

## Coniston Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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

**In attendance:** 0 members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
303/2018	<b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Thompson	
304/2018	<b>Requests for Dispensations</b> No requests received.	
305/2018	<b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b> All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.	
306/2018	<b>Minutes of Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
307/2018	<b>Public Participation</b>  <u>PCSO D Ross</u> PCSO Ross sent her apologies with a report. During the period 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 to 16 <sup>th</sup> November there were 17 calls for service in the Coniston area. These break down as follows:  7 Concerns for safety, 5 of which resulted in Mountain Rescues 1 Incident of Assault resulting in a crime 1 Highway Disruption 1 Crime of burglary non-dwelling 2 RTC's damage only 2 Crimes of dwelling burglary 1 Crime of criminal damage to a vehicle 1 Air Incident – A small aircraft made an emergency landing in a field near Lake Road.  Recently, there have been a number of burglaries of out-buildings, sheds and construction sites in rural areas. Insecure tools, equipment, machinery and bikes have been stolen throughout South Cumbria. Please ensure that bikes locks are used as well as locking sheds and garages. Lock it or lose it!	

PCSO Ross has now arranged the dates for Police Desks in 2019 - Coniston Library 10-12

- Friday 18th January
- Friday 15th March
- Friday 17th May
- Friday 12th July
- Friday 13th September
- Friday 8th November

Cllrs expressed concerns about a camper van in the local area being left for several weeks unattended in the same spot.

#### Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

Alastair Cameron sent an update by e-mail. There are delays on the two sites, Oak How and Church Room Fields with the latter commencing in January. They are looking at the land allocation exercise carried out by the Lake District National Park Authority earlier this year. A further housing-needs survey is planned for early next month and the results should be available during January.

#### Cllrs attending the Institute Committee meeting

Cllr Carroll reported that Vicky Slowe is in the process of a managed exit from her post at the Ruskin Museum with Mary Ann taking her place. A discussion took place on the proposed road project.

#### National Trust

John Moffat sent an email update.

- Felling work is now well underway in the area around Tarn Hows – if weather holds it should be completed by Christmas but wood will take longer to bring out
- New tenants are in at High Tilberthwaite farm
- Steam yacht Gondola now off the water until next season
- Most of our indoor places are now closed for the season, but obviously outdoor places such as Tarn Hows and the Shops such as in Hawkshead remain open
- The Unclassified Road works from Tilberthwaite to Little Langdale are nearly done, on the snagging stage now

#### Cllr attending the Coniston Water Association meeting

Cllr Swyer attended. Camping and vandalism issues were discussed. Land owners are the first point of contact but issues can be reported to Lake Ranger Team or 101. Vandalism such as fires or destruction of property classed as criminal offence so more serious but again can be reported to team or 101. Contact details:

LakeRangerTeam@lakedistrict.gov.uk

jack.holmes@lakedistrict.gov.uk 0844 225 2922.

There has been an increase in blue green algae cases and these should be reported to Environment Agency 0800 80 70 60.

#### Cllrs attending the World War I Centenary Commemoration Events

Cllr Hall reported there was a good turnout at the church service and the Institute

	<p>tea after. Thanks were given to Cllr Troughton, Katie Dawson and Helen Glaister for their work. The church collected £331.00 and £34.00 was collected at the Institute. A certificate has been received for taking part in the national “Battle’s Over” with the beacon on Maundry Bank and including Church bell ringing.</p> <p>Cllrs thanked Adam Sutherland at Grizedale Arts for the ceramic poppies he made with one for each person who died from Coniston and Torver in World War 1.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u> No comments.</p>	
<p><b>308/2018</b></p>	<p><b>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</b></p> <p><u>To update on repairs required to the street lights on Days Bank</u> Cllr Carroll had a telephone message from the Contractor today to say that he had been sent the wrong parts so will be in Coniston later this week to fix the problem.</p> <p><u>To receive quote on repairing existing benches in Coniston</u> Cllr Coward spoke to a Contractor and this will be available shortly.</p> <p><u>To receive a draft policy for benches in Coniston</u> Deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>To receive draft guidelines for events held in Coniston</u> Cllr Troughton to update it.</p> <p>It was reported that local people are looking to set up a local committee to organise events in the village.</p> <p><u>To agree whether or not to progress a long-term plan for a footpath at Park Gate</u> Cllrs will consider this further at a future meeting, it is a long-term aim.</p> <p><u>To update on the Coniston Christmas Tree</u> Cllr Coward reported that a stand is being made for the Christmas Tree. A quote for the lights is £250.00.</p> <p>Next year the Christmas Tree will be near the Campbell Memorial with mains-powered lights with a feed from a lamppost. Small battery powered lights are inadequate for a 15-foot tree and Cllrs would like this to be a focus for the village.</p> <p><u>To confirm that the Coniston Community Development Centre representative will be attending the December meeting to discuss their grant application</u> The Clerk confirmed there will be a representative attending in December to discuss the grant application.</p>	
<p><b>309/2018</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>7/2018/5636 - Fairsnape, Coniston - Extensions to dwelling, access improvement (Re-application of consent 7/2016/5788) <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs have no comments on the application due to their comments</p>	

	<p>on the previous application. Cllrs have expressed concerns about the drainage issues that have recently changed and are affecting the area.</p> <p>7/2018/5650 - Waterhead Hotel, Coniston - Proposed extension to hotel providing 18 additional bedrooms (net), internal and external alterations, 27 additional car parking spaces and the construction of an activity equipment store  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs support the application</p> <p>7/2018/5660 - Land near Hills Garage, Broughton Road, Coniston - Kiosk for measuring river levels  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs support the application</p> <p><b>310/2018</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted a Certificate of Lawfulness has been granted - 7/2018/5544 - Sacred Heart Presbytery, Haws Bank, Coniston - Formation of new windows within existing door openings and associated works</p> <p>Cllr Coward has had a meeting with the people working on the property and it is going to be a holiday let. Cllr Coward will arrange a meeting with local residents and the people working there.</p> <p><b>311/2018</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following Notice of Grant of Planning Permission 7/2018/5513- Peat Field Quarry, Hodge Close, Coniston - Quarrying. Development not in compliance with conditions 1,2,4 &amp; 6 of planning application 7/2003/5277 - extension of working until 31 December 2026 and amended scheme of working</p> <p><b>312/2018</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the withdrawal of the following planning application:- 7/2018/5484 - Kiosk for measuring river levels - Front wall of Barclays Bank Plc, Coniston</p>	
<b>313/2018</b>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <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>  Cllr Swyer reported the Contractor has carried out work from Glen Mary to the Council Depot.</p> <p>Cllrs noted that the signposts are looking much better after the work Archie Workman has carried out. The Clerk is to ask for a quote for carrying out further work including painting the bridge railings, repainting other signposts and repainting the white markings on the Brow steps.</p> <p>Home Housing has cleared sections of vegetation between the Brow Steps footpath and the path onto Old Furness Road. Cllr Swyer will contact Home Group to see if the Parish Council could arrange for the areas to be planted for a long-term solution to the waste ground.</p>	

	<p><u>To update on grants applied for towards new flower planters</u> A decision is still awaited from Cumbria County Council.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> At Far End there was a river coming from the water trough by the wall at Holly How. Cllr Carroll will contact Highways about it.</p> <p>The path through Guards Wood is very muddy after work has been carried out taking out the trees.</p> <p>The bridge over School Beck on the path heading towards the head of the lake is very muddy.</p> <p>Leaves are covering the double yellow lines on Station Road and as a result cars are parking on this section of the road.</p>	
<b>314/2018</b>	<p><b>Resignation of Coniston Parish Council Clerk</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs accepted the resignation of the current Clerk and will commence the recruitment process. The Clerk will arrange for the posted to be advertised with a closing date of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to enable applications to be discussed at the January meeting.</p>	
<b>315/2018</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b></p> <p>The light at Far End is currently not working, Cumbria County Council have confirmed it will require further investigations. It is on a telegraph pole so may not be fixed. Cllr Troughton will ask the County Council to do a light assessment at Far End as they did for Lake Road.</p> <p>It was noted that two members of the Coniston Sailing Club, Val Beacock and Rob Swyer got awards in London from the RYA.</p> <p>The X112 is still having funding issues but a leaflet drop and fundraising has been positive.</p> <p>Cllr Swyer attended the World Heritage Status meeting and found it very interesting but is unsure what benefits it will bring to Coniston.</p> <p>Cllr Carroll is arranging a meeting with the National Trust about the future of Yew Tree Tarn.</p> <p>A public meeting needs to be arranged to discuss the Bluebird proving trials.</p> <p>The part of the playground equipment that was broken has now been fixed.</p>	
<b>316/2018</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><u>To consider the budget for 2019/20</u> Deferred for the next meeting.</p>	

317/2018	<b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs gave thanks to former Cllr John Stoddart for emptying the collecting boxes at the Bridge Toilets since the Parish Council put them in. The Clerk will arrange to drop a gift off for Cllr Stoddart.	
318/2018	<b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllr Hall will empty the collecting boxes at the Bridge Toilets next year.	
319/2018	<u>Receipts</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following receipts:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge Toilets £179.00</li> <li>• Coniston Christmas Lights £1,120.00</li> </ul>	
320/2018	<u>Payments</u> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs authorised payment of the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's Salary £336.42</li> <li>• Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird) £76.90</li> <li>• Clerk's Expenses £29.86</li> <li>• HMRC £103.20</li> <li>• EON – street lighting £157.19</li> <li>• EON – Bridge Toilets £15.25</li> <li>• Poppy Wreath £40.00</li> <li>• David Jackson – Fishing Trophy Engraving £12.95</li> <li>• Coniston Institute £56.00</li> <li>• Water Plus (Bridge Toilets) £254.72</li> <li>• Coniston Mountain Rescue Team (room hire) £30.00</li> <li>• The Festive Lighting Company Ltd £1,452.00</li> <li>• Stephen Airey £698.00</li> </ul>	
321/2018	<b>Correspondence</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs noted the following e-mails:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CALC – ACT AGM &amp; Neighbourliness Works Launch; Friday round up; LEADER call for projects from Cumbria; Press Release - Urgent Treatment Centres; LCAS Risk Topic Update - October 2018 - Tree Liabilities and Cemetery/Memorial Management; LCAS Risk Topic Update - October 2018 - Tree Liabilities and Cemetery/Memorial Management; Notes from Parish Forum 10th October 2018; Housing Provision SPD request; Cumbria ERDF Funding Rounds Open; Friday round up; Making Tax Digital for VAT; *The Flood Hub website is live*; Public Toilets Exempt from Business Rates; ACT Issue 31 Autumn Winter Gazette; What does World Heritage Status mean if you live or work in the Lake District? Save the date</li> <li>• Cumbria CVS - South Lakeland Community Newsletter</li> <li>• SLDC – LAP Update and Newsletter; Community Governance Review reminder; SLDC Grant Funding and Parish Declaration 2018</li> <li>• LDNPA - Meeting Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> October; Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order 2018 - Footpaths and Bridleways in Grizedale Forest, Broughton Moor, Whinlatter Forest and Wythop Woods; Coniston Cliff Face Vegetation Clearance; Footpaths and Bridleways in Grizedale Forest,</li> </ul>	

	<p>Broughton Moor, Whinlatter Forest and Wythop Woods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Torver Parish Council – TPC Minutes for October; TPC postponement; agenda 8<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda 16<sup>th</sup> October; minutes 16<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• Blawith &amp; Subberthwaite – minutes 8<sup>th</sup> October; agenda 12<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• Lakes Parish Council – minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> October, plans minutes 24<sup>th</sup> October, agenda 7<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• National Trust - INFO - Upcoming filming in Little Langdale; Woodland Management</li> <li>• Nobbut: Coniston &amp; Crake volunteer activities</li> <li>• ITV   Deep Water   Filming in the Lake District.</li> <li>• South Cumbria Rivers Trust - Conserving Coniston &amp; Crake Update</li> <li>• Rural Services Network - Priority Services Register</li> <li>• Kirkby Moor Wind Farm</li> <li>• Colton Parish Council – vacancy for Clerk</li> <li>• John Ruskin School-Fire Fighters</li> <li>• Coniston Institute &amp; Ruskin Museum – thank you for grants</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Cllrs notes the following correspondence received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of acknowledgement of grant from North West Air Ambulance</li> <li>• Letter of acknowledgement of grant from Great North Air Ambulance</li> <li>• CALC Notice of AGM 10<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul>	
322/2018	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 7pm at the Reading Room, Coniston Institute</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)