

## Coniston Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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

**In attendance:** 2 members of the public and PCSO D Ross

Minute Number		Action By
100/2018	<b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Batty and Thompson.	
101/2018	<b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.	
102/2018	<b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
103/2018	<b>Minutes of Meetings 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
104/2018	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>PCSO D Ross</u> PCSO Ross attended and went through the logs. There have been no crimes, a couple of Highways disruptions, mountain rescue incidents and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>With regard to having additional speed checks at Haws Bank, the speed indicator has already been in that area 30<sup>th</sup> September – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017. During this time there were no significant issues recorded. There is the possibility of getting the sign that will inform drivers of their speed but there currently is not one in service at Ulverston. PCSO Ross will investigate a community speedwatch scheme.</p> <p>Police Community Desks will be held Coniston Library will be held on the following Wednesdays from 10 – 12:- 24th January, 21st March, 16th May, 18th July, 20th September and 21st November.</p> <p><u>Cumbria County Councillor – Matt Brereton</u> County Cllr Brereton sent his apologies along with a report. If there are any works agreed that are still outstanding please let him know and he will chase it up.</p> <p>The Windermere Ferry action has resulted in a report that has recommended the ticket machines be scrapped and cash and card payments should now be accepted on board, just as used to be the case; a bit of good news at least and a nice victory</p>	

	<p>for local people and common sense!</p> <p>The ongoing issue of Lengthsman’s agreements will be looked at at the local area committee level and if it is not addressed County Cllr Brereton will look to escalate it to the next Full Council meeting in February.</p> <p>A reminder to get applications for the Community Grants in before the end of the month.</p> <p><u>District Councillor – Anne Hall</u>  District Cllr Hall explained the budget being planned at the moment and it is looking like a 2% increase. She has received a few complaints about bin collections being late due to the weather.</p> <p><u>Coniston &amp; Torver Community Land Trust</u>  A report was given by the CLT explaining that the John Hext scheme in the field beside John Hext house is delayed due to Castle Housing Association assuming that the CLT would provide funding. There is currently no further update on progressing this.</p> <p>Applications for the new houses at St Andrews through Cumbria Choice Based Letting have been received.</p> <p>Alastair Cameron hopes to carry out a computer-based review of Coniston’s housing needs later this year and will try to include people who would like to buy as well as rent.</p> <p>Cllr Hall explained she has had a request from Glenridding and Sawrey for information on housing surveys and given them a copy of Coniston’s.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u>  It was questioned why people are not allowed to know what goes on in the Bluebird Event Working Group meetings, could there be a rethink about having the event during the school holidays and is there someone on the group for the benefit of the village. It was also hoped to encourage younger people to be engaged with the event. Cllrs explained that the Group is made up of many people representing many different groups. No date has been confirmed for the event and there are still many things to be put in place before a date can be confirmed.</p>	
105/2018	<p><b>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan</u>  Cllr Coward explained she just needs to update the telephone numbers and then send it off to the relevant authorities for review.</p> <p><u>To update on the event in relation to the VC plaque for James Hewitson</u>  Another meeting is due shortly, so far, the ceremony will take place the morning of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April and the Lord Lieutenant is booked.</p> <p><u>To update on the repair of the springer chair in the playground</u>  Cllr Coward confirmed the order has been placed with Playdale to repair the item.</p>	TC

	<p><u>To report on the meeting held on 8th January 2018 to progress the Coniston Parish Plan Action Plan</u></p> <p>The meeting was positive with actions agreed on and to be carried out. Cllr Coward explained she is thinking about arranging a joint social meeting with Torver Parish Council.</p>	
<b>106/2018</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>7/2017/5866 - Howe Farm, Days Bank, Coniston - Use of land for siting of pod for use as holiday letting accommodation</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs objected to the application due to not following due process and it being retrospective planning. It is an inappropriate development and there are concerns more could be placed on the field.</p>	
<b>107/2018</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission</p> <p>7/2017/5742 – Hill Top, Haws Bank, Coniston – create a new parallel parking area across the road from the main property, with open access &amp; permeable surface</p> <p>7/2017/5622 – 8 Beck Yeat, Coniston – two storey rear extension &amp; alterations to front elevation</p> <p>7/2017/5575 – Ruskin Museum, 13 – 15 Yewdale Road, Coniston – installation of an information kiosk &amp; community bread oven</p> <p>7/2017/5566 – Gatesgarth, Coniston – demolition of existing building &amp; replace with contemporary four bedroom home</p> <p>7/2017/5713 – 4 Lake View, Coniston – single storey lean-to kitchen extension to side of dwelling</p>	
<b>108/2018</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notice of Listed Building Consent:-</p> <p>7/2017/5556 – Knipe Ground, Coniston – replace existing timber window frames with bespoke timber window frames</p>	
<b>109/2018</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notice of Refusal of Consent to Application:-</p> <p>7/2017/5535 – Lands Field, Yewdale Road, Coniston – creation of coach &amp; car park &amp; erection of facilities building &amp; mixed use café and shop (A3/A1) on ground floor</p>	
<b>110/2018</b>	<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>Cllr Swyer confirmed the verge maintenance equipment she ordered has arrived and will be stored in the resilience shed. Cllr Troughton will also put litter pickets and high-viz jackets for the shed.</p> <p>Cllr Swyer has asked for a quote to cut saplings from a contractor in the area.</p>	

	<p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> A local contractor has agreed to do some gritting on the pavements and he will be supplied with the relevant equipment.</p> <p>There are drains blocked on Hawkshead Hill causing issues.</p> <p>The flood that appears at times of heavy rain at the bottom of Dow How is causing problems with cars having to use the pavement to avoid the water.</p> <p>The water going across the road at High Ground, Little Arrow and that turns icy when cold has been reported to Highways.</p> <p>It has been reported that grit has been taken from grit boxes at Haws Bank.</p> <p>The Better Highways details will be publicised through social media to encourage people to report any defects (<a href="http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/default.asp">www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/default.asp</a>)</p>	
<b>111/2018</b>	<p><b>Bluebird Event Working Group</b> At the recent meeting it was agreed a company limited by guarantee would be set up to limit liability. A website is also being created where people will be encouraged to register their interest in the event. This will be publicised in due course.</p>	
<b>112/2018</b>	<p><b>General Data Protection Regulations</b> The new General Data Protection Regulations come into effect from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. It is currently understood that a Data Protection Officer has to be appointed from outside the Parish Council and an initial quote from one provider is £550.00. There will be a review of information currently held by the Council, update on procedures and consent. CALC are running courses in March and the Clerk will attend. Cllrs are encouraged to read the information already circulated by the Clerk.</p>	
<b>113/2018</b>	<p><b>Revision of Coniston Parish Council Policies</b> Deferred.</p>	
<b>114/2018</b>	<p><b>Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed to nominate Cllr Coward to be put forward for a place in the draw for the Royal Garden Party.</p>	
<b>115/2018</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b> The empty Presbytery at the Catholic Church was reported to SLDC but they are unable to do anything as it is outside of their remit. It was noted it is a very large empty house which could be divided and put to good use by the community for affordable housing.</p> <p>The next Lancashire Night will be booked for 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018.</p> <p>The French Twinning group will be coming over to Coniston on 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup></p>	

	<p>September. The deputy head of the local French school will be coming to Coniston in February.</p> <p>The X12 bus group has joined with the X70 service in order to pool resources and obtain additional funding. Cllr Hall is going to Lancaster to speak to a travel watch company about the service.</p> <p>The service for the new Vicar, Brian Streeter was well attended.</p> <p>Feedback had been received from St Andrews PCC following their receipt of £100.00 grant money stating the number of facilities provided by them for the village.</p> <p>There is a latch on a gate broken on the footpath through Town Field and the pedestrian gate by the cattle grid at the top of Haws Bank is difficult to open.</p> <p>There is a bench at the head of the lake that has no slats on and is owned by the Raven family. It was noted the National Trust needs to have a clean up at the head of the lake.</p> <p>Coniston TIC is no longer selling tickets for the museum directly but the museum will still give them commission for sending people to the museum.</p> <p>Cllr Troughton is signing up for the Clean for Great Britain Tidy up and will involve the brownies and guides.</p> <p>It was noted the streetlight at Cat Bank still needs to be fixed</p> <p>Congratulations were noted for Malcolm Grindrod who received an MBE.</p> <p>Home Housing will be arranging for the cutting down of trees by the sub-station on Old Furness Road.</p>													
<p><b>116/2018</b></p> <p><b>117/2018</b></p> <p><b>118/2018</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><u>To agree the precept for 2018/19</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs agreed to precept would remain the same at £20,500.00 with no increase.</p> <p><u>Receipts</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following receipts: -</p> <table data-bbox="279 1675 1316 1720"> <tr> <td>Fireworks Committee Coniston Sports &amp; Social Centre</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£862.50</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Payments</u>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <table data-bbox="279 1825 1316 2018"> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£326.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£37.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£90.95</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;">£138.31</td> </tr> </table>	Fireworks Committee Coniston Sports & Social Centre	£862.50	• Clerk's Salary	£326.48	• Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird)	£37.31	• HMRC	£90.95	• Stephen Airey	£60.00	• EON – street lighting	£138.31	
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<b>119/2018</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CALC – Friday Round Up; 2017/18 External Auditor Update - details of a training webinar on 23 January; Update from NALC on pay negotiations and SAAA Ltd; Department for Transport's public consultation on future funding on the SRN; Council Tax Consultation - Message from Peter McCall, Police and Crime Commissioner; DPO Centre Ltd costs; Take NALC's Local Councillor Census Survey</li> <li>LDNPA – Local Plan Review consultation message to Parish Clerk's; Event Notification: Walking with the Wounded - 19 May 2018; Notice of Intention to Prohibit Four-wheeled traffic over Byway Open to All Traffic 529037, Mountain Road, Hawkshead</li> <li>Cumbria County Council - County Funding</li> <li>Cumbria CVS - Introduction to Business Planning Continuity – Kendal; Holding Effective Performance Reviews; Cumbria CVS - South Lakes Volunteer Vacancies and Adult Protection Volunteer Training</li> <li>SLDC - Website Link to South Lakeland District Council Agenda for Meeting on 19 December 2017; LAP Newsletter: December 2017 Edition; Free Training event: Get Safe Online; Annual Review of SLDC Constitution 2018; Great British Spring Clean</li> <li>Torver Parish Council – minutes 14<sup>th</sup> December; agenda 11<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>Hawkshead Parish Council – minutes 21<sup>st</sup> November, agenda 19<sup>th</sup> December; minutes 19<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>Blawith &amp; Subberthwaite – minutes 13<sup>th</sup> November; agenda 8<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>Coniston Institute &amp; Ruskin Museum – thank you for the grant</li> <li>Vector World - Pre warning of exemption of Coniston Water byelaw application</li> <li>Coniston &amp; Torver Parochial Church Council – thank you for the grant</li> <li>Rural Services Network - Growing a Rural Community Survey for Cumbria</li> <li>Cumbria Children's Dyslexia Project - Enabling communities</li> <li>Eden Housing Association - St Andrews Close, Coniston</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 from North West Air Ambulance Chariry re thanking for donation</li> <li>Tim Farron MP Advice Surgeries Winter 2018</li> <li>Letter from Fireworks Committee Coniston Sports &amp; Social Centre re thanking for donation</li> <li>Letter from HMRC re VAT returns</li> <li>Clerks &amp; Councils Direct January 2018</li> </ul>	
<b>120/2018</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 7pm</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)