

# Coniston Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Present:** Councillor T Coward (Chair)  
Councillors – S Atkinson, J Buller, C Sargeant, H Troughton, S Metcalfe  
Clerk – M Dearnley

Minute Number		Action By
100/2022	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
101/2022	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
102/2022	<p><b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</b></p> <p>The Parish Council is Custodian Trustee of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum.</p>	
103/2022	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>	
104/2022	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>District Councillors</u> Councillor Coward reported that work toward creating a new unitary authority was moving forward.</p> <p><u>Lake District National Park</u> Mr Simon Hill reported that Cumbria Highways has made temporary repairs to the potholes on Lake Road, however, the potholes will need a more permanent repair at some point in the future.</p> <p><u>National Trust</u> Mr John Moffat reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no empty properties in the parish</li> <li>• Tarn Hows is open and very busy in good weather. Hill Top will be open by half term.</li> <li>• Storm Arwen clear up is continuing. Priority has been given to making safe and clearing public rights of way.</li> <li>• Staff recruitment is being undertaken</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid-19, it is planned to operate without any special precautions in place, this will be kept under review.</li> </ul> <p><u>Coniston Business Forum</u> Mr Rutland indicated that there were no new issues to report and that he looked forward to working with the Parish Council to support the Jubilee celebrations in June.</p> <p><u>Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust</u> Councillor Troughton reported that the new properties on Yewdale Road become available to apply for from the 3<sup>rd</sup> February in anticipation of an allocation on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. The Trust has no role in the allocation process. It is likely that a housing survey will be conducted in the spring.</p> <p><u>Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting</u> Councillor Sargeant had circulated minutes from the Institute's las meeting. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the installation of the landrover used by Bluebird in 1967 which had been loaned by Hadwin's</li> <li>• James Hewitson's motorbike is to be renovated and displayed.</li> <li>• The new website was live.</li> <li>• Negotiations regarding Bluebird continue.</li> </ul> <p><u>Participation from members of the public</u> None.</p>	
<b>105/2022</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2021/5976</u> Location: Brooklands, Little Langdale, Ambleside, LA22 9NT Proposal: Upgrade, extension and reconfiguration of existing house <b>RESOLVED:</b> No objections</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2021/5986</u> Location: Holywath, Coniston, LA21 8HN Proposal: Convert derelict stables building into two bed accommodation <b>RESOLVED:</b> No objections</p>	
<b>107/2022</b>	<p><b>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highways</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The Parish Council noted the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potholes: Facebook to be utilised to promote the online reporting of potholes, pavement, lighting, flooding and drainage, road signs and signals, and obstructions.</li> <li>• Surface water run off on Hawkshead Hill and at Dow Crag House has been reported to Cumbria Highways on several occasions, but no contact has been made or any evident action taken. This matter to be brought to the attention of County Councillor Brereton.</li> </ul>	
<b>108/2022</b>	<p><b>Public Toilet Renovations</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The clerk is to meet with the contractors on site.</p>	

109/2022	<p><b>Coniston Parish Council Website</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> Councillor Buller reported slow uptake in relation to opportunity to advertise on the new Parish website. This will be pursued.</p>	
110/2022	<p><b>Car Parking</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> Mr Davies' letter had been circulated, however, the Parish Council was not proposing to take any immediate action until the outcome of the appeal against enforcement action relating to the Lands Field car park, and any subsequent legal proceedings had run their course.</p> <p>It is hoped to set up a meeting with Cumbria County Council and County Councillor Brereton to discuss strategic road safety management issues, which will include car parking.</p>	
111/2022	<p><b>Climate Focus</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> it was hoped that a meeting would be arranged with John Moffatt, National Trust, to discuss the possible establishment of a community orchard on National Trust land. A community group is being established that would work to create and maintain an orchard as a community facility.</p>	
112/2022	<p><b>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> Councillor Troughton informed the Parish Council that an initial planning meeting had been established for Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January.</p>	
113/2022	<p><b>Lake Road</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The Coniston Amenities Fund has donated £1,000 toward the fundraising effort required to re-equip the playground.</p> <p>There is an issue with moles on the playground. Cumbria Wildlife have advised that molehills are raked and that once a network of tunnels is established it will not extend outside the playground area.</p>	
114/2022	<p><b>Staffing Sub-Committee</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To update the role description and accept the recommendations of the sub-committee to increase the hourly rate to £18.00 per hour consistent with recent appointments in neighbouring authorities.</p>	
115/2022	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To advertise in the Parish Magazine, Facebook and through neighbouring parishes in the first instance.</p>	
116/2022	<p><b>Friends of the X112</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To write to Cumbria County Council to support the application of the X112 service to receive additional funding from the Bus Service Operators Grant. This grant should be used to help keep fares down and enable operators to run services that might otherwise be unprofitable and could lead to cancellation.</p>	

117/2022	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b></p> <p><u>Councillor Sargeant</u> Informed that Parish Council that Coniston Institute acknowledge the support of Councillor Coward in helping to secure Tim Farron, MP's support.</p> <p>He also informed that Parish Council that he had been actively supporting those residents who did not have access to computers to claim for the disruption to the electricity supply following Storm Arwen.</p> <p><u>Councillor Coward</u> Debbie Ross, PCSO had been contacted in relation to the recent thefts. Members of the public as being advised to lock doors and be more aware.</p>													
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122/2022	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Councillors noted the following e-mails:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;">South Lakeland District Council</td> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <p>“Situation likely to change for the worse” warns Cumbria Director of Public Health</p> <p>Council’s postcard campaign to reach dog walkers</p> <p>COVID-19 Business Grants Update</p> <p>Covid infections rise as Omicron spread continues</p> <p>Every Life Matters Booklet - Wellbeing and Mental Health</p> <p>More entrepreneurs turning their green dreams into reality</p> <p>Have your say on street naming and numbering</p> <p>Cumbria County Council: Cumbria records more than 10,000 new cases in a week</p> </td> </tr> </table>	South Lakeland District Council	<p>“Situation likely to change for the worse” warns Cumbria Director of Public Health</p> <p>Council’s postcard campaign to reach dog walkers</p> <p>COVID-19 Business Grants Update</p> <p>Covid infections rise as Omicron spread continues</p> <p>Every Life Matters Booklet - Wellbeing and Mental Health</p> <p>More entrepreneurs turning their green dreams into reality</p> <p>Have your say on street naming and numbering</p> <p>Cumbria County Council: Cumbria records more than 10,000 new cases in a week</p>											
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	Cumbria County Council	M6 Junction 36 Resurfacing Work	
	Cumbria Constabulary	Coronavirus Update 21st December 2021 Coronavirus Update 7th January 2022	
	Hawkshead Parish Council	21 <sup>st</sup> December draft minutes 18 <sup>th</sup> January agenda	
	Torver Parish Council	6th January agenda & December draft minutes Writing the Parish Plan	
	Lakes Parish Council	12th January Agenda	
	Cumbria Association of Local Councils	Cumbria in Bloom December Year End Newsletter Cumbria Resilience Group – Update Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 6 January	
	Rural Services Network	The Rural Bulletin - 21 December 2021 The Rural Bulletin - 5 January 2022 Rural Funding Digest - January 2022 Edition The Rural Bulletin - 11 January 2022	
	South Lakeland Area Support	December Update January Update	
	Lake District National Park Authority	Storm Arwen - temporary closures - UPDATE	
	National Association of Civic Officers	NACO Newsletter 171221	
	Electricity North West	LRF letter from Electricity North West CEO	
	Information Commissioner	Latest news from ICO	
	Castles and Coast Housing	Yewdale Road scheme, Coniston	
	Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum	11th January agenda and draft minutes 14 <sup>th</sup> December Draft minutes 11 <sup>th</sup> January	
	Friends of the X112	Coffee Morning	
<b>123/2022</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>		
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022 at the Coniston Institute.		

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

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Date

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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