

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 16th July 2018

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

In attendance: Simon Hill – Commercial Property Manager Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA), Jackie Ratcliffe – Area Planner LDNPA, County Cllr M Brereton and 3 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
234/2018	Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Troughton (other commitments)	
235/2018	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
236/2018	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
237/2018	Minutes of Meeting 18th June 2018 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 th June 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
238/2018	Public Participation <u>PCSO D Ross</u> PCSO Ross sent her apologies with a report. There have been 12 calls for service since the last meeting:- 3 Concerns for safety, 2 of which resulted in Mountain Rescues 1 Road traffic collision 1 Domestic incident amongst campers 3 Suspicious incidents 1 Highway disruption 1 Theft of cones and fencing recorded as a crime 1 Crime of assault ABH following a highway incident. Police were also called to the tragic incident where a young man lost his life after jumping from Hodge Close. Following the recent tragic events at Hodge Close, we would like to remind people of the dangers of jumping from quarries and bridges. The date for next Police Desk at Coniston Library is Wednesday 18th July 2018 from 10am – 12 noon.	

Simon Hill – Commercial Property Manager LDNPA

Mr Hill responded to recent comments from Coniston Parish Council:-

1. Car park signs Station Road – new signs (not wooden) are on order.
2. Outside Bluebird café – the area to the slipway was narrow and the slate edging by the picnic table was getting damaged. After consultation with the Bluebird Café it was decided to gravel the area with slate chippings. There are plans to regrade the beach but this requires a planning application due to it being engineering works.
3. Canoes in the beach after business hours – trailers are generally left on the beach area in the evenings between Easter and October. If there are problems with the positioning please let Mr Hill know.
4. Container – there will be a planning application being submitted to have a container on the foreshore to have the bike hire separate from the boat hire at the Wendy House.
5. Traffic Regulation Order – Mr Hill did not object to the single yellow lines being changed to double yellow lines from below John Ruskin School to the Boating Centre. Mr Hill explained there will be plans in the future to enable local people to park for free in the small area by the Bluebird Café. Councillors mentioned that in the past there were 2 posts from where local people could launch their boats for free and Mr Hill would consider this in any changes.
6. 28 day rule on overflow car park – The 28 days does not provide enough facility for parking for the Boating Centre. It was noted that Cumbria County Council do not enforce parking restrictions at the weekends.
7. Lack of litter bins at Monk Coniston. Mr Hill explained after busy weekends there can be 70 bags of rubbish from Brown Howe & Monk Coniston car parks. Adding litter bins will not prevent the rubbish being left. It was suggested that there should be a notice saying not to leave litter and explain how much it costs to collect it.

Other points that were raised:-

- The signage for the blue green algae is too small
- The lifebuoy is missing from near Pier Cottage
- Vehicles enter the Ruskin Avenue car park using both the entrance and exit
- The hedges by the Ruskin Avenue car park will be clipped back.

Cllrs thanked Mr Hill for attending.

Jackie Ratcliffe – Area Planner LDNPA

Mrs Ratcliffe explained she has worked for the LDNPA for the last 14 years, spending 10 of them covering Ambleside and Grasmere. As Mairi Lock has recently left she is having a change of area and will now cover Coniston.

Cllrs suggested that when Mrs Ratcliffe visits Coniston they meet with her to show her some of the issues. Mrs Ratcliffe confirmed this would need the permission of her line manager.

Mrs Ratcliffe explained that when there is a problematic planning application to following up Cllrs comments with a telephone call to her.

	<p>Cllrs stated they do not always get reports on the decision of a planning application when it differs from the LDNPA. They also requested an update on the application for a car park at the Fell Gate car park.</p> <p><u>County Councillor – Matt Brereton</u> County Cllr Brereton attended the earlier meeting about the Tour of Britain to discuss ideas of events for Coniston when it passes through on Friday 7th September.</p> <p>The X112 bus route is likely to cease in the next couple of weeks. County Cllr Brereton has raised the issue at Cabinet level. There is another bus route, number 7 from Haverigg to Barrow-in-Furness run by Stagecoach is under threat. There is an A2B travel card for young children offering subsidised travel outside of school hours which is not publicised sufficiently. Money that has been given by central government to Cumbria County Council has been sent back in previous years without being used.</p> <p>Windermere ferry is out of action until October.</p> <p><u>District Councillor – Anne Hall / Tracy Coward / Matt Brereton</u> From 1st October any house with 5 and above people from different households will need to be registered as a house with multiple occupancy.</p> <p><u>Cllrs attending the Institute Committee meeting</u> The meeting is tomorrow night. Cllr Carroll reminded Cllrs who are representatives that they need to attend the meeting in order to complete the relevant forms.</p> <p><u>John Moffat – General Manager, South Lakes, National Trust</u> John Moffat sent a report by e-mail:- there is a large outbreak of Phytopthera around Tarn Hows again and is working with the Forestry Commission. New tenants have been chosen for High Tilberthwaite Farm. There are no void properties around the parish. He was interested to know if there has been any impact with the current closure of the Windermere car ferry.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> It has been commented there are occasions that the Bridge Toilets have been unclean and untidy. Councillors were asked to check when they are passing.</p>	
239/2018	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To report on progress of Coniston’s events for the Tour of Britain in September Cycle Race</u> Following the public meeting this evening from 6-7pm Councillors will hold another meeting on Wednesday 1st August at 6pm.</p> <p><u>To update on repairs required to the street lights on Days Bank</u> Cllr Carroll reported that this should be completed by end of July.</p> <p><u>To update on arranging a meeting with the Lake District National Park Authority</u></p>	

	<p><u>Planning Department on concerns raised over planning matters</u> The Clerk will contact LDNPA at the end of the summer.</p> <p><u>To note response to Lake District National Park Authority Living Lakes – Local Plan</u> RESOLVED: The response was noted.</p> <p><u>To receive quote on repairing existing benches in Coniston</u> A local contractor will be giving a quote.</p> <p><u>To receive a draft policy for benches in Coniston</u> Cllr Coward has drafted a policy which will be e-mailed round for comments.</p> <p><u>To update on the event organisers of Lakeland Trail Marathon taking into account local residents needs during events</u> A representative will be attending the September Parish Council meeting.</p> <p><u>To receive draft guidelines for events held in Coniston</u> Deferred until the next meeting.</p>	
<p>240/2018</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2018/5376 - Roseberry Cottage, Lake Road, Coniston – Construction of a single garage RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections provided it is only used as a garage as there are concerns the building could be used for other purposes at a later date.</p> <p>7/2018/5320 - Bonsor Upper Mill site at Coniston Coppermines, Coniston - Reinstatement of 3 No. waterwheels RESOLVED: Cllrs support the application.</p> <p>7/2018/5395 - Dixon Ground, Joinery, Coniston - Change of use and conversion of 2 no. commercial former timber joinery buildings into 3 no.local occupancy houses RESOLVED: Cllrs have no objections.</p>	
<p>241/2018</p>	<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> RESOLVED: Another day’s work with the contractor to clear more saplings will be arranged.</p> <p>Cllrs Carroll and Swyer will be attending a meeting on 20th August about proposals going forward for a Lengthsman agreement.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> The LDNPA are looking at the report of Japanese Knotweed on The Banks and information will be circulated on social media.</p> <p>The new signs are in placed for The Banks and Highways are still being chased for the signs on The Garth.</p>	

242/2018	<p>Twinning with Lake Dumbleyung Twinning Coniston with Lake Dumbleyung has been suggested due to the connection with Donald Campbell. Cllr Coward will follow this up.</p>	
243/2018	<p>Councillor Matters It was noticed that there has been camping at the Catholic Church and work taking place in the house.</p> <p>A letter of congratulations is to be sent to Peter Blackburn at John Ruskin School who has just had a received a Good report from Ofsted and triggered a section 5 inspection next year which means they are looking at gaining Outstanding.</p> <p>Tim Farron will be attending the Café Church next Sunday.</p> <p>There was no over 70's trip this year as the usual organisers were ill. It was suggested seeing if someone in the village to take on this annual event which is paid for by the Rawdon Smith Trust.</p> <p>The future of X112 bus could be that the Cumbria County Council provide a minibus that you book. A community timetable could be set up.</p> <p>Comments have been received from Old Furness Road about the outdoor event companies using the area as a changing room with people blocking the pavements whilst getting changed. It was suggested the Church Beck User Group be contacted.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll attended the Local Area Partnerships Chair meeting where he raised the issue of some second homes / holiday lets receiving 100% small business rates relief and not paying any Council Tax.</p> <p>Yew Tree Tarn has suffered from a severe lack of water due to the recent dry weather which meant a fish rescue was necessary. It was questioned how important Yew Tree Tarn is to the village.</p>	
244/2018	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>To note receipt of the following:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Toilets £548.00 • VAT Refund £999.43 	
245/2018	<p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Salary £336.42 • Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird) £38.45 • Clerk's Expenses £1.77 • HMRC £93.60 • Stephen Airey £326.00 • EON – street lighting £152.11 • EON – Bridge Toilets £12.30 	

246/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona Ebbs (internal auditor) £75.00 • Coniston Institute (room hire) £42.00 <p>To agree a contribution towards the banners and bunting for Coniston which will initially be used for the Tour of Britain Cycle Race on 7th September RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to give £250.00 towards this.</p>	
247/2018	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Final Paperwork for District Association Meeting on Thursday 14th June from 7pm at Kendal Town Hall; Remembrance Day Silhouette Installation Grants; LDNP Local Plan Review; NALC Annual Conference 2018; Supporting Vulnerable People during Emergencies event - 28th June 2018; Development Management Update; Remembrance Day Silhouette Grant Scheme: Deadline extended; Friday round up - Planning training events in September; LDNPA Change to Planning Consultation; High Court decision against Ledbury Town Council • Cumbria CVS - South Funding Event; Invite: Next County Volunteering Network Meeting, 5 September 2018; South Lakeland Community News; First Steps to Grant Funding; ACT Gazette - Summer 2018 • SLDC – South Lakeland and Eden District Councils’ Joint Older Persons’ Housing Strategy 2018 – 2025; Proposed postal address - 1 - 6 Holly How Close, Coniston • LDNPA - Outright World and National Electric Speed Record Announcement; Development Management Update • CCC - Temporary Road Closure C5006 Station Road, Coniston • Torver Parish Council – minutes 6th June, agenda 5th July • Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda 19th June; minutes 19th June • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 6th June, agenda 4th July • Blawith & Subberthwaite – agenda 9th July, minutes • Sportive Lakes - Velo Retro Vintage Cycling Event - Sunday July 15th <p>RESOLVED: To note the following correspondence received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Farron MP - Summer Surgery Tours & Autumn Surgeries 2018 • Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine July 2018 	
248/2018	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 20th August 2018 7pm at the Reading Room, Coniston Institute 	

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)