

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council Held on Zoom at 7.00pm on Monday, 21st December 2020

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

In attendance: County Councillor M Brereton
Three members of the public

Minute Number		Action By
309/2020	<p>Apologies</p> <p>RESOLVED: Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Thompson. No apology was received from Councillor Airey.</p>	
310/2020	<p>Requests for Dispensations</p> <p>No requests received.</p>	
311/2020	<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>	
312/2020	<p>Minutes of Meetings held 19th October 2020</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th November 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
313/2020	<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"> • Long-term highway issues continue to be pursued; Councillor Broughton is hoping to secure a site visit to move things forward. • Shamus Giles has been active in following up concerns regarding drainage issues in Waterhead. • Is hoping for Coniston and Torver to promote the roll out of superfast Broadband using B4RN. • The cycleway between Coniston and Foxfield is to be actively pursued in the new year. <p><u>District Councillors</u></p> <p>Councillor Coward reported that there had been a number of meetings focussed on a number of issues the development of a proposal for a unitary authority. This proposal has been submitted to the government for their consideration.</p>	

Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO D Ross reported that for the period 13th November and 21st December 2020 there had been 16 incidents of particular note in the Coniston area. These are as follows:

- 1 crime of criminal damage recorded
- 1 report of an illegal hunt – no trace
- 1 damage on road traffic collision
- 3 suspicious incidents – all in order
- 1 concern for welfare - safe and well
- 3 concerns for welfare resulting in Mountain Rescue
- 6 covid regulations related incidents

Coniston Business Forum

Mr Rutland had confirmed that no one from the Business Forum was available to attend the council meeting.

Mr Rutland confirmed that:

- a banner had been affixed to the bridge over Church Beck,
- a donation collected from local businesses had been made toward the Christmas Lights Committee, and
- that representation had been made to Tim Farron MP to advise him of the disadvantage Coniston businesses have experienced due to a lack of governmental support for businesses in Tier 2 areas that rely on customers from areas that are now in Tier 3.

It was considered unfortunate, as this is the fifth 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 having been put into effect has resulted in reductions in the number of staff including the Rangers based at Boon Crag.
- Lumber work in response to ash and larch disease will constitute a major operation over the winter months.
- Despite there being uncertainty about the ability of the public to travel, it had been decided to keep outdoor spaces and facilities such as Tarn Hows open over the Christmas period.
- Bookings at the Trust's residential properties are not available to residents in Tier 3 areas.

Lake District National Park

Ms S Spicer reported that the Coniston Byelaws received their final approval on the 16th December; these will come into effect on 16th January 2021. She also indicated that work will commence to repair and improve the footpath between

	<p>High Waterhead and the village will commence in January or February dependent upon progress completing work with a higher priority.</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 housing development on Yewdale Road is progressing well. • Work is taking place to identify future housing need, however, projections are being checked by the housing authority. • The CLT is in the process of being replaced by a Housing Trust. <p><u>Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting</u></p> <p>Councillor Hall reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new toilets had been completed • The change in status to CIO was being progressed. • That there is a two-bedroom house at the Institute to be let from the Spring. 	
<p>314/2020</p> <p>315/2020</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors note the following planning application (not for consultation)</p> <p><u>7/2020/5745</u> Bursting Stone Quarry, Walna Scar Road, Coniston Approval of details de-reserved by condition 15 of planning approval <u>7/1997/5337</u> Final Restoration Scheme</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following grant of planning permission.</p> <p><u>7/2018/5008</u> 1, St Andrews Close, Coniston, LA21 8EL Vary condition no 8 of planning approval ref <u>7/2016/5152</u> to reflect the drainage redesign</p> <p><u>7/2020/5495</u> Land off Yewdale Road, Coniston, LA21 8DT Amendment to windows: condition 13 on planning permission <u>7/2019/5177</u></p>	
<p>316/2020</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 Brereton indicated that Highways officers had visited the site by the Coniston Inn that has been prone to water retention. Further visits have been arranged. • 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 has indicated that repairs will be undertaken in January or February. • The dry-stone wall at Park Coppice, which had only recently been repaired, has collapsed. The National Trust are to be contacted to inform them and to ask that they repair the wall and clear the path. • Mr Workman had undertaken speedy and effective repairs on the path running along with old railway to make it useable. 	<p>MD</p>

317/2020	<p>Bridge Toilets and Playground on Lake Road</p> <p>NOTED: Councillor Coward reported that Heather Thomson, Castle Design Services, is undertaking detailed plans which will be brought before the next meeting in preparation for tendering.</p>	
318/2020	<p>Climate Focus</p> <p>NOTED: Councillor Coward will attend the Parish carbon foot printing tool online session on the 12th January 2021.</p>	TC
319/2020	<p>Consultations</p> <p>Dr Alex Stewart, South Lakeland Christian Trust and the Rev Brian Streeter, Parish of Coniston and Torver outlined the role of Coniston's Children and Youth Worker and the potential for redefining the role when Charlie Day's contract comes to an end.</p> <p>Mr Day is very active, in addition to working directly with schools, he runs after school clubs for Key Stage One and Two as well as a more age appropriate club for Key Stage Three. The challenge for the future will be to find other ways to engage with families in the community.</p> <p>Councillor Coward summed up the feelings of the Parish Council when she voiced her appreciation for all the work that Mr Day has done in his time in the village. He has found creative ways to engage with the community, and has continued to do so throughout the pandemic working closely with the Sports and Social Club's co-ordination of support, the youth club, as well as both the primary and secondary schools.</p> <p>A range of ideas were shared as to how greater family outreach could be included in the future post holder's role. Dr Stewart and the Rev Streeter welcome further input.</p>	
320/2020	<p>Events</p> <p>NOTED: St Andrew's will be holding a Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. To ensure this is as safe as it can be the service will be ticketed, have designated seating and other arrangements made to maximise safety for participants. Access will be available to a much wider congregation, as it will be live-streamed on YouTube.</p>	
321/2020	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p><u>Councillor Hall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested that the Parish Council express its thanks to Dr Colin Cox, Director of Public Health for engaging with the community via his regular briefing sessions. <p><u>Councillors Coward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanked Mr D Adams for the great support and encouragement he has shown to the Parish Council through his regular attendance at its online meetings. 	MD
	<p>Financial Matters</p>	

322/2020	NOTED: The successful conclusion of the audit of the Parish Council's accounts 2019/2020. Mr Dearnley was thanked his work.	
323/2020	• NOTED:	
324/2020	To note the first quarter accounts 2020/21 summary	
325/2020	To approve the financial accounts for 2019/20	
326/2020	To receive and note the report from the Internal Auditor	
327/2020	To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statements	
328/2020	To approve and sign the Accounting Statements	
329/2020	To confirmation of Asset register March 2020	
330/2020	The financial summary April to November	
331/2020	NOTED: The budget report and proposed budget 2021/22	
332/2020	RESOLVED: To agree the precept for 2021/22 to be set at £21,210 representing an increase of 1%.	
333/2020	RESOLVED: To note the receipt the following receipts:-	
334/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
335/2020	RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts:	
336/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mr M Dearnley</u> £292.40 	
337/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) £20.00 	
338/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mr M Dearnley (map for Mr A Workman)</u> £18.95 	
339/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>HMRC</u> £73.00 	
340/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PKF Littlejohn (external audit) £240.00 	
341/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ms J Johnston</u> £25.00 	
342/2020	Correspondence	
343/2020	RESOLVED: Councillors noted the following e-mails:	
344/2020	To note the following e-mails received since the last meeting:	
345/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLDC Press Release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bay Proposal Zoom Briefing invitation ○ Business Grant Scheme ○ Bay Unitary Authority 'one minute read' ○ Locality Teams ○ Cumbria Tier 2 with effect from 2.12.20 ○ Council Tax consultation ○ Avian flu in Ulverston ○ Relaxation in shop opening hours ○ Free Sunday parking ○ Decision next week on Bay Authority bid for unitary status ○ Christmas Greetings ○ National Lockdown business support grants ○ New businesses offered practical support 	
346/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLDC: meeting agenda (1.12.20), agenda (15.12.20) 	
347/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbria CC Press Release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Covid 19 update 	
348/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumbria Constabulary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PCSO Report ○ Coronavirus update 13.11.20, 20.11.20, 27.11.20, 4.12.20, 11.12.20 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operation Horizon ○ 'Lock it or Leave it' ○ Quad Bike Thefts ○ Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Campaign ○ Yellow snow warning ● Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Cumbria Constabulary: annual joint public consultation. ● Cumbria Voluntary Services: invitation to AGM (via Zoom), AGM agenda and supporting papers ● Rural Bulletin 17.11.20, 1.12.20, 8.12.20, 15.12.20 ● Rural Funding Digest ● Coniston and Crake Benefice: magazine advertising and sponsorship ● Bay Health and Care Partners Press Release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Covid-19 update 15.11.20, 25.11.20, ○ Westmorland General Hospital receives award ○ Baby Loss Remembrance Service ○ Birth Services reinstated at Helme ○ Funding for Millom ○ Pregnant women urged to take flu vaccine ● PSE Bulletin, 13.11.20, 14.11.20 ● PSE: Public Sector pay freeze ● PSE: New Tier system ● PSE: Fast Track Planning Reforms ● PSE: Rochdale MDC concerned about new testing regime ● Cumbria Action for sustainability: Car Charge Ports ● Local Resilience Forum: welcomes reduction in infections ● Cumbria Arts and Culture Network ● Neighbourhood Watch Cumbria Scams ● Rusland Horizons – November update, December update ● Tim Farron: Food Share projects ● CALC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consultation on standards in public life ○ Standards Matter Consultation ○ Cumbria in Bloom ○ Legal advice on Parish Polls ○ Standards Consultation extended ○ Final proposals submitted for local government reorganisation ○ Newsletter ○ Parish and Town Council elections ● Torver Parish Council vacancy ● Hawkshead Parish Council vacancy ● Torver Parish Council draft minutes ● Torver Parish Council agenda and minutes ● Torver Village: St Luke's Carol Service ● Torver Parish Council minutes ● Torver Village: Potato Day ● Community Land Trust update ● Information Commissioner Letter ● South Lakeland Area Support Directory 	
329/2020	Next Meeting	

	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 18 th January 2021 7.00pm on Zoom.	
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Meeting closed at 8:16pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)