

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 21st November 2022

Present: Councillors: T Coward, H Troughton, C Sargeant, J Buller, S Atkinson, and R McCracken
Clerk: M Dearnley

Minute Number		Action By
311/2022	Apologies None.	
312/2022	Requests for Dispensations. None.	
313/2022	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items None.	
314/2022	Minutes RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 th October were approved as a true and accurate.	
315/2022	Public Participation <u>County Councillor</u> Councillor Brereton emailed a report that stated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faded road signs are an issue, but that realistically one to be addressed by the new authority. The environment fund is still available. Councillor Sargeant is to contact Mr Braithwaite in order to identify whether this might help him to explore options to create a foodpath through the old railway line as it crosses his land. B4RN is still progressing, albeit slowly. There is potential to work closely with Torver Parish Council to extend this along Coniston Water. <u>District Councillors</u> No update, other than that the shadow authority is gearing up to take over from Cumbria County Council and South Lakes District Council on the 1 st April 2023. <u>National Trust</u> No report. <u>Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust</u> No report.	

<p>316/2022</p>	<p><u>Coniston Business Forum</u></p> <p>Mr Rutland reported that most businesses had weathered a season with a lower level of trade than had become the norm, both nationally and internationally. There is investment in the village, for example, Robinson's Brewery is undertaking a substantial renovation of The Crown. Nevertheless, there is a reduction in the amount and variety of accommodation with the closure of Orchard Cottage (due to retirement) and Lakeland House (sale to become staff accommodation for The Inn Collection). Similarly, the Meadowdore has closed reducing the food outlets and the two Higgledy Piggledy shops have closed leaving a gap on Yewdale Road.</p> <p>There will be a Business Forum meeting held in January 2023. An area for longer-term development is extension of the Forum's activities to include non-tourist economy businesses.</p> <p><u>Lake District National Park</u></p> <p>No report.</p> <p><u>Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum</u></p> <p>Draft minutes of the Institute's minutes are circulated regularly. Of note, Cllrs Coward and Troughton had completed paperwork to enable the Institute to proceed with its plans toward reorganising its charitable status.</p> <p>To receive comments and representations from members of the public in relation to any item on the agenda.</p> <p>Mr Adams raised a number of issues relating to The Banks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dicconson Terrace has had a wall repeatedly damaged by long vehicles using the road. This is already an issue being pursued to have new signage installed to advise drivers of the suitability of the route. • Handrail on the road leading to Bank Terrace had been damaged. • Other handrails are in disrepair. <p>Rather than dealing with these issues piecemeal, the Parish Council identified the need for a Parish Walk to identify issues and agree a course of action. This will be held at 11am, Sunday 27th November 2022.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>317/2022</p> <p>318/2022</p> <p>319/2022</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2022/5703</u> Location: Hills Garage, Coniston, LA21 8EN Proposal: Two illuminated fascia signs RESOLVED: No objection</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2022/5614</u> Location: Heathwaite Farm, Coniston, LA21 8HE Proposal: Creation of new access RESOLVED: Objection</p> <p><u>Reference: 7/2022/5686</u> Location: The Nant, Coniston, LA21 8EF Proposal: Extension to the kitchen RESOLVED: No objection</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>MD</p> <p>MD</p>

320/2022	<p>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highway Issues</p> <p>A number of highway issues were mentioned including: numerous blocked drains and pot holes. Facebook posts will be made to promote the reporting of blocked gullies, pot holes, streetlights, etc. A road sweep will be requested from South Lakeland District Council.</p> <p>Mr Rutland observed that, during the summer, Ruskin Avenue Car Park is frequently full, but traditional 'overspill' car parks at John Ruskin School and the Sports and Social Club were not necessarily available. He asked that the Parish Council keep the inadequacy of car parking as a real issue to support the village face the challenges of the future.</p>	MD MD
320/2022	<p>Public Toilet Renovations</p> <p>Additional internal alterations to the Gentlemen's Lavatories were considered, although the work identified by the cleaning company would be desirable it is not essential.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Not to undertake additional work at this time.</p> <p>Winter opening was considered.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To open for the winter 2022/23, but to adopt a reduced cleaning and restocking schedule.</p>	MD
321/2022 322/2022	<p>Climate Focus</p> <p>Concern was expressed at the gas heaters that had been erected at the tables outside the Yewdale Inn. This was considered both environmentally unsound and, given the ongoing energy and cost of living crisis, which has resulted in many people feeling unable to heat their own homes, a little insensitive.</p> <p>Despite there being a desire to reduce light pollution and to take part in the Big Lighting Switch Off being organised by the Lake District Foundation, the cost of doing so was considered prohibitive.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Not to take part in this year's event</p>	
323/2022 324/2022 325/2022 326/2022	<p>Emergency Planning</p> <p>An audit had been conducted of the Resilience Store on Old Furness Road; this had been followed by a working group meeting and a number of issues and desirable outcomes were identified.</p> <p>RESOLVED: to agree the purchase reflective vests.</p> <p>RESOLVED: to produce a leaflet for distribution to all properties in the parish informing residents to be prepared and where to look for support in the event of an emergency</p> <p>NOTED: The nature and content of the bid being prepared for submission to the Cumbria Community Foundation for a generator to facilitate the creation of the Sports and Social Centre as an emergency hub.</p> <p>RESOLVED: for a supply of sandbags to be supplied to Hawes Bank for the use of residents who might find it difficult to access Old Furness Road during an emergency situation.</p>	MD RMcC MD CS
327/2022	<p>Coniston Parish Council response to cost of living/energy crisis</p>	

	The next meeting of the working group will be held on Wednesday, 7 th December 2022. All councillors are invited to the meeting. This meeting will consider what progress has been made, how efforts to promote existing schemes and projects can be developed and what gaps in provision there might be that could be addressed.	
328/2022	Human Resources Sub Committee The sub-committee has not had an opportunity to meet, but will do so before the next meeting.	TC, HT, SA
329/2022	Lake Road Playground The meeting received an update on playground maintenance, fundraising for the long-term replacement of the existing equipment and agreed a need to redouble efforts to plan for the future and access whatever grants there may be.	
330/2022	Councillor Matters Councillor Coward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been invited to Coniston Primary School's Christmas Dinner 	
331/2022	Financial Matters RESOLVED: To note the receipt the following receipts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLDC (Second Instalment of Precept) £10,532.05 	
332/2022	RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr M Dearnley (Salary) £386.75 • Mr M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) £20.00 • Mr M Dearnley (Snuggle Blankets) £150.00 • Mr M Dearnley (Printing) £143.78 • Mr M Dearnley (Community Fridge Freezer) £489.00 • Mr M Dearnley (Food storage & handling training) £19.20 • Jigsaw (Cleaning – October) £523.12 • Rocket Sites Ltd (website development) £50.00 • Southern Electric (DD – Toilets) £69.92 • Southern Electric (DD – Streetlights) £87.51 	
333/2022	Correspondence RESOLVED: Councillors noted that a record of correspondence would be included on the December agenda.	
334/2022	Next Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Monday, 12 th December at the Coniston Institute.	

The meeting closed at 9:13pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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