

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 20th November 2017

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

In attendance: 7 members of the public, Lisa Keys from Coniston Coppermines Project, Gail Staton & Simon Hill from Lake District National Park Authority and Cumbria County Cllr Matt Brereton

Minute Number		Action By
318/2017	<p>Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hall.</p>	
319/2017	<p>Requests for Dispensations No requests received.</p>	
320/2017	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
321/2017	<p>Minutes of Meetings 16th and 30th October 2017 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 16th and 30th October were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
322/2017	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Police</u> PCSO Debbie Ross, set an e-mail with a report. There have been 7 calls for service since the last meeting. There was one Domestic Assault at a caravan report and a suspect was arrested.</p> <p>Crime Prevention message - don't let thieves steal your Christmas. It is important to always keep valuables out of sight & hidden in your home, your car or whilst out shopping.</p> <p><u>Lisa Keys - Coniston Coppermines Project</u> Ms Keys gave an update on the project to conserve and preserve the Coppermines Valley and Penny Rigg. Structures that were at risk have now been stabilised. Over 150 volunteers have been working on surveys and there was a walling course which some volunteers attended. The project has been working with the primary school which resulted in a drama performance in July. It is hoped to have a video of the performance on display in the Ruskin Museum. The project ends in March and before then interpretation panels will be installed in the Coppermines Valley, a section of the Ruskin Museum will be redeveloped, a self-guided trail leaflet</p>	

developed and further work done with the schools. The Heritage Lottery Fund have been to look at the project and are very impressed with what has been done to date.

Gail Staton, Property Programme Manager & Simon Hill - Lake District National Park Authority – proposed planning application Coniston Boating Centre

Ms Staton explained about the proposals for extending Coniston Boating Centre which has not had a lot of investment in the last few years. The plan is to improve the staff facilities and offices and enable the workshop to store two boats at one time. It is aimed to have the application ready for submitting in January with work hoping to start in April.

Cumbria County Councillor – Matt Brereton

County Cllr Brereton apologised for not attending our previous meeting. He understands the recent visit from Highways about improving signage has been positive and £2,500 of the funding will come from his budget and £400 will need to be found from Coniston Parish Council.

The responses with regards to a Lengthsman Agreement are unsatisfactory and County Cllr Brereton has raised it with other Councillors. There are the usual cost cutting and health & safety measurements being taken into account and at some stage Lengthsman Agreements will be presented to the full council but there is no timescale. It was suggested contacting Keith Little and Janet Willis and current Lengthsman.

District Councillor – Anne Hall

District Cllr Hall sent her apologies and a report by e-mail. Grizedale Arts are to arrange a dinner after Christmas with Museum Staff & Trustees, Cllrs, Brantwood and TIC volunteers with a view to all of us working together and starting to build on the Valley Project. The Ruskin Museum is offering free entry to people in Crake Valley for two months over winter to encourage working and knowing each other better.

The Credit Union Eden & South Lakeland has been re-launched and needs savers as this can be used by people who require loans to prevent them going to loan sharks etc.

The X12 had a successful month by hardworking volunteers, £325 Coniston coffee morning, £820 Fashion Show at Bardsea, £504 coffee morning at Ulverston and a successful bid to Frieda Scott Trust for £3,500.

South Lakeland District Council are bringing in a Customer Connect 1 to 2 year programme which is a challenging programme of change both for staff working and resident communication which will in the long term make big savings.

Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

Cllr Troughton explained that there has been a funding shortfall on the proposed scheme in the field adjacent to John Hext House. It had been assumed that the CLT

	<p>would be raising money towards it but this is not the case.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> Members of the public expressed their concerns about speeding and overtaking at Haws Bank. It was noted the recent crash there was an isolated incident where speed was not necessarily the primary cause. Cllrs explained the past the police have been there with speed cameras and they will request this again. The whole stretch of road from Park Gate to the Ship Inn is a problem. Highways will be contacted again.</p>	
323/2017	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To update on reviewing Coniston Emergency Plan</u> Cllr Coward has been meeting with Steve Emmett of the Flood Forum weekly and details will be in the next Parish Newsletter on how to access the resilience shed.</p> <p><u>To update on the work to be carried out on the streetlight at Cat Bank</u> No update</p> <p><u>To update on the event in relation to the VC plaque for James Hewitson</u> District Cllr Hall provided an update by e-mail. There was a recent very productive meeting about the VC plaque ceremony. It has been suggested meeting at the Institute for coffee then a procession to the Church followed by soup & sandwich back at the Institute. If anyone has any pictures of Jimmy during his life please get in touch.</p> <p><u>To consider the offer from Lakeland 100 for money towards local groups from their annual event in Coniston and how to administer it</u> RESOLVED: Clerk to suggest to Lakeland 100 that a sum is given to Coniston Amenities Fund in October to coincide with the Parish Council's grant giving meeting. Applications will be requested from local groups by the end of September and a list of grants will be sent to Lakeland 100 for approval. An event will be held to present the cheques giving publicity to Coniston Amenities Fund and Lakeland 100.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>JC</p>
324/2017	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2017/5687 - Coniston Coppermines Valley, Coniston - Installation of 8 on-site interpretation boards, 1 interpretation hub at Low Bonsor Mill and 2 way finding markers as part of the Coniston Copper project. Application was withdrawn as planning permission is not required.</p> <p>7/2017/5556 - Knipe Ground, Coniston - Replace existing timber window frames with bespoke timber window frames RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections.</p> <p>7/2017/5713 - 4 Lake View, Bowmanstead, Coniston - Single storey lean-to kitchen extension to side of dwelling RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections.</p>	

<p>325/2017</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 and permeable surface RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections.</p> <p>7/2017/5736 - Coniston Park Coppice Caravan Site, Park Gate, Coniston - 7 no. camping pods and shed RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Refusal of Consent to Application:- 7/2017/5183 – National Trust Ticket Office, Lake Road, Coniston – ticket office / visitor reception hub</p>	
<p>326/2017</p>	<p>Coniston Parish Plan RESOLVED: A meeting to progress the remaining action points will be held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7pm at Coniston Mountain Rescue Team.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>327/2017</p>	<p>Highways</p> <p><u>To update on the Lengthsman Agreement with Cumbria County Council</u> There is no timescale for this from Cumbria County Council. RESOLVED: Cllr Carroll to contact Keith Little & Janet Willis from Highways and Lengthsmen already employed in other Parishes.</p> <p><u>To update on the costs of proposed signage in Coniston from Cumbria County Council</u> The meeting with Highways, Cllrs Carroll, Swyer & the Clerk were very positive. Proposals are:- Collingwood Close – ‘Parking for residents please park elsewhere’ sign underneath the street name sign. The Banks – a sign at the entrance from the A593 as it is concealed and signs at assist drivers turning up to Thurston Bank. Ruskin Avenue – replacement signs ‘Except for Access’. Highways cannot authorise road markings stating parking for residents or likewise. Old Furness Road – relocate the ‘parking for residents’ sign. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to contribute £400.00 towards the cost of these signs.</p> <p><u>To update on road safety measures from Ship Inn to Adams Bridge</u> This was discussed under public participation.</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> It was noted a local contractor has done a good job of cleaning road signs.</p> <p>Cllr Swyer to draw up a list of potential areas to tidy up in Coniston.</p>	<p>JRC</p> <p>MS</p>

	<p><u>To consider what highways maintenance items to spend the £200.00 allocated from the District Cllr funding</u> It was suggested meeting one Saturday per month to work on different areas of the village. RESOLVED: Cllr Swyer will draw up a list of equipment.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> The clearing of vegetation from the wall above Brow Steps which is the responsibility of Home Housing will be carried out shortly after it has just been awarded to a Contractor.</p> <p>There are leaves covering the double yellow lines on Station Road and the Clerk has requested the SLDC road sweeper.</p> <p>There are potholes at Little Moss and Hawkshead Old Road.</p> <p>The roots of the oak tree at the playground is lifting the pavement.</p>	MS
328/2017	<p>Backing Proposal for a Traffic Regulation Order Cllr Coward explained the Council had received a request for support for Traffic Regulation Orders to deal with the issues of 4x4s & motorbikes on the tracks from High Oxenfell to Hodge Close and from High Tilberthwaite to Little Langdale. The Lake District National Park Authority's (LDNPA) preferred option is a voluntary restraint scheme and propose to review the matter in November 2019. RESOLVED: Majority of Cllrs are not in support of TRO but agreed it does need managing better.</p>	
329/2017	<p>Proposed Temporary Restriction of Four Wheeled Vehicles, Mountain Road (Byway Open to All Traffic 529037) Hawkshead Parish The LDNPA are planning to carry out surfacing work on this section and walkers, cyclist, horseriders & motorbikes will be able to pass but not four wheeled vehicles. RESOLVED: Cllrs have no comments.</p>	
330/2017	<p>Councillor Training The Clerk explained there are opportunities for training for Cllrs through Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC), details of which are in e-mails sent out and the Clerk handed out various booklets for Cllrs to read.</p> <p>Cllr Troughton recently attended Module 2 of 'Effective Councillor'. It suggested grants were available from bank & building societies with match funding from Barclays and larger organisations (Glaxo, BAE and Tesco) provide volunteer hours. A skills audit of Councillors should be done along with an annual appraisal of the Clerk.</p>	
331/2017	<p>Coniston Bonfire & Fireworks Event Cllrs noted there were health & safety concerns in relation to the bonfire with the tape around the fire coming down. The Clerk has contacted the Coniston Sports & Social Centre about this and it will be discussed at their next committee meeting.</p>	

<p>332/2017</p>	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Cllr Coward gave a brief overview of the recent Bluebird Event Group Meeting which has agreed an Event / Project Officer is required. It was noted that Coniston Parish Council minute number 268/2017 should state “there is no guarantee (that) when Bluebird is returning to Coniston” and the Lake District National Park Authority Planning Department has been informed. This will be added to the December agenda.</p> <p>There have been local teenagers hanging around the derelict Gatesgarth house and the door has been open.</p> <p>It was noted Cllr Hall was absent from the meeting as she is receiving her MBE in London.</p>															
<p>333/2017</p> <p>334/2017</p> <p>335/2017</p> <p>336/2017</p> <p>337/2017</p> <p>338/2017</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>To consider and agree grant applications funding (total allocation £2,000.00)</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to allocate:- Coniston Parochial Church Council – request £500.00 allocated £100.00 Coniston Institute – request £500.00 allocated £500.00 Ruskin Museum – request £500.00 allocated £300.00 Coniston Sports & Social Club Fireworks Committee – request £500.00 allocated £250.00 Coniston Community Development Centre – request £300.00 allocated £100.00 Christmas Lights Committee – request £500.00 allocated £250.00 VC Event – allocated £500.00</p> <p><u>To consider a grant to Great North Air Ambulance</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs awarded £100.00 & the same amount to North West Air Ambulance</p> <p><u>To consider other local organisations who would benefit from a grant</u> This will be considered if money is received from Lakeland 100.</p> <p><u>To discuss priorities for the precept for 2018/19</u> Deferred.</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following receipts: -</p> <table data-bbox="279 1646 1061 1720"> <tr> <td>Bridge Toilets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£101.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Lakeland District Council (District Cllr)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£200.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <table data-bbox="279 1832 1300 2020"> <tr> <td>• Clerk’s Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£329.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk’s Overtime</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£136.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£116.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Stephen Airey</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£343.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• EON – Bridge Toilets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£16.30</td> </tr> </table>	Bridge Toilets	£101.29	South Lakeland District Council (District Cllr)	£200.00	• Clerk’s Salary	£329.55	• Clerk’s Overtime	£136.85	• HMRC	£116.60	• Stephen Airey	£343.50	• EON – Bridge Toilets	£16.30	
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339/2017	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Community Led Housing event 19th October; Parish Forum Ambleside; Cumbria LEP; FRIDAY ROUND UP Including Data Protection Training; LDNPA Parish Forum draft notes Ambleside 10th October; 43rd CALC AGM Agenda and Papers; LGBCE Consultation on Constituency Boundaries in the North West; HELP REQUIRED - LDNPP Chair recruitment; New Legal Briefing regarding Data Processing and Privacy Notes; Council Tax Precept Survey • LDNPA – Coniston Water Association Minutes - 5 October 2017; Notification of Intention to Make Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for Grizedale Stages Rally and Malcolm Wilson Rally; Event Notification: Lakeland 100 - 27th - 29th July 2018; Footpaths and Bridleways in Grizedale Forest, Broughton Moor, Whinlatter Forest, Wythop Woods and Chapel House Plantation; village halls, solar panels and community income • Lakes Parish Council – Plans agenda for 25th October; Agenda for 8 November 2017 • Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council – minutes 12th October, agenda 13th November • Cumbria CVS - AGM - 9 November 2017 - Castle Green Hotel, Kendal; South Lakeland Community News 30/10/17 • SLDC - Community-led Housing Event; Free Get Safe Online Training; Community Resilience in South Lakeland; PSPO Notification to all Parish and Town Councils • Torver Parish Council – minutes 12th October, agenda 2nd November • Keswick 2 Barrow walk 2018 • BATTLE'S OVER - A NATION'S TRIBUTE 11TH NOVEMBER 2018 & EARLY UPDATE & NEW GUIDE TO TAKING PART • Came & Company - Council Matters Autumn 2017 • Blueworks Service X12 : Coniston - Ulverston via Torver • Environment Agency - Community to Cobra <p>To note the following correspondence received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC Annual General Meeting 2017 papers • Clerk & Councils Direct Magazine November 2017 	
340/2017	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 18th December 2017 7pm 	

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)