

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7:15pm on Monday, 16th May 2022

Present: Councillor T Coward (Chair)
Councillors – C Sargeant, Spencer Metcalfe, James Buller, Shaun Atkinson
Clerk – M Dearnley

Also Present: Mr D Adams, Mr D Johnson, PCSO D Ross

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| 200/2022 | Election of a Chair RESOLVED: Councillor Coward elected as Chair. | |
| 201/2022 | Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair RESOLVED: Councillor Coward signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. | |
| 202/2022 | Appointment of Vice Chair RESOLVED: Councillor Troughton elected as Vice Chair. | |
| 203/2022 | Apologies RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Councillor Troughton. No apologies had been received from Councillor McCracken | |
| 204/2022 | Requests for Dispensations. None. | |
| 205/2022 | Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items All Councillors as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum. | |
| 206/2022 | Minutes RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings held on 25 th April 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record. | |
| 207/2022 | Public Participation <u>County Councillor</u> Councillor Brereton updated the meeting on a range of issues: | |

- A meeting with Helen Karaaslan, Highways, regarding road lining, signing and road safety needs to be arranged.
- A 'ghost' path on the A593 at the corner near Oaklands was not possible due to the width of the road. Alternative pedestrian routes need to be explored.
- B4ARN, Broadband for the rural North, is to be relaunched. Although it is unlikely to reach to Coniston soon it would be advisable to work together with Blawith and Torver.
- Councillor Brereton is keen to be involved in the scheme to extend the permissive footpath over Mark Braithwaite's land and to create a safer pedestrian crossing for the A 593.

District Councillors

Councillor Coward congratulated Matt Brereton and Suzanne Pender on their election to the Westmorland and Furness Unitary Authority representing High Furness, and Coniston and Hawkshead Wards respectively.

Cumbria Constabulary

PCSO Ross reported that the Cumbria Constabulary was investigating the possibility of dividing into two separate organisations to mirror the new local authorities.

It was recognised that there is a problem with the way in which the work of the police service was being reported, however, due to under resourcing it is unlikely that this will be addressed.

There is new recruitment for PCSOs to replace those officers who are retiring.

The criminal damage on Old Furness Road, where a small private honesty box had been vandalised, was an isolated incident not linked to other similar crimes across the county.

Rural thefts of oil, fuel, and machinery has increased significantly. Local communities are to be made aware of possibility of theft and through this awareness to combat organised crime.

Coniston and Torver Land Trust.

Alastair Cameron provided an overview of the work of the Trust. In this, he described the role of the trust since its inception in 2000 and the success it has had in developing 51 affordable homes in the parish including the new housing development on Yewdale Road. The work of the housing group has not ended and they will continue to look for opportunities for small scale housing schemes.

There were no reports from the National Trust, Lake District National Park, or Business Forum.

Councillors attending the Institute Committee meeting

Councillor Sargeant had circulated minutes from the Institute's last meeting. It was confirmed that no letter had been received from the Institute's

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| <p>208/2022</p> | <p>solicitors confirming that the Trustees were now incorporated and able to hold land in their own name.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that the work improving the access to the side of the Institute and Museum was attractive and practical.</p> <p><u>To receive comments and representation from members of the public in relation to any item on the agenda.</u></p> <p>Mr Johnson asked about the presence of the shepherd's hut on Old Furness Road. It was the meeting's understanding that this should have been moved, Mr Johnston to be asked whether there are immediate plans for its removal.</p> <p>Mr Adams raised the issue of pedestrian safety, including whether a 20mph speed limit could be investigated. This is to be pursued in discussions with Highways.</p> | <p>MD</p> <p>TC</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>209/2022</p> | <p>Portfolio Holders for local subject areas</p> <p>RESOLVED: To appoint councillors to the portfolios as set out below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="338 949 1279 1375"> <tr> <td>Highways & Drainage</td> <td>Heather Troughton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housing</td> <td>Heather Troughton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Toilets & Playground</td> <td>Shaun Atkinson & Tracy Coward</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Maintenance & Bus Shelters</td> <td>Spencer Metcalfe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communications</td> <td>James Buller</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tourism & Business Engagement</td> <td>James Buller & Spencer Metcalfe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Climate Change & Environment</td> <td>Tracy Coward, Robert McCracken & Shaun Atkinson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Street Lighting</td> <td>Heather Troughton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Safety</td> <td>Chas Sargeant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Youth & Community Engagement</td> <td>Spencer Metcalfe & James Buller</td> </tr> </table> | Highways & Drainage | Heather Troughton | Housing | Heather Troughton | Public Toilets & Playground | Shaun Atkinson & Tracy Coward | Village Maintenance & Bus Shelters | Spencer Metcalfe | Communications | James Buller | Tourism & Business Engagement | James Buller & Spencer Metcalfe | Climate Change & Environment | Tracy Coward, Robert McCracken & Shaun Atkinson | Street Lighting | Heather Troughton | Public Safety | Chas Sargeant | Youth & Community Engagement | Spencer Metcalfe & James Buller | |
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| <p>211/2022</p> <p>212/2022</p> | <p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Reference: <u>7/2022/5288</u> Location: Quoin Cottage, Tilberthwaite Avenue, Coniston, LA21 8ED Proposal: Amendment to condition No 5 (occupancy) on planning permission 7/2003/5594 - new cottage in the grounds of Holmthwaite, Tilberthwaite Avenue, Coniston</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillors voted to object.</p> <p>NOTED: The decision to Withdraw planning permission</p> <p>Reference: <u>7/2021/5976</u> Location: Brooklands, Little Langdale, Ambleside, LA22 9NT Proposal: Upgrade, extension and reconfiguration of existing house.</p> | |
| <p>213/2022</p> | <p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>The Chair and the Clerk outlined the most up-to-date plans coming from the Jubilee Working Group. Volunteers were sought from the parish councillors to either help with duties as fire marshal at the beacon lighting, or helping to erect bunting.</p> | |
| <p>214/2022</p> | <p>Lengthsman</p> <p>RESOLVED: To include a rate of 45p per mile to supplement the hourly rate being offered to the Lengthsman in order to make the role more attractive.</p> | |
| <p>215/2022</p> | <p>Public Toilet Renovations</p> <p>The work on the public toilets is coming to an end. A final meeting of the working group will meet at the toilets on 23rd May to discuss any remaining work to be addressed.</p> | <p>TC, SA, JB, MD</p> |
| <p>216/2022</p> | <p>Councillor Matters</p> <p>Councillor Metcalfe noted that he had observed a sole lumberjack working in Guards Wood and asked that the National Trust be made aware of this as it appears not to reflect good practice and could put both worker and members of the public in danger.</p> | <p>MD</p> |
| <p>217/2022</p> <p>218/2022</p> <p>219/2022</p> | <p>Financial Matters</p> <p>RESOLVED: to delegate the authority to renew the insurance for 2022/23 to the clerk and the Chair.</p> <p>NOTED: To note the receipt the following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Lottery £5,135.00 • South Lakeland District Council (Precept) £10,532.06 • South Lakeland District Council (Grant) £701.89 • Brantwood (Donation to Jubilee) £100.00 <p>RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALC (Training) £20.00 | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Ribchester (Beacon gas and lighter) £82.15 • Jigsaw (Cleaning) £331.12 • Coniston Institute (Room Hire) £42.00 • Anne Butterworth (Village Flowers) £700.00 • Southern Electric (DD) £98.76 • Michael Dearnley (Salary) £386.75 • Michael Dearnley (Home Working) £20.00 | |
| 220/2022 | <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"> ○ Street Naming and Numbering Addressing Guidance and Policy ○ Community Led Housing ○ Westmorland and Furness Council - results • Coniston Institute: Agenda (May) and Minutes (April) • Rural Funding Digest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Digest May 2022 ○ Bulletin 26.4.22, 4.5.22, • Cumbria County Council Press Release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Know how many votes you have in local election ○ Possible Grant Funding Opportunities open to Town and Parish Councils ○ Local government elections advertising campaign - stakeholder engagement pack ○ Local elections - get ready to vote! • CALC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invitation to CALC 'Together With Refugees' Countywide Forum for Cumbria Town and Parish Councils ○ Wednesday update 27.04.2022 ○ NALC Legal Update – April 2022 ○ Cumbria Community Resilience Group Meeting notes ○ Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 5.5.22 • Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin 25.4.22, 26.4.22 • Torver Parish Council: Agenda (Parish Meeting) and Minutes (April) • Lakes Parish Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agenda: Lakes Parish Council Annual Parish and AGM, 11th May 2022 • Hawkshead Parish Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minutes and Lengthsman Advert • Rusland Horizons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spring Newsletter | |
| 221/2022 | <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 20th June 2022 at the Coniston Institute.</p> | |

The meeting closed at 9:00pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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