

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.30pm on Monday 20th May 2019

Present: Cllr T Coward (Chair)
Cllrs – J R Carroll, A Hall, M Swyer, A Thompson & H Troughton
Clerk – J C Carroll

In attendance: 2 members of the public & County Cllr M Brereton

Minute Number		Action By
183/2019	Chairman RESOLVED: Cllr Coward was unanimously elected as Chair	
184/2019	Vice Chairman RESOLVED: Cllr Carroll elected as Vice Chair	
185/2019	Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Batty	
186/2019	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
187/2019	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
188/2019	Minutes of Meeting 22nd April 2019 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 nd April 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
189/2019	Portfolio holders for local subject areas RESOLVED: Playground - Cllr Coward Housing – Cllr Hall Bus shelters – Cllr Swyer Environment – Cllr Coward Street Lighting – Cllr Troughton Village Maintenance – Cllr Thompson Highways – Cllr Carroll Bridge Toilets – Cllrs Batty & Swyer	
190/2019	Representatives to other bodies To appoint Councillors as representatives to other bodies Friends of Coniston Medical Practice – check if ceased or ongoing Coniston Sports & Social Club – Cllr Thompson Coniston Water Association – Cllr Swyer	

	<p>Coniston & Crake Partnership – Cllr Carroll Local Area Partnership (LAP) – Cllr Carroll Flood Forum – Cllr Coward Coniston Christmas Lights Committee – Cllr Troughton</p>	
<p>191/2019</p>	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>PCSO D Ross</u> PCSO Ross sent her apologies with a report. During the period from 15th April to 19th May 2019 there were 11 calls for service in the Coniston area. These break down as follows:</p> <p>1 concern for welfare resulting in mountain rescue. 3 crimes of theft. A mobile phone taken from a vehicle, theft of fuel from filling station and theft of jewellery from holiday accommodation. 2 rtc’s damage only 1 rtc slight injury to 2 passengers 1 suspicious incident – no trace 1 incidence of anti-social behaviour from campers 1 incident of livestock worrying by dogs.</p> <p>PCSO Ross is carrying out events to make the public aware of sheep worrying.</p> <p><u>National Trust</u> John Moffat sent an email update:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No empty properties in the parish at present - Timber coming out from Tarn Hows is just about complete now; however, the next set of flyovers begin this month and our expectation is that more disease will be found that we’ll have to respond to - The solar PV system is up and running at Boon Crag and given the weather, doing well so far - Greenburn hydro however has not been working a fair bit of the last month given the lack of rain – it is set so that in periods of lower water it does not pull out from the stream - Steam Yacht Gondola all back on the water and new captain in place <p><u>County Cllr Brereton</u> County Cllr Brereton requested the top 3 Highways issues in Coniston.</p> <p>At The Garth the issues of parking and speeding will be brought up at the next meeting with an update hopefully in time for June’s Parish Council meeting. There is also an issue with the LDNPA car park in that the entrance and exit are confusing drivers and people are clearly avoiding paying for car parking.</p> <p>Efforts are continuing to try to support the X112 route and different fundraising ideas are being considered. The Cumbria County Council need to do more to promote the A2B travel card for children.</p> <p>There was discussion about speeding at Haws Bank and the possibility of a ‘Smiley sign’. County Cllr Brereton will follow this up.</p>	

	<p><u>District Cllr</u> District Cllr Hall reported she had attended a meeting on the strategy for parks & open spaces but it does not include parks owned by Parish Councils. SLDC are keen to work with partners and include more art exhibitions and improve playgrounds.</p> <p>District Cllr Hall attending a meeting with Morecambe Bay Health Trust, they reported that local doctors will be providing a preventative programme, looking to reduce falls and care plans for vulnerable people. The computer system is being looked at to limit the number of early morning appointments for local people at Preston or Lancaster 9am.</p> <p>SLDC portfolio holders are willing to attend Parish Councils and it was suggested Phil Dixon from Windermere could attend.</p> <p>District Cllr Hall reported work has just started on the new affordable houses at Yewdale Road.</p> <p>District Cllr Coward reported that the new District Cllr is Ian Wharton who got elected in May.</p> <p><u>Cllrs attending the Institute Committee meeting</u> Cllr Carroll reported on the meeting with the main item being Bluebird K7 and the future of it.</p> <p><u>Governor of Hawkshead Grammar School</u> Judith Myers is Governor of Hawkshead Grammar School and sent an update:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Museum curator has resigned due to ill health and age. A new one has been appointed, Terry Magarr is to take over as of April 1st. 2) The clerk to the charity has also left, he had to be asked to leave due to his not doing what was requested of him, including not paying out the grant money to the applicants and losing the applications. He has also not found any tradesmen to take on any of the maintenance problems to the properties the Trust own. 3) The barn (next to the school) has now been vacated by the Barr family as William Barr had the tenancy for his lifetime only. An application will shortly be made to the LDNPA to make the building into a nursery and other rooms are connected to education, as this is what the charity is to spend its money on. We are looking at grants to be able to proceed with the project. 4) Grants for young people can be secured by writing to the clerk and asking for help towards further education from the age of 18 -25 years old, applicants need to live in the old parish of Hawkshead. They can apply for apprenticeship tools as well. £300 is given each year to each applicant who is eligible. <p><u>Public Participation</u> No comments.</p>	
192/2019	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2019/5289 - 1 , Holly How Close, Yewdale Road, Coniston - Revisions to plot 1</p>	

<p>193/2019</p>	<p>(previously approved as part of development approved under reference 7/2016/5685) RESOLVED: No objections</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Confirmation of Compliance:- 7/2019/5107 – Bowmanstead Studio, Bowmanstead, Coniston – approval of details reserved by condition of planning permission approval ref 7</p>	
<p>194/2019</p>	<p>Highways <u>To update on the work carried out by Coniston Lengthsman</u> Cllrs reported Archie Workman is doing a brilliant job in the area.</p> <p><u>To approve the list of required yellow and white road markings in the village</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the list of required markings and Cllr Carroll will forward it to Highways.</p> <p><u>To agree on planting at the Campbell Memorial</u> The stumps have been removed from the Campbell Memorial and further work is taking place to level the area.</p> <p><u>To discuss speed “smiley” signs for Coniston</u> Discussed under minute 191/2019.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> It was reported that drains by The Crown are blocked by pine needles, it has been reported to Cumbria County Council.</p> <p>Structural engineer from Cumbria County Council looking at The Banks and a wall bulging. It is currently stable so no further work required. The Bank Terrace end has been reinforced previously. Bridge on way to Howe Farm had a crack but it was confirmed that it was structurally sound.</p> <p>Supermarket vans are getting stuck again on The Banks.</p> <p>The dropped drain on the road near Pier Cottage is causing issues for drivers.</p>	
<p>195/2019</p>	<p>Parish Walk RESOLVED: The date for the Parish Walk is Wednesday 29th May at 6pm meeting at Hills Garage to inspect Bridge Toilets and covering Lake Road.</p>	
<p>196/2019</p>	<p>Lake District National Park Authority Pre-Submission Local Plan RESOLVED: Cllrs to invite a representative of LDNPA to the June meeting.</p>	
<p>197/2019</p>	<p>Coniston Parish Council Annual Report 2018/19 RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the Coniston Parish Council Annual Report for 2018/19</p>	
<p>198/2019</p>	<p>Site Visit with Parish Councillors, Lake District National Park Authority & Highways Cllrs Swyer & Hall reported on the meeting which was very positive to all who</p>	

	<p>attended. There were two members of LDNPA planning, Highways Planning Consultant and Highways traffic along with Cllrs Swyer & Hall.</p> <p>The Highways Planning Consultant could understand some of the concerns regarding their decisions. The Banks will be flagged as an area of further consideration.</p> <p>Fairsnape is an extension to a domestic dwelling and access is obviously a problem although improved access has been applied for.</p> <p>The Bank Terrace structural issues have been reported to Highways.</p> <p>The exit from The Banks at Gateside House was deemed dangerous. The new Gatesgarth development replaced an existing building with the same access and the new build has no legal impact on the exit road's safety.</p> <p>The car parking space at the now holiday cottage Villa Maria replaces existing hard standing and there is nothing that can be done about stopping the use as a car parking space. It was noted the access is dangerous.</p> <p>It was acknowledged there is a speeding problem along Haws Bank and Highways will look into whether a smiley speed sign would be helpful.</p>	
199/2019	<p>Coniston Voluntary Social Car Scheme Coniston is in need of a new Volunteer Co-ordinator and more Volunteer Drivers. If anyone is able to help please contact:- Katy Wood, Voluntary Transport Officer, Cumbria County Council e-mail: Katy.Wood@cumbria.gov.uk 0333 240 69 65 (option 5)</p>	
200/2019	<p>Coniston Bye-laws Cllr Coward explained that the Records Week has been postponed this year due to the need to amend the bye-laws on Coniston in terms of changing the regulatory body. Whilst amending the bye-laws, the cost of which is approx. £10,000, it is suggested to include the possibility of Bluebird K7 running again on Coniston in addition to the current bye-law allowing development & proving runs. People would still have to put an application in to apply for running on Coniston (include risk assessments, traffic management plan, etc). Once the bye-laws have been drafted it will have to go to consultation before it is passed and approved. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed a maximum contribution of £1,250 towards the cost.</p>	
201/2019	<p>Clerk to Coniston Parish Council RESOLVED: Cllrs accepted the resignation of Lorna Thompson as Clerk to Coniston Parish Council. RESOLVED: Cllrs appointed Janette Carroll as interim Clerk to Coniston Parish Council. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to advertise for a new Clerk to Coniston Parish Council with immediate effect.</p>	
202/2019	<p>Councillor Matters</p>	

	<p>Cllr Swyer reported that she has been in contact with the Clerk of Lakes Parish Council regarding their toilets and will contact Healthmatic for a quote for the Bridge Toilets.</p> <p>There is ash die back on The Banks and Cllr Swyer will contact LDNPA, Forestry Commission and SLDC to see whose responsibility it is.</p> <p>There is Japanese Knotweed on The Banks / Devonshire Terrace.</p> <p>Cumbria County Council have agreed to do work on the footbridge by the former Barclays Bank.</p> <p>Cllr Hall reported a family will be donating money towards repairing a memorial bench in Conisotn</p> <p>There has been a lot of wild camping around the east side of the lake and a lot of litter left which has subsequently been cleared up. Wild camping can be reported to the police on 101 but it is landowners who need to deal with it.</p> <p>It was noted the new route for the Keswick to Barrow walk was greatly improved for the movement of people. There is still the issue of coaches struggling to pass between Dow How and Adams Bridge when dropping off participants for the Coniston to Barrow.</p> <p>A thank you is to be sent to those who helped to clean up the head of the lake at Monk Coniston.</p>									
<p>203/2019</p> <p>204/2019</p> <p>205/2019</p> <p>206/2019</p> <p>207/2019</p> <p>208/2019</p> <p>209/2019</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the financial accounts for 2017/18</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted there is no report from the Internal Auditor</p> <p>RESOLVED: The system of internal control is effective.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the Annual Governance Statements and the Chair signed them.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the Accounting Statements and the Chair signed them.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs approved payment of £500.00 towards compost & plants for the new planters</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs Receipts</p> <table data-bbox="367 1814 1197 1971"> <tr> <td>SLDC – Precept</td> <td>£19,586.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SLDC – Grant</td> <td>£ 913.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets</td> <td>£ 405.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance (Bridge Toilets wall)</td> <td>£ 480.00</td> </tr> </table>	SLDC – Precept	£19,586.23	SLDC – Grant	£ 913.77	Bridge Toilets	£ 405.03	Insurance (Bridge Toilets wall)	£ 480.00	
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210/2019	<p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s Salary – Lorna Thompson £76.64 • Clerk’s Salary – Janette Carroll £336.42 • Clerk’s Expenses – Janette Carroll £147.24 • HMRC £84.00 • EON – street lighting £187.80 • EON – Bridge Toilets £12.66 • Cumbria Association of Local Councils (Clerk Induction Course – Lorna Thompson) £80.00 • Waterplus (Bridge Toilets) £198.84 • Coniston Institute £70.00 • Archie Workman (Lengthsman) £206.78 • Ambleside Engineering Co (Lakes) Ltd £63.90 • Thomas Graham & Son Ltd £83.12 	
211/2019	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – South Funding Event 13 June; Save the Date! CALC Summer Conference; CALC SUMMER CONFERENCE!; Policy E-Briefing PC7-19 – Traffic Commissioners; May Edition CALC Newsletr; Local Council Review (LCR) Publication Subscription • CCC – Keswick to Barrow Charity Walk Road Closures; Temporary Road Closure - C5026 High Stott, Near Finsthwaite • Cumbria CVS - South Lakeland Community Newsletter • SLDC – Becoming an Effective Member/Code of Conduct-SLDC • National Trust – Invitation to cruise aboard Steam Yacht Gondola; • Torver Parish Council – agenda Annual Meeting 2nd May • Hawkshead Parish Council – minutes 16 April 2019 • Lakes Parish Council – A591 Ambleside roadworks / resurfacing; agenda AGM 15th May • Blawith & Subberthwaite – minutes April, agenda 13th May • Ruskin Museum - Invitation to Art at the Ruskin Museum <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs notes the following correspondence received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbria CVS Volunteer Promotion Posters – South Lakeland Volunteering Fair Kendal Town Hall 5 June 2019 & AWAZ Volunteer Information Hawkshead Session 9 May 2019 • Merchant Navy Funds Supporting Partners – ‘Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day’ 3 September 2019 • Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine May 2019 	
212/2019	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 17th June 2019 7pm at the Reading Room, Coniston Institute 	

Meeting closed at 9.48pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)