

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council Held on Zoom at 7.00pm on Monday, 15th February 2021

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

In attendance: County Councillor M Brereton, District Councillor Ian Wharton, Mr J Moffat, Mr P Johnston, Mr G Davies, and Mr D Adams.

Minute Number		Action By
122/2021	<p>Apologies</p> <p>RESOLVED: No apologies.</p>	
123/2021	<p>Requests for Dispensations</p> <p>No requests received.</p>	
124/2021	<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>	
125/2021	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 18th January 2021</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th January 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
126/2021	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>County Councillor</u></p> <p>Councillor Brereton reported on a number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term highway issues continue to be pursued; Councillor Brereton is hoping to secure either Zoom call meeting, or a site visit to move things forward across a range of Highways issues both in Coniston and in neighbouring parishes. • B4RN is producing a digital leaflet for distribution and widely available online. The aim of this is to publicise the scheme, its benefits and to generate interest. <p><u>District Councillors</u></p> <p>Councillor Coward described how South Lakeland District Council had automatically distributed grants to those whose eligibility had previously been</p>	

established; she encouraged everyone who feels that they are 'falling between the cracks' to apply for the District Council's discretionary grants.

Greening Campaign. It is hoped to create a group locally, which can promote small changes to create climate change.

Elections are being held on the 7th May 2021. The clerk had attended a briefing and parish councillors were asked to consider whether they would be standing at the next election.

Councillor Wharton outlined how agencies are working together to address the issues which will be presented after the lifting of Lockdown.

He reported that the purchase of the Farmers' Arms by Grizedale Arts is progressing well.

Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO D Ross reported that for the period 16th January and 15th February 2021 there had been 11 incidents of particular note in the Coniston area.

These are as follows:

- 1 crime of theft of boating equipment
- 1 (damage only) road traffic collision
- 1 suspicious incident: no trace on police arrival
- 1 concern for welfare resulting in Mountain Rescue
- 7 possible breaches of covid regulations reported

Coniston Business Forum

Mr Rutland reported via email that the next Business Forum meeting had not been arranged.

National Trust

Mr Moffat reported that:

- No properties are empty or due to fall empty.
- Rangers are busy tree and hedge planting in response to larch and ash disease which has changed the landscape.
- Staffing reviews had been implemented, this places natural limits on what might be achieved, however, focus will be on visitor management working in conjunction with other agencies.
- The Gondola, Gallery in Hawkshead and Hilltop in Sawrey all have plans to enable them to open throughout the season.
- Outdoor facilities such as Glen Mary and Tarn Hows will remain open, but will be regularly monitored.
- Last year there was a considerable change in the nature and behaviour of the visitors to the area. In 2020 agencies worked well together to respond to this challenge, however, in preparation for 2021 the National Trust has been working closely with other key agencies to ensure that a robust plan is developed to enable them to manage problems more pro-actively.

	<p><u>Lake District National Park</u></p> <p>Mr Hill was not able to attend; however, he reported that he had reported the Lake Road Bridge to Cumbria County Council before Christmas.</p> <p>Ms S Spicer indicated that work is scheduled to repair and improve the footpath between High Waterhead and the village, but was unable to identify a date by which that will be completed. She also invited the Parish Council to nominate one person to sit on the Tilberthwaite Partnership management group.</p> <p><u>Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting</u></p> <p>Councillor Hall reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Museum and Institute remain closed • events have been planned to commemorate what would have been Donald Campbell's 100th birthday • Discussions regarding Bluebird remain ongoing • Helen Glaister is taking early retirement. The Parish Council were unanimous in their appreciation for the work Helen had led over many years service promoting the Institute, the Museum, music events and events important to village life. The clerk was instructed to write to express the Parish Council's thanks. <p><u>Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting</u></p> <p>Two cheques representing eight £20 food vouchers had been issued to Hutchinsons and Coniston Co-operative Society.</p>	
<p>127/2021</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>7/2020/5868</u> at Holly How Youth Hostel, Coniston, LA21 8DD. Removal of an existing static caravan and replacement with lavatory and shower buildings utilising existing hard-standing and services RESOLVED: Councillors voted to support the application</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>128/2021</p>	<p><u>7/2021/5056</u> at Black Beck Cottage, Coniston, LA21 8AB. Kitchen and bedroom extensions to rear RESOLVED: Councillors had no objections to this application.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>129/2021</p>	<p><u>7/2020/5790</u> at Brooklands, Little Langdale, Ambleside, LA22 9NT. Single Storey Garden Outbuilding RESOLVED: Councillors had no objections to this application.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>130/2021</p>	<p>NOTED: Councillors noted the following planning application (not for consultation) <u>7/2021/5045</u> at Coniston Old Hall Farm, Coniston Hall Camp Site, Haws Bank, Coniston, LA21 8AS. Construction of a sheep penning building to replace pens that the Environment Agency and Natural England want removing from the shore of Coniston Water</p>	

131/2021	NOTED: Councillors noted the following grants of planning permission <u>7/2020/5821</u> at Park Coppice, Park Gate, Coniston, LA21 8LA. Installation of two motor van waste points and a dog/bike wash.	
132/2021	<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"> • S Clarke and T Sanders will install the replacement bench on Lake Road in early April. The shortfall will be £179 (total cost £575 less £396 insurance) • The new waste bin on Hawkshead Road (B5285) has been installed. • During the summer months, the existing arrangements are to be reviewed including communication, areas to be gritted, sourcing supplies etc. • Lake Road Bridge remains in a state of disrepair. Cumbria County Council to be contacted to ask them to prioritise repair before the summer season begins. 	MD MD
133/2021	<p>Bridge Toilets</p> <p>Councillors Coward, Buller, Thompson and the clerk met via Zoom to review the first draft plans with the designer. The designer is in the process of incorporating comments into the design and specifications to support the tendering process.</p> <p>The clerk outlines changes to the toilet cleaning contact. These changes protect the Parish Council in the event of the toilets being closed unexpectedly; and remove bus shelters from the cleaning schedule - to be replaced with an ad hoc arrangement.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The revised plans for the refurbishment of the toilet block at Church Beck Bridge were adopted.</p>	
134/2021	RESOLVED: The clerk was instructed to put the toilet refurbishment contract out to competitive tender.	MD
135/2021	RESOLVED: The clerk was instructed to take steps to put the toilet cleaning contract out to competitive tender.	MD
136/2021	<p>Climate Focus</p> <p>Councillor Coward reported that the Memorial Green was having temporary meadow posts erected to demarcate the wildflower area; an information board has been designed and will be erected in the Spring. Additional grants are available and further projects are being explored.</p>	
137/2021	<p>Consultations</p> <p>There were no formal consultations.</p>	

138/2021	<p>Press and Media Policy</p> <p>RESOLVED: to adopt the Press and Media Policy with immediate effect.</p>																	
139/2021	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p><u>Councillor Hall:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Council have been clearing some gullies, but more to be done e.g. the gullies on Sun Hill are completely blocked, this has been reported by not actioned. • Drainage onto Yewdale Road has proven itself not to be working. Councillor Hall and Mr Dearnley to meet with representatives from Cumbria County Council to endeavour to identify a solution. • The new housing has already been named, but the developer should have consulted the Parish Council. <p><u>Councillor Sargeant:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported the flooding at Outrake Cottage. Cumbria County Council, which is looking at long-term solutions, has already investigated this. Short-term measures are needed. The clerk to bring to the attention of Mr S Giles. <p><u>Councillor Troughton:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes on The Garth had been reported to Cumbria County Council, but not yet repaired. • Hawkshead Hill has had serious volumes of water on the road all through the winter making for hazardous driving conditions. The clerk to raise with Cumbria County Council at the Yewdale Road meeting. 																	
140/2021	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: To note the receipt the following receipts::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 																	
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142/2021	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following e-mails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLDC Press Release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plans to protect and maintain Kendal Fell ○ Pupils invited to design bin wagon artwork ○ Infections in South Lakeland drop, but hospitals treating more patients than ever ○ Council investigating fly tipping ○ Schools launch laptop appeal ○ South Lakeland businesses receive lockdown support grants ○ Free parking for vaccine centre patients ○ South Lakeland vaccination centres ○ Invitation to Local Government Reorganisation event ○ Greening South Lakeland ○ Local Government Reorganisation: Chief Executive ○ ‘Furness Revealed’ invitation to briefings ○ Bay Council proposal ○ Suspension of green bin collection extended into March ○ New Inn, Highgate, Kendal premises licence revoked • Cumbria Constabulary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coronavirus update 15.1.21, 22.1.21, 29.1.21, 5.2.21 ○ Safer Internet Day ○ Recruitment newsletter 14.1.21 • Lake District National Park Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stay connected whilst at home 14.1.21 • Rural Bulletin 19.1.21, 26.1.21, 2.2.21, 3.2.21, 9.2.21 • Bay Health and Care Partners Press Release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barrow Raiders donate £3,000 ○ Coronavirus Update 25.1.21, 8.2.21 ○ Reaching out to Farmers ○ Vaccine rollout • Action for Health and Mental Health Provider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bulletin 14.1.21, 22.1.21, 29.1.21, 5.2.21 ○ Newsflash ‘vaccination of social care workers’ 4.2.21 <p>PSE: Majority of councils worried about ability to hold elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ North West Coastal Access January update ○ Training and Development Programme January to June 2021 ○ Section 137 limits ○ Dark Skies Festival 5th to 21st February 2021 ○ New NHS vaccine centre in ○ South Cumbria ○ Climate Change opportunities for volunteers ○ Preparing for a Return Face to Face Meetings • South Lakeland Area Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated Every Mind Matters materials ○ World Interfaith Harmony week ○ Update 2.2.21, 5.2.21 ○ Nature Recovery Event ○ Guide to vaccination 	
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143/2021	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 15th March 2021 7.00pm on Zoom.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:27pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)