

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held in the Reading Room, Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7.00pm on Monday 21st January 2019

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

In attendance: Mr S Ratcliffe - Director of Planning & Partnership Lake District National Park Authority, Mrs H Glaister – Ruskin Museum and 5 members of the public,

Minute Number		Action By
100/2019	Apologies RESOLVED: Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs	
101/2019	Requests for Dispensations No requests received.	
102/2019	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum. Cllr Thompson in relation to the Clerk’s vacancy.	
103/2019	Minutes of Meeting 17th December 2018 RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 th December 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
104/2019	Public Participation <u>Mr S Ratcliffe, Director of Planning & Partnerships, Lake District National Park Authority re planning in Coniston</u> Cllr Coward gave an introduction explaining that Mr Ratcliffe has been invited to the meeting to discuss planning applications and enforcement issues in Coniston. Mr Ratcliffe explained that there is an overall increase in compliance cases (previously enforcement cases). At the end of quarter three they received reports of 254 compared to approx. 200 for a year. They have also had some changes in staffing which has resulted in a lapse in how quickly they deal with cases. The determining factor on whether or not a compliance case is pursued is whether or not if a planning application is submitted would it be approved. The LDNPA are following government policy. Highways are a statutory consultee for planning applications. If Highways do not object to the planning application it is very difficult for LDNPA to go against this. There are concerns about recent planning application approvals on The Banks and the associated problems for the area. A site visit will be arranged with Mr	

Ratcliffe, Parish Councillors and a representative from Highways.

Mr Ratcliffe confirmed that now the Lake District is a World Heritage Site, UNESCO is not keen on quarrying. However, existing quarrying can still take place and extensions to those quarries but no new green field quarries will be established.

LDNPA has been trying to address the issue of the increase in holiday homes / lets but there is little that can be done on existing housing stock. New housing stock can be controlled either through legal agreements or conditions for affordable or local need homes. Under the new Local Plan a permanent occupancy clause will be introduced. The government is looking to close the loophole where holiday home owners can get 100% business rate relief.

The recent Local Plan review had a good response, 4,300 responses compared to the Yorkshire Dales who recently reviewed theirs and received 81 responses. As a result the timetable has slipped but a full report will go to the Park Strategy & Vision meeting in February, to committee in March and then it will be publicised in May for 6 weeks.

Cllrs thanked Mr Ratcliffe for attending.

Ruskin Museum re bicentenary of John Ruskin

Helen Glaister from the Ruskin Museum stated it is John Ruskin's bicentenary as he was born on 8th February 1819. There are lots of events going on worldwide and especially in London. Coniston is focussing on community events involving the schools and a church service.

PCSO D Ross

PCSO Ross sent her apologies with a report. During the period 17th December 2018 to 19th January 2019 there were 12 calls for service in the Coniston area.

These break down as follows:

2 Highway disruptions - 1 fallen tree and sheep on the A593.

1 RTC damage only near Brantwood.

2 Suspicious incidents – cold callers (see below) and possible theft of wood from NT site.

3 mountain rescues from the Old Man. 2 of them on Christmas Eve.

1 concern for safety following a domestic incident.

1 incidence of Anti-Social Behaviour between neighbours.

1 missing child from an activity holiday. He was found safe and well in the Lancs area.

1 crime of theft of lead from JRS roof.

At the last Police Desk PCSO Ross received reports of cold callers in the Coniston area. They were a group of males calling at properties, claiming to be ex-army or forces, trying to sell items of cleaning materials. After speaking to 2 males and taking their details, they quickly left the area. Should similar incidents occur residents are advised to please say NO politely and report any suspicious incidents to the Police on 101. Please ensure doors & windows are locked and please don't invite anyone into your property that you don't know.

	<p>The next date for the Police Desk at Coniston Library is Friday 15th March 2019 from 10 – 12.</p> <p><u>County Cllr Brereton</u> County Cllr Brereton sent his apologies and spoke to Cllr Carroll prior to the meeting. County Cllr Brereton is continuing to request the lengthsman agreement is speeded up and he has given part of his budget towards the X12 and X7 bus services.</p> <p><u>District Cllr</u> District Cllr Hall reported that new trains have been commissioned to be used on the Windermere and Furness lines. Any new recycling bins requested now will be smaller than existing ones. If people require an additional bin for cardboard they can contact SLDC.</p> <p><u>Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust</u> Alastair Cameron explained the Oak Howe and Church Room Fields have been delayed but work should commence in March. A Housing Needs Survey is planned for February using the data from the Cumbria Choice database. During the 2 year period from August 2016 to August 2018 Coniston lost 12 residential homes to holiday / second homes but 2 did return to full time occupation. During this time 10 new homes were created through the St Andrews scheme. Alastair is considering either a re-print or an update of the book ‘The Story of Coniston’.</p> <p><u>Cllrs attending the Institute Committee meeting</u> Cllr Hall reported that there is ongoing work with the courtyard under the Road Project scheme.</p> <p><u>National Trust</u> John Moffat sent an email update:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forestry work around Tarn Hows is c80% of felling complete, but it is going to take weeks for all the timber to be brought out from the different sites; there is then a lot of making good that needs to be done - No empty places within the parish at present - Boon Crag Solar PV scheme –planning permission has been granted <p>Tilberthwaite to Little Langdale unclassified road has been reopened last week and now the LDNPA are monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greenburn hydro scheme up and running <p><u>Public Participation</u> No comments.</p>	
105/2019	<p>Ongoing Issues and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p><u>To receive quote on repairing existing benches in Coniston</u> Cllr Coward reported work is ongoing.</p> <p><u>To receive a draft policy for benches in Coniston</u></p>	

	<p>Cllr Coward explained the policy has been circulated to Cllrs. Cllrs need to establish who owns the land the benches are currently on and what the landowners want to do in the long term about the benches.</p> <p><u>To receive draft guidelines for events held in Coniston</u> Cllr Troughton had circulated the draft guidelines to Cllrs. It was suggested that two policies would be required, one for events on land controlled by Coniston Parish Council and one as guidelines for successful events in the Parish as a whole.</p> <p><u>To update on the recruitment of a new Parish Clerk</u> The Clerk reported there has been one application for the position and an interview will be arranged with Cllrs Coward and Hall.</p> <p><u>To confirm if there has been any interest in having a Cumberland Building Society surgery in the village</u> There has been no interest to date but it will be posted on Facebook.</p> <p><u>To discuss how to start up Coniston in Bloom</u> Cllr Coward will pursue this and has a quote for the planters.</p> <p><u>To discuss the Campbell Memorial area</u> A member of the public had contacted Alan Titchmarsh for suggestions on planting the area at the Campbell Memorial. His suggestion was silver birch with other plants. It was suggested having a village consultation at the February photo share, on Saturday 23rd February from 10am to 1pm.</p>	
<p>106/2019</p> <p>107/2019</p> <p>108/2019</p> <p>109/2019</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>7/2018/5784 - 30, Bank Terrace, Coniston - Single & two storey rear extensions RESOLVED: No objections</p> <p>7/2018/5767 - Gatesgarth, Coniston - Demolition of existing building and replace with contemporary four bedroom home not in accordance with condition no. 4 previously attached to planning permission ref. 7/2017/5566 (roofing materials) RESOLVED: No objections – Lakeland Slate but already roofed.</p> <p>7/2018/5811 - Fell Side, Little Arrow, Coniston - Variation of condition 2 (plans) on planning application 7/2017/5772 - Single storey rear extension and reroofing of annex to front of property RESOLVED: No objections</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission:- 7/2018/5660 – Land near Hills Garage, Coniston – Kiosk for measuring river levels</p>	

<p>110/2019</p>	<p>7/2018/5395 - Dixon Ground Joinery, Coniston - Change of use and conversion of 2 no. commercial former timber joinery buildings</p> <p>7/2018/5570 - Coniston Institute, 15, Yewdale Road, Coniston - Extend existing toilet block to create additional female toilets</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following planning applications:-</p> <p>7/2018/5806 - Bowmanstead Studio, Bowmanstead, Coniston - Approval of details reserved by condition 3 of planning application 7/2018/5033 relating to construction traffic - Internal alterations - demolition of flat roof dormer and construction of new dormer - repair, replacement and addition of doors and windows - re-plumbing and re-wiring of entire property</p> <p>7/2019/5008 - Bowmanstead Studio, Bowmanstead, Coniston - Approval of details reserved by condition of planning permission approval ref. 7/2018/5034: condition no. 4 relating to rooflight details</p>	
<p>111/2019</p>	<p>Highways <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 Carroll gave up update from highways we will receive a draft lengthsman agreement in due course. The local contractor employed recently to do work in the village will be attending the February Parish Council meeting.</p> <p><u>To update on grants applied for towards new flower planters</u> Cllr Coward will progress this.</p> <p><u>To update on other Highways issues in the Parish</u> Cllrs requested the Clerk write to the Rawdon Smith Trust expressing their concerns at the poor state of the old railway footpath along from Old Furness Road.</p> <p>The Clerk has an update from Highways on the signs due at The Garth. The work was missed and should be completed by the end of March.</p>	
<p>112/2019</p>	<p>Buckingham Palace Garden Party Nomination RESOLVED: Cllrs approved the nomination of Cllr Carroll for the garden party nominations.</p>	
<p>113/2019</p>	<p>Tender for grass cutting at playground, cleaning bus shelters and Bridge Toilets RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to request quotes from local contractors for these tasks for three years.</p>	
<p>114/2019</p>	<p>Councillor Matters There are moles are in the Coniston playground.</p>	

	<p>The footbridge near the old bank was icy recently and it was suggesting requesting a local contractor to grit in icy conditions.</p> <p>There is now a new streetlight at Lake Road by the playground. The Clerk has requested the owners of Red Dell, Lake Road cut back the tree that is blocking light from the streetlight adjacent to John Ruskin School entrance.</p> <p>There are concerns on Bank Terrace at the increase of traffic on The Banks and lack of passing places. Highways have previously been notified about subsidence on The Banks and with the recent building work involving large vehicles on the roads another assessment should be done.</p> <p>A Spring Clean month commences on 22nd March. The Brownies have adopted the first weekend of it to do a clean. Cllrs will arrange a Coniston litter pick on Saturday 13th April.</p> <p>There is no update on when the wall at Bridge Toilets will be repaired although a local contractor has been requested to undertake the work through an insurance claim before the Coniston 14 event.</p> <p>If any parishioners would like to receive the minutes they can e-mail the Clerk on parish@coniston.info.</p>							
<p>115/2019</p> <p>116/2019</p> <p>117/2019</p> <p>118/2019</p> <p>119/2019</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p><u>To sign the SLDC precept form for 2019/20</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to sign the precept form with £19,586.23 for the precept and £913.77 for the grant.</p> <p><u>To receive further information from Coniston Community Development Centre in relation to their grant application</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed on this occasion that unfortunately no money would be sent to CDC.</p> <p><u>To note the financial summary for the 3rd quarter</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the financial summary for the 3rd quarter.</p> <p><u>To approve a payment of £500.00 towards the Fundraising Officer for the Bluebird Festival</u> The fundraising officer, Lisa Keys, who previously worked on the Coniston Coppermines project has put a funding bid in to the Arts Council. Currently the Coniston TIC are paying half and the Ruskin Museum the other half of the cost for applying for the grant. RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed a payment of £500.00 towards it.</p> <p><u>Payments</u> RESOLVED: Cllrs authorised payment of the following:-</p> <table data-bbox="300 1899 1316 2016"> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£336.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£47.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£96.20</td> </tr> </table>	• Clerk's Salary	£336.42	• Clerk's Overtime (Bluebird)	£47.86	• HMRC	£96.20	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EON – street lighting £157.19 • EON – Bridge Toilets £9.23 • Dean Paddock (website security certificate) £60.00 • Stephen Stalker (Christmas Tree Stand) £220.00 	
120/2019	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the following e-mails:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC – Developing your skills programme January 2019 to July 2019; CALC December newsletter; December Newsletter - Payscales for 2019-2020; Message from Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner - Council Tax Consultation; Paperwork for Next Meeting of District Association on Thursday 7th March 2019 from 7pm at Gilpin Bridge Inn • Cumbria CVS - Volunteers and the law; £300,000 available for rural projects from The Prince's Countryside Fund • CCC - Urgent Road Closure - U5005 Little Langdale • SLDC – Standards Arrangements; Parish Remuneration Panel Report 2019-2020; • LDNPA - Event Notification: Keswick to Barrow Walk - 11 May 2019; Event Notification: Cumbrian Cracker Sportive - 17 November 2019 • Torver Parish Council – minutes December, agenda January • Hawkshead Parish Council – agenda 18th December; minutes 18th December; agenda 15th January • Lakes Parish Council – minutes 5th December; agenda 9th January • Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council – minutes 12th November; agenda 14th January • Blueworks Bus Services – timetables • Malcolm Wilson Rally – 9th March 2019 • Open Adventure - Coast to Coast in a Day 29th June 2019 <p>RESOLVED: Cllrs notes the following correspondence received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine January 2019 • Tim Farron MP Advice Surgeries Winter 2019 	
121/2019	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 18th February 2018 7pm at the Reading Room, Coniston Institute 	

Meeting closed at 10pm.

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)