a privacy notice for the website. Further guidance will be issued by</p>	
<p><b>163/2018</b></p>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b></p> <p>The Lake District National Park Authority planning department has confirmed that the planning application at Fell Side, Little Arrow was advertised by site notice in compliance with legal requirements. However, a site visit is being undertaken due to questions over the sewerage.</p>	

	<p>The Japanese Knotweed on Bank Terrace has been sprayed</p> <p>The poor state of the footpaths at Townfield and Waterhead, particularly in wet weather, have already been reported.</p> <p>A French teacher from Coniston's twin town of Illiers-Combray was recently in Coniston with his family. He found it very useful visiting John Ruskin School.</p> <p>There have been a few queries about the road closure for the Coniston 14. The closure time is very short and notices are in place.</p> <p>Some locals have been victims of financial fraud (Scamming) and it was felt the issue needed more awareness. If anyone has any concerns they can contact their bank, the local PCSO, a neighbour or Citizens Advice. More contacts will be put on Facebook.</p> <p>It was suggested the Plaque for the National Village of the Year Award from 1997 should be in the museum.</p> <p>There is a statement from Coniston Parish Council in relation to Bluebird on the Parish Council's website (<a href="http://www.coniston.info">www.coniston.info</a>).</p> <p>Speed watch training will be taking place in April and if anyone is interested please contact either Cllr Coward, another Cllr or the Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll attended the High Furness Local Area Partnership meeting with the Clerk. It was not well attended but was felt to be worthwhile. The next one will be in October time at Blawith.</p> <p>It was suggested that Coniston could host some planning training in the evening by CALC and the Clerk is to contact them.</p> <p>It was suggested inviting Bill Smith to a future Parish Council about the return of Bluebird.</p>																			
<p><b>164/2018</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£329.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird &amp; CALC course)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£127.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£114.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Stephen Airey</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• EON – street lighting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£124.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Amb-IT Solutions</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£55.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Water Plus (Bridge Toilets)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£46.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Coniston Mountain Rescue Team</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£15.00</td> </tr> </table>	• Clerk's Salary	£329.55	• Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird & CALC course)	£127.52	• Clerk's Expenses	£60.86	• HMRC	£114.27	• Stephen Airey	£60.00	• EON – street lighting	£124.92	• Amb-IT Solutions	£55.00	• Water Plus (Bridge Toilets)	£46.56	• Coniston Mountain Rescue Team	£15.00	
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<b>165/2018</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALC – Highways Information given out at South Lakeland Area CALC meeting on 30/11/17 and request for help; NHS England consultation asks the public for views on over-the-counter medicines; Environment Agency flood awareness campaign; Final Paperwork for Next District Association Meeting - Thursday 8th March, from 7pm at the Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens; Household Emergency Planning Leaflet; Cumbria in Bloom competitions 2018; NALC General Data Protection Toolkit; Bay Health &amp; Care Partners Engagement; CALC Newsletter March edition; General Data Protection Training Information</li> <li>• LDNPA – Event Notification: Breca Coniston - 6/7 October 2018; Event Notification: Lakeland Trials Marathon in Coniston - 3 June 2018</li> <li>• Cumbria County Council - Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership Board meeting 28th February; Poster for the Ambleside Living Well event</li> <li>• LAP - High Furness LAP Meeting 7 March; High Furness LAP - Documents to share</li> <li>• Cumbria CVS - South Lakeland Community Newsletter 22/02/2018; Free community learning courses - Barrow in Furness - 21st March 2018</li> <li>• SLDC - Website Link to South Lakeland District Council Agenda for Meeting on 27 February 2018; Press Release - SLDC green waste collections suspended; Parish Charter consultation</li> <li>• Torver Parish Council – minutes 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018, agenda 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018; agenda 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018;</li> <li>• Lakes Parish Council – Plans Agenda 21 February; Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> February, Agenda 7<sup>th</sup> March,</li> <li>• Blawith &amp; Subberthwaite – minutes 12<sup>th</sup> February; agenda 12<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• Guide Dogs Coniston Challenge - 15 September 2018; Coniston Challenge for Guide Dogs</li> <li>• Coniston 14 - Road Closure for Coniston 14 Race.</li> <li>• National Trust - Tarn Hows project update</li> </ul>	
<b>166/2018</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 7pm</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 9pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)