

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 17th September 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: Phil Blaylock – Lakeland Trails and 6 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
265/2018	Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Swyer.	
266/2018	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
267/2018	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
268/2018	Minutes of Meeting 20th August 2018 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 th August 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
269/2018	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Phil Blaylock – Lakeland Trails</u> Mr Blaylock explained that the event does try to ensure participants respect their local communities. Before their next event there will be a letter drop to local residents and stewards around Haws Bank. This is the 13th year the event has been running and there have been no issues in the past and they do not want this to be the start of anything untoward.</p> <p>Mr Blaylock would like the assistance of the Council to do more to make local businesses aware of the events. The events are put on the Parish Council diary and could also be put in the Parish Magazine and on the Parish Council Facebook page.</p> <p>It is helpful for the village to know when events are on and also the size of them.</p> <p>Lakeland Trails is a commercial operation but it is looking to make it a more community event. They already support Fix the Fells, Nurture England and local Mountain Rescue Teams. Cllrs confirmed there is a charity, Coniston Amenities Fund for the benefit of the village.</p> <p>Cllrs thanked Mr Blaylock for attending and congratulated them on the tidying up they do after their events.</p>	

	<p><u>PCSO D Ross</u> No report.</p> <p><u>County Councillor – Matt Brereton</u> County Cllr Brereton sent his apologies with an e-mail. He is assisting in securing the future of the X112 bus service. He congratulated the village on their activities and decorating bikes for the Tour of Britain.</p> <p><u>District Councillor – Anne Hall / Tracy Coward / Matt Brereton</u> No updates.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Alastair Cameron sent an e-mail update. The work has started for the affordable homes for sale at Oak How. The CLT are updating the number of homes not permanently occupied and the level of reliance on tourism within the parish. The Housing Needs Survey from earlier in the year has now been ratified by the Housing Authority and even when the contribution made by St Andrews and Church Room Fields is taken off we still have a need for 11 homes.</p> <p><u>Cllrs attending the Institute Committee meeting</u> Cllr Hall gave an update, the Road Project had a recent consultation and they were pleased with the number of people that attended.</p> <p><u>John Moffat – General Manager, South Lakes, National Trust</u> John Moffat sent his apologies with an e-mail update. The timber felling is continuing at Tarn Hows. There is work taking place on the road between Tilberthwaite and Little Langdale which should be completed before the change of tenancy at Tilberthwaite Farm. The works have been delayed at Greenburn Hydro and it will mean that Wrynose Pass has to be closed for 3 days at some point. Hopefully it should be ready to go live late November. There are no empty properties in the parish. The Trust are looking to get a meeting together to talk about the future of Yew Tree Tarn. It was noted the Tour of Britain seemed to go really well.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> Comments were taken about taken about the recent work at the Catholic Church.</p>	
270/2018	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To report on the Tour of Britain Cycle Race that passed through Coniston</u> There was a great atmosphere in the village which resulted in fabulous pictures and photographs. Evans Cycles did the judging of the business “Best Dressed Bike” competition and Steam won first place with their “ET bike”. It was suggested the businesses could do something similar for another event e.g Halloween or fireworks.</p> <p><u>To update on repairs required to the street lights on Days Bank</u> A timescale is awaited from the local contractor.</p>	

	Presbytery, Haws Bank, Coniston - Formation of new window within existing door openings and associated works	
273/2018	<p>Highways</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> A local contractor has not yet carried out the next round of sapling / verge maintenance work.</p> <p><u>To update on grants applied for towards new flower planters</u> The Clerk reported that £500.00 has been granted from LDNPA. A decision is awaited from Cumbria County Council.</p> <p><u>To update on proposed footway at Parkgate</u> Cllrs had suggested to the National Trust that the footway at Parkgate be taken into the field to get pedestrians off the main road. The National Trust has said that Cllrs suggestion is only a part solution. RESOLVED: A meeting is to be arranged with National Trust and a Cllr.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> The parking of vehicles at Villa Maria beside the chip shop and it has been noted that a van does stick out from the area onto the road. Highways have confirmed it is not ideal and Cllrs are concerned there will be an accident. Cllrs do not remember it previously being used as a parking place, only a footway and coal storage.</p>	
274/2018	<p>Playground</p> <p>The RoSPA report was received on 13th August and everything is low risk. Cllr Coward has just received a report of a bolt loose on the climbing frame and will investigate tomorrow. Cllr Coward does a weekly check and litter pick at the park.</p>	
275/2018	<p>Tilberthwaite to Little Langdale – Works</p> <p>The unsealed road between Tilberthwaite and Little Langdale will be temporarily closed from September to December. Cumbria County Council and the National Trust are funding the required repair works and the LDNPA is providing time and staff resources to manage the contract. Following the repairs the LDNPA can understand more about the usage of the route to decide what the most appropriate long-term management should be. The route will not be closed to walkers and mountain bikers.</p>	
276/2018	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Cllr Troughton has reported a streetlight out.</p> <p>A planter at Little Moss Close needs some attention as there is a large fern growing in it.</p> <p>The Christmas Lights Committee currently do not have money to put battery lights on a Christmas tree at the Campbell Memorial and have suggested a star instead.</p>	

	<p>The Village Harvest Festival takes place at the Methodist Church on 30th September.</p> <p>Cllr Hall has been talking to Cumbria County Council about funding for the X12 bus service which now has a reduced service over the winter months.</p> <p>There is a twinning event coming up of a walk followed by soup & sandwiches at Three Shires.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll has spoken with Cumberland Building Society about Barclays Bank closing. It was suggested making Barclays Bank building a community asset.</p> <p>Cumbria Community Foundation are looking into setting up a similar fund as they have in Cornwall where second homes / holiday let owners contribute to a fund which benefits the local community. Coniston could become a pilot.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll reported he is looking into organising a children’s fly fishing session next Spring and will apply to the Lakeland 100 fund.</p> <p>The “No Dogs Allowed” signs are now up in the playground.</p> <p>The Silhouettes have arrived for the WW1 Remembrance event. It was suggesting setting up a sub-group for the event.</p>	
<p>277/2018</p> <p>278/2018</p> <p>279/2018</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the successful conclusion of the external audit with no matters arising.</p> <p><u>To note receipt of the following:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Toilets £306.70 <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s Salary £336.22 • Clerk’s Overtime (Bluebird) £86.71 • Clerk’s Expenses £13.92 • HMRC £105.60 • Stephen Airey £374.00 • EON – street lighting £157.19 • EON – Bridge Toilets £7.80 • Coniston Mountain Rescue Team (room hire) £45.00 • Furness Plastics £37.80 • Playsafety Limited (playground inspection) £100.80 • PFK Littlejohn LLP (external audit) £240.00 • Kirkbride Joinery & Contractors Ltd (repairs to Sky light at Bridge Toilets) £114.72 	

280/2018	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Reflecting on the Lakes - Leading literary figure turns talent on Lake District; 2018 Public Consultation Survey; Notes from Meeting on Street Lighting on 18th June 2018; Nominations to CALC Exec Committee 2018; Final Paperwork for District Association Meeting - on Thursday 20th September, from 7pm at the Gilpin Bridge Inn, near Levens • Cumbria CVS - Twitter Hour, Training and County Volunteering Network Meeting; Manual handling; A Funding Discovery Session; South Lakeland Community News; Cumbria County Council Grant; Emergency First Aid at Work training 19/09/18; Future Flood Risk Management Drop-in for Kendal • SLDC – Community Governance Review • LDNPA - Consultation on temporary closure of Rights of Way for Grizedale Stages Rally and Malcolm Wilson Rally; Event Notification: Ladies of the Lake - 16 September 2018; Event Notification: Lakeland 100 - 26-28 July 2019; Tilberthwaite to Little Langdale Road • CCC - Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership Board 5 September; ACT Event on Community Buildings in October • Torver Parish Council – agenda 6th September • Hawkshead Parish Council – Minutes of Ferry Meeting and Lengthsman Vacancy • Blawith & Subberthwaite – minutes 9th July; agenda 10th September • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 1st August; agenda 5th September • Rusland Horizons - Do you want to take part in any of our upcoming events ? • Planning Inspectorate - Proposed works on Walna Scar, Coniston Cumbria • KIRKBY MOOR WIND FARM APPEAL • Sportive Lakes - Ladies of the Lake Women's Cycle Ride, Sunday Sept 16th • Blueworks 11 / X12 : Barrow - Coast Road - Ulverston - Torver – Coniston • Cumbria Police - Ulverston police desk opens in new location. • National Trust - Heritage Open Days press release and events list <p>RESOLVED: To note the following correspondence received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks & Councils Direct September 2018 • Kirby Moor Protectors • Barclays Coniston Branch is closing 7 December 2018 • Barclays Milnthorpe Branch is closing – 30 November 2018 	
281/2018	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 15th October 2018 7pm at the Reading Room, Coniston Institute 	

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)