

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 February 2019

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

In attendance: Mr A Workman – Lengthsman, PCSO D Ross and 2 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
122/2019	Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Swyer.	
123/2019	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
124/2019	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum. Cllr Thompson in relation to the Clerk's vacancy. Cllr T Coward Declared interest of Planning Application 129/2019	
125/2019	Minutes of Meeting 21st January 2019 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 st January 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	LT to display minutes
126/2019	Public Participation <u>Mr A Workman, Local Lengthsman re verge maintenance and associated work</u> Mr Workman introduced himself and produced insurance documents. Agreed to work from months March to September. 6-8 hrs a month but is flexible. Agreed to £16.00 per hour. Jobs to be identified by email. Note – no drain work on A Roads. Cllrs thanked Mr Workman for attending. <u>PCSO D Ross</u> PCSO Ross gave a verbal report covering January 2019 There were 6 calls for service in the Coniston area:- 3 were concerning welfare resulting in mountain rescues. 2 damage only RTC's both on the A593 1 crime of public order between neighbours. The next date for Police Desk at Coniston Library is Friday 15 th March 2019 from 10-12.	LT to draft agreement and invite again 9-2019

	<p>Cllrs thanked PCSO Ross for attending.</p> <p><u>District Cllr Hall</u> District Cllr Hall attended interesting seminar on water supply. Any new recycling bins requested will now be smaller than the existing ones. If residents require an additional bin for cardboard they can contact SLDC.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Alastair Cameron reported by e-mail that the first planning application for Church Room Field has been withdrawn and a new application drafted by Castles and Coasts Housing. Work should commence Summer 2019.</p> <p><u>Cllrs attending the Institute Committee meeting</u> District Cllr Coward reported that a Grant and Funding Application Policy will be formatted to ensure clarity and avoid conflict of interest.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll reported on the road project meeting undertaken on Sunday 17-2-2019. Discussions still ongoing.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed John Ruskin's Birthday celebrations which included the Ruskin museum and the villages schools. It was a success and great publicity for all involved.</p> <p>Cllrs thanked all involved.</p> <p>Update on Bluebird Festival – the original proposed dates for the Bluebird festival will not be going ahead due to unforeseen circumstances. Future updates will be made available when possible.</p> <p><u>National Trust</u> Email report from John Moffat. Forestry work nearly complete in terms of felling. Timber extraction is ongoing for some months yet due to sensitive and hard to reach areas. Solar scheme at Boon Crag being installed from 11th March 2019 – anyone interested can arrange to see it after Easter 2019. Greenburn 23rd March for a walk by Cllrs to view the new hydro scheme.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> Two members of the public discussed their concern about 4x4s and motorbikes on fell tracks at Tilberthwaite and Oxen fell. There is an increase in cars on the fells.</p> <p>The LDNPA is organising two drop in events where you can let them know what you think. Tuesday 26th February 3-30pm – 7-00pm at Coniston Sports and Social Club or Tuesday 5th March from 3-30pm to 7-00pm at Skelwith Parish Rooms. Cllrs thanked the members of the public for their attendance.</p>	<p>Thank you emails LT</p> <p>LT to confirm date and time with NT</p>
127/2019	Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting	

	<p><u>To receive draft guidelines for events held in Coniston</u> Cllr Troughton reported that the guidelines are ongoing. The recent village meeting for events was cancelled.</p> <p><u>To confirm if there has been any interest in having a Cumberland Building Society surgery in the village</u> Cllr Carroll to pass to Cllr Troughton information for Facebook.</p> <p><u>To receive quotes for planters and update on starting up Coniston in Bloom</u> The Clerk has received £1,900.00 in grant funding and an invoice from Tony Sanders is to be paid for £2,400.00 for planters. Cllrs to do a walk around the village to work out where to put them for best impact.</p>	<p>Cllrs</p> <p>Cllr JC</p> <p>Cllrs</p>
	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>128/2019 7/2018/5671 - Land off Yewdale Road, Coniston - Seven affordable housing units not in accordance with condition no. 16 previously attached to planning permission reference 7/2016/5661: (amended design) RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>129/2019 7/2018/5789 - 11, The Garth, Coniston - Single storey rear extension to end of terrace property Cllr T Coward Declared interest. RESOLVED: SUPPORT</p> <p>130/2019 7/2019/5066 - 3 Tilberthwaite Avenue, Coniston - Change of use from retail shop (Class A1) to a cafe (Class A3) with take away and hot food (Class A5) including small flat roof extension to provide new wc RESOLVED: No Objections</p> <p>131/2019 RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:- 7/2018/5737 - National Trust, Forestry Co Ordinator, Boon Crag, Coniston - Installation of solar photovoltaic panels of roof of building 7/2018/5767 – Gatesgarth, Coniston - Demolition of existing building and replace with contemporary four bedroom home 7/2018/5784 – 30 Bank Terrace, Coniston - Single & two storey rear extensions</p> <p>132/2019 RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the withdrawal of the following planning applications:- 7/2018/5672 - Land off Yewdale Road, Coniston - Approval of details reserved by condition of planning approval ref. 7/2016/5661</p>	
133/2019	Highways	

	<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> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed Archie Workman is to be the new lengthsman.</p> <p><u>To update on Coniston street lights and required repairs</u> Cllr Troughton reported that there are 11 street lights out in the village. She has reported this and it seems to have happened after maintenance was done on these lights.</p> <p>A request has been made for a quote on LED lights at Thurston Bank. Clerk to look into grants for LED lighting</p> <p>Clerk to send Cllr Troughton a list of lampposts owned by Coniston Parish Council.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> Pot Hole at Hollyhowe Youth Hostel filled in.</p>	<p>Cllr HT</p> <p>LT</p> <p>LT</p>
134/2019	<p>Coniston Parish Council Clerk RESOLVED: Cllrs appointed Lorna Thompson to be the new Coniston Parish Clerk and she starts immediately. The existing Clerk will carry on as Responsible Financial Officer for the time being. RESOLVED: Mrs Thompson signed the Contract of Employment.</p>	
135/2019	<p>Noise from Cumbria Waste To discuss the concerns of local residents from the noise created by Cumbria Waste emptying bins at unsocial hours</p> <p>Clerk to contact Environmental Health to gain clarity of the law.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Cumbria Waste and inform them of reports of their vehicle waking residents up.</p> <p>Clerk to respond to residents by email.</p>	<p>LT</p>
136/2019	<p>Former Barclays Bank Cllr Coward talking to SLDC regarding start up units for the former Barclays Bank building. Clerk to send a letter to the agents asking them to keep in touch with Coniston Parish Council regarding the building as it is a prominent site in the village.</p>	<p>LT to email</p>
137/2019	<p>Councillor Matters Cllr Hall has asked for more details regarding the café planning application regarding specified hours and waste details.</p> <p>Cllr Troughton brought up concern of dog waste.</p> <p>All Cllrs would like to thank Primary School for their posters about dog mess that they have put through the village.</p>	<p>LT to send letter</p>

	Cllr Coward discussed possible Dark Skies Accreditation for Coniston.															
138/2019	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>Tenders:- Coniston Playground & strimming at Dow How - Coniston Ground Care RESOLVED: To appoint Coniston Ground Care for the next 3 years.</p> <p>Cleaning Bus Shelters & Bridge Toilets - Lakes Loos RESOLVED: As just one tender has been received Cllrs requested to extend the period to see if there are any other tenders.</p> <p>Cllrs to look at the financial viability of the toilets and to seek additional funding sources. It was suggested contacting Hills Garage, Rawden Smith Trust and Coniston 14. A decision will be made at the next meeting.</p>															
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141/2019	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Friday round up; Loneliness Call for Evidence; Feedback on LDNPA Move to Digital Planning Consultation; Cumbria Arts and Culture Network Ebulletin; Cumbria Arts and Culture Network Ebulletin; Friday round up; Cumbria Arts and Culture Network Ebulletin; CALC February Newsletter • Cumbria CVS - South Lakeland Community News 28/01/19 • CCC - Urgent Road Closure - C5018, Near Coniston; Temporary Road Closure - C5026 Near Hawkshead • SLDC – The Great British Spring Clean & Great Cumbrian Litter Pick; • LDNPA - Footpaths and Bridleways in Grizedale Forest, Broughton Moor, Whinlatter Forest and Wythop Woods; Drop in sessions for Tilberthwaite road • Torver Parish Council – January minutes; TPC Agenda for February • Hawkshead Parish Council – Minutes of Hawkshead Parish Council Meeting 15th January 2019 															

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakes Parish Council – A591 Resurfacing Works & Footway Link-ROAD CLOSURES; Minutes 9th January; Agenda 6th February • Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council – minutes 14th January; agenda 11th February • GB Spring Clean 1st March YHA • Fred Whitton event 2019 road closure notice - Sunday 12th May 2019 <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs notes the following correspondence received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Barclays – Grange-over-Sands branch closing 1st May 2019 	
142/2019	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 18th March 2018 7pm at the Reading Room, Coniston Institute 	

Meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)