

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council Held on Zoom at 7.00pm on Monday, 16th November 2020

Present: Councillor T Coward (Chair)
Councillors – H Troughton, J Airey, A Thompson
Clerk – M Dearnley

In attendance: Mr C Sargeant and Mr J Buller
County Councillor M Brereton
One member of the public

Minute Number		Action By
288/2020	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Councillor Hall attempted to join the meeting, but was prevented from doing so by technical matters.</p>	
289/2020	<p>Requests for Dispensations</p> <p>No requests received.</p>	
290/2020	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</p> <p>All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
291/2020	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 19th October 2020</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th October 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
292/2020	<p>Co-option of new councillors</p> <p>RESOLVED: that, having advertised vacant positions in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972 and having received two applications, the Parish Council welcomed Councillor James Buller and Councillor Chas Sargeant as new councillors and declarations of office were signed to be returned to the Clerk.</p>	
293/2020	<p>RESOLVED: that the position of Vice Chair would be held by Councillor Heather Troughton</p>	
294/2020	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>County Councillor</u></p> <p>Councillor Broughton reported on a number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is pursuing the outstanding road signing and lining issues in Coniston and the work needed to ensure pedestrian safety on the A593 by The Ship in Bowmanstead. 	

- The National Trust fence by the Sports and Social Club on Shepherd's Bridge Lane has been made good, but more permanent repairs are required.
- The problem of flooding by the Coniston Inn has been reported to Shamus Giles who has made one site visit; a further site visit with a representative of the Environment Agency is to be requested to ensure a solution to the problem is identified.
- The roads connecting Coniston, Skelwith and Hawkshead are in generally poor condition and require a planned resurfacing scheme rather than patchwork of repairs.

District Councillors

Councillor Coward reported on a number of issues:

- Local Government Reorganisation consultation where two proposals for the area have been submitted – to be incorporated in a unitary status Cumbria County Council, or to have a 'Bay' Authority based on South Lakeland District Council, Lancaster City Council and Barrow Borough Council.
- Business grants for those directly impacted by Covid-19 pandemic are available.

Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO D Ross reported that for the period 19th October to 13th November 2020 there were 9 incidents of particular note in the Coniston area. These are as follows:

- 1 crime of assault
- 1 crime of racially aggravated public order
- 1 concern for welfare resulting in Mountain Rescue
- 6 Covid-19 related incidents

The constabulary have been carrying out operations targeting illegal off-roading in Coniston, Torver and Blawith parishes in response to concerns raised by residents.

Coniston Business Forum

Mr Rutland had confirmed that no one from the Business Forum was available to attend the council meeting. It was unfortunate as this is the fourth meeting the Forum have not able to attend. The Parish Council remains committed to supporting local businesses, but future co-operation with the business community, preferably through the Business Forum is crucially important. The Business Forum will remain a standing item on the agenda.

National Trust

Mr Moffat submitted a report which indicated that the situation is similar to that reported in October, including:

- There are no vacant houses in the parish
- The operational review has entered into an 'outcomes' phase, a new staffing structure is being introduced which will be in place by the end of the year, however, it will result in a number of redundancies.
- Lumber work in response to ash and larch disease will constitute a major operation over the winter months.

	<p><u>Lake District National Park</u></p> <p>Mr Hill asked that the following information be brought to the Parish Council's attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The old railway track and the brash growing over the wall along Station Road are to be strimmed • The small picket fence around Coniston Old Station Car Park is to be removed. <p>Mr Hill's actions were welcomed, but concern was voiced that the removal of the fencing along Old Furness Road might enable unlawful parking to take place on the grass verge along the road opposite the Mountain Rescue base.</p> <p><u>Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust</u></p> <p>Mr Cameron submitted a report to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council noted the development of the Old Man Quarry site. • The housing development on Yewdale Road is progressing well. • Work is taking place to identify future housing need. • The CLT is in the process of being replaced by a Housing Trust. <p><u>Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both the Museum and Institute have been closed during to the most recent period of Lockdown, however, whilst open both had performed far better than expected. Staff have been furloughed. • The one bedroom house within the Institute building is coming up for rent. 	MD
<p>295/2020</p> <p>296/2020</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors note the following grant of planning permission.</p> <p><u>7/2020/5505</u> Hills Garage, Coniston, LA21 8EN Replace single container with 2 containers, timber boarded screen fence and screen planting</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors noted the Notification of Intent received</p> <p><u>7/2020/5609</u> Bridge located approx. 200m north of Coniston Hall Farmstead, Coniston Hall Farm, Coniston, LA21 8AS Replacement Bridge</p>	
<p>297/2020</p>	<p>Coniston Maintenance and Highways Issues</p> <p>NOTED: The council noted the following highways and maintenance issues in the parish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Troughton reported that the road between Coniston and Skelwith was in very poor condition. There were also significant potholes outside the church and at Yewdale Bridge. These issues had been reported, but no progress had been made. • Sara Spicer, Lake District National Park Authority, is aware of the need to repair the path running between Waterhead and the village in order to prevent flooding. She will be made aware of the flooding of Town Field close by Lake Road. 	MD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Workman had cleared the gully on Station Road, removed debris and strimmed the verge. It was observed that Shepherd's Bridge Lane's road signs need cleaning 	
298/2020	<p>Bridge Toilets and Playground on Lake Road</p> <p>The toilets had been closed down for the winter; Mr K Batty has drained the plumbing and added antifreeze. It was suggested that signs be posted outside the Church Beck Bridge toilets to direct people to the Lake District National Park Authority toilets by Ruskin Avenue Car Park.</p> <p>Councillor Coward reported that Heather Thomson, Castle Design Services, is undertaken planning work in preparation for tendering.</p> <p>The playground is allowed to stay open during the lockdown. Lakesloos will be contacted to ask that they continue to monitor the hand sanitiser.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>MD</p>
299/2020	<p>Climate Focus</p> <p>RESOLVED: to commission South Lakeland District Council to provide a litter bin to be located at Pier Cottage Corner.</p>	TC
300/2020	<p>RESOLVED: To use the South Lakeland District Council Climate Reduction Award to convert streetlight 213 (on the footway by Cat Bank) from sodium to LED lighting.</p>	MD
301/2020	<p>Consultations</p> <p>NOTED: The following consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake District National Park Partnership's Management Plan 2020-2025 Lake District Local Plan: Consultation on Main Modifications Standards Matter: Public Consultation and Public Sector Survey Local Government Re-organisation: Bay Area Public Consultation 	
302/2020	<p>Events</p> <p>NOTED: That there are no formal events scheduled, however, the Parish Council welcomed the Christmas Lights being erected as planned despite their being no official 'switch on' event.</p>	
303/2020	<p>Covid-19</p> <p>The Council had monitored the support available during the pandemic and all the support established during the early summer remains in place for the second lockdown. It was universally agreed that we were lucky to have a strong community and individuals such as Ollie Stolborg and Lesley McCartney co-ordinating support locally. The needs of residents in relation to the prolonged period of the pandemic will be kept under review and action taken where appropriate.</p>	
304/2020	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p><u>Councillor Hall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal had been a success in difficult circumstances. Much of the credit went to Anne Butterfield and 	

	<p>Katie Dawson. <u>Councillors Troughton and Sargeant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the planned Father Christmas home visits. They identified that this was a good idea, as long as it was planned with the utmost care to ensure that social distancing was adhered to. 	
<p>305/2020 306/2020</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridge Toilets £1,089.00 <p>RESOLVED: Councillors authorised payment of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr M Dearnley £292.40 Mr M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) £20.00 HMRC £73.00 Thomas Graham £218.09 Mr A Workman £144.00 Coniston Institute £700.00 	
<p>307/2020</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following e-mails: To note the following e-mails received since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLDC Press Release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barrow high risk area for Covid-19 Test and Trace support scheme goes live South Lakeland Business Survey Flat conversion in Windermere Renewal of BID for Ulverston Code of Conduct Briefing LGR Briefing Locality Team newsletter Council reception to temporarily close Councils agree a Bay economic strategy Carbon reduction projects Back the Bay Bath Authority Consultation Cumbria CC Press Release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covid-19 Update Health Protection Boards Dr Colin Cox live on Facebook Winter preparedness resources Cumbria Constabulary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCSO Report Coronavirus update 16.10.20, 23.10.20, 30.10.20, 6.11.20 Operation Movie Rural Bulletin 20.10.20, 28.10.20, 3.11.20, 10.11.20 Bay Health and Care Partners Press Release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service of Remembrance New Appointment Coronavirus update Pain management – recommended Tweets Get Millom moving J Moffat, National Trust update PSE Bulletin 20.10.20, 3.11.20, 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbria Wildlife Trust – Lunchtime Talks • Lake District National Park Partnership – Parish Events • CALC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consultation on standards in public life ○ Update on Local Government Reorganisation ○ Cancellation of District Association meeting ○ External finance courses • Conserving Coniston and Crake • Flood Advisory Service: 27.10.20 – 1.11.20 • Lake District Local Plan Consultation • Healthwatch Cumbria – invitation to online meeting • Cumbria CVS – Get into Volunteering • Action with Communities in Cumbria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information pack for community leaders ○ Kind Cumbria Day ○ Gazette • Arts and Culture Network newsletter 30.10.20, 5.11.20 • Torver Parish Council – agenda and minutes • Hawkshead Parish Council - minutes • CDC newsletter • Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council – agenda and minutes • Cllr Wharton • Rural Funding Digest • South Lakeland Area Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Briefing regarding major incidents and flood planning during Covid-19 ○ Volunteering during lockdown. • Information Commissioner Newsletter 	
308/2020	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 21st December 2020 7.00pm on Zoom.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:14pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)