

# Coniston Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

**Present:** Councillor T Coward (Chair)  
Councillors – J Buller, C Sargeant  
Clerk – M Dearnley

**Also Present:** Mr Robert McCracken, and Suzanne Pender

Minute Number		Action By
124/2022	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To accept apologies from Councillors Troughton, Metcalfe and Atkinson.</p>	
125/2022	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
126/2022	<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>	
127/2022	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes of the meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>	
128/2022	<p><b>Co-Option</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To Co-opt Robert McCracken.</p>	
129/2022	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p><u>County Councillor</u> Councillor Brereton submitted a written report. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His support for the parish council meeting with officers of the County Council to identify and address parking, signing and lining issues.</li> <li>• Information on the environment fund</li> <li>• The County Council has been able to find funding to support the X112 bus service</li> </ul>	

District Councillors

Councillor Wharton submitted a written report, Councillor Coward added to this. Issues covered include:

- The recent full council meeting focussed on budgetary matters
- There is an election in May for the new Unitary Authority
- Councillor Coward allocated £500 from her budget to the X112 bus service
- There is ongoing work with the District Council to explore what can be learned from the community response to Storm Arwen.

National Trust

Mr John Moffat reported that:

- There had been extensive damage following recent storms, there are a great number of trees toppled, this has resulted in Tarn Hows and other paths being closed.
- There is an empty property in Coniston waiting for work to be completed; another will be coming up in Torver soon.
- Steam Yacht Gondola will be operating with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> March.
- Hill Top will be open Saturday to Wednesday to the end of March.
- A planning application has been submitted to replace signs at Tarn Hows.
- Paul Kear has been asked to liaise with the Parish Council to identify potential sites and progress the proposed community orchard.
- Jubilee cruises have been raised with those operating the yacht.

Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust

It was reported that allocation of the new properties on Yewdale Road was being finalised.

Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting

Councillor Sargeant had circulated minutes from the Institute's last meeting.

Highlights include:

- Admission prices are to be increased
- Live music concerts organised by Sam Clarke have proven themselves to be very popular
- The concert on the 19<sup>th</sup> March will be live streamed
- There is a vacancy in the Ruskin Museum
- The development of the constitution is ongoing

Participation from members of the public

Suzanne Pender was introduced to the Parish Council. Mrs Pender is standing in the May election as the Coniston and Hawkshead Ward for the Furness and Westmorland Unitary Authority.

Mrs Pender raised the issue of excess discharge of waste water at Torver and Coniston. She reported that she had attended a meeting with United Utilities; however, there remains an ambiguity in relation to the scale of the issue. She will share the data she has with the Parish Council.

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<p><b>130/2022</b></p> <p><b>131/2022</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>Reference: <u>7/2022/5052</u>  Location: Tarn Hows Car Park, Coniston  Proposal: Replacement of orientation signage at two pay and display machines in the car parks</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> No objections.</p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The decision to refuse an appeal against refusal of planning permission:</p> <p>Reference: <u>7/2021/5711</u>  Location: Land at Lands Field, Yewdale Road, Coniston  Proposal: Operational development consisting of excavations and infilling with stone</p>	
<p><b>132/2022</b></p>	<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>• Tilberthwaite Management: Councillor Sargeant reported to the meeting. Lobbying in relation to the management of ‘green lanes’ is increasing. Skelwith and Lakes Parishes would like to adopt a common approach to the issue; however, Coniston will continue to follow the decisions of the Management Group and to enable the National Park to monitor the situation, and to wait until they have reported before determining an appropriate course of action.</li> <li>• Councillor Sargeant was encouraged to pursue his idea of developing the permissive footpath through the infilled railway bridge under the A593 at Park Gate. He will contact Mr Mark Braithwaite, landowner, and Highways to assure them that no development would be considered if it had a detrimental impact on the road.</li> <li>• The signpost at Beck Yeat had been reported to South Lakeland District Council for replacement.</li> <li>• The cracked drain cover on the footpath by the Ship Inn has been reported, but not yet repaired.</li> </ul>	<p>CS</p>
<p><b>133/2022</b></p>	<p><b>Public Toilet Renovations</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The clerk reported that the system of controlled access to the toilets approved at the last meeting had to be altered when it became clear that this system was not suitable. Work is progressing well and it is hoped that the toilets will be open by the Coniston 14 on the 26<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Councillor Atkinson will explore the possibility of locating a wishing well in the garden to the front of the toilets.</p>	
<p><b>134/2022</b></p>	<p><b>Coniston Parish Council Website</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> Councillor Buller reported that the website is now complete although sponsorship for the Amenities Fund will continue to be accepted. Councillors have had their parish council email addresses circulated. This email address will be the one to which official correspondence will be forwarded and which members of the public will be encouraged to use.</p>	

135/2022	<p><b>Climate Focus</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> Councillor Sargeant reported that the St Andrew's PCC has decided to maintain the field alongside the primary school playing field for future use as a graveyard rather than a community orchard. The Parish Council will maintain contact with the National Trust to identify the land they believe may be a suitable alternative.</p>	MD
136/2022  137/2022	<p><b>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> Progress had been made in relation to arrangements for the four day celebrations in June. This has been a credit to the number of individuals and organisations who are working together to ensure that this is a series of events which people will enjoy. More detail will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To allocate £1,000 toward supporting events being organised by the community during the Jubilee weekend.</p>	
138/2022	<p><b>Lengthsman</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The work undertaken to revise the Lengthsman contact and advertisement and subsequent advertisement. These documents will be forwarded to local grounds maintenance companies as it is believed the role of Lengthsman could easily be incorporated into their day-to-day activities.</p>	MD
139/2022	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b></p> <p><u>Councillor Coward</u> The Christmas Lights Committee are to be asked to attend a parish council meeting, to present a financial statement and to report on their activity during the previous year.</p>	TC
140/2022  141/2022	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> To note the receipt the following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To authorise payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr M Dearnley (Salary) £380.10</li> <li>• Mr M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance plus large letter postage) £21.29</li> <li>• Spen-Worth £980.00</li> <li>• Low Voltage Lighting Services £731.40</li> <li>• Optech (Streetlight repair – Haws Bank VAT) £117.00</li> <li>• Coniston Primary School £100.00</li> </ul>	

<b>142/2022</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> Councillors noted the following e-mails:	
	Lake District National Park Authority	E/2021/0023 - Lands Field, Coniston Update 8
	South Lakeland District Council	Application process for Omicron business grants is now open Milestone decision for Ulverston leisure development Council Agenda for Meeting on 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
	Cumbria County Council	Cumbria past the peak of latest wave despite case rates remaining high New cases falling as nation prepares for "Plan A" Cumbria Highways new reporting process
	Cumbria Constabulary	January 2022 - Ulverston, Low Furness, High Furness & Grange Cumbria Local Resilience forum prepare ahead of Storm Dudley and Eunice
	Hawkshead Parish Council	Agenda 15 <sup>th</sup> February
	Torver Parish Council	Message from LDNPA Development Management Team regarding planning appeal E/2021/0208A Draft Minutes February
	Lakes Parish Council	Agenda 17 <sup>th</sup> February Meeting cancelled due to bad weather
	Cumbria Association of Local Councils	Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 13 <sup>th</sup> January, 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 9 <sup>th</sup> February, Cumbria County wildlife sites event – 17 <sup>th</sup> February New CALC Newsletter Check for Flooding training sessions Advertising new Board role for Cumbria Coastal Community Forest ACT News Update North West Coastal Access Update February Connecting Cumbria Newsletter February Request To Promote NALC Policing Online Event County wildlife sites Civility and Respect February newsletter CALC Vacancy for a Project Officer - Resilience
	Rural Services Network	The Rural Bulletin – 18 <sup>th</sup> January, 25 <sup>th</sup> January, 8 <sup>th</sup> February, 15 <sup>th</sup> February
	South Lakeland Area Support	Launch of the winter edition of the Senior Community Friendship Club World Interfaith Harmony Week
	National Association of Civic Officers	Newsletter 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum	Draft Minutes 8 <sup>th</sup> February	
Information Commissioner	Latest news from ICO 10 <sup>th</sup> February	

	Castles and Coast Housing	Yewdale Road Scheme, Coniston 13 <sup>th</sup> January, 25 <sup>th</sup> February	
	Keep Britain Tidy	Great British Spring Clean 2022: Will You Take Part?	
	Tilberthwaite Partnership Management Group	U5001 High Tilberthwaite to Fell Foot Road) Management Paper for the next meeting of the Tilberthwaite Management Group on 28 <sup>th</sup> February	
	Lancashire County Council	Community Electric Car Club	
	Highways England	A590 Cross-a-moor Update Leaflet	
	The Frieda Scott Charitable Trust	Newsletter	
	Anne Robson Trust Pre-bereavement Helpline	Newsletter	
<b>143/2022</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>		
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2022 at the Coniston Institute.		

The meeting closed at 8:47pm

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Date

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)