

Coniston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Coniston Parish Council held at the Reading Room of the Coniston Institute, Coniston at 7pm on Monday, 16th October 2023

Present: Councillors: T Coward, H Troughton, S Atkinson, D Adams, J Buller and R McCracken
Clerk: M Dearnley
Members of the Public: Mrs Dixon

Minute Number		Action By
289/2023	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Councillor Pender, Westmorland and Furness Council, was unable to attend.</p>	
290/2023	<p>Requests for Dispensations.</p> <p>None.</p>	
291/2023	<p>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items</p> <p>None.</p>	
292/2023	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting of 18th September 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>	
293/2023	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>None.</p>	
294/2023	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Westmorland and Furness Council: Councillor Pender was unable to attend, but informed the meeting in advance that she had secured a grant of £10,000 to the continued operation of the X112 bus service. She is actively pursuing road safety measures on Shepherd's Bridge Lane, and is supportive of the Parish Council's efforts to resolve the ownership and repair of the Brow Steps.</p> <p>There were no reports from the National Trust, Lake District National Park, the Coniston Business Forum and the Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust. These organisations are to be specifically invited to attend or report to the next meeting.</p>	

<p>295/2023</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5563 Location: Bluebird Cafe, Lake Road, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8AN Proposal: Erection of 2 single storey extensions and extension of terrace including 2 additional canopy roofs</p> <p>RESOLVED: No objection</p>	
<p>296/2023</p>	<p>NOTED: The successful appeal to the Planning Inspectorate</p> <p>Reference: E/2021/0291 Location: Bowmanstead Studio, Bowmanstead, Coniston, LA21 8HB Proposal: The making of a material change of use of the Land from use as a dwelling house with ancillary accommodation to use as two separate dwelling houses.</p>	
<p>297/2023</p>	<p>Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highway Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to collate the emails between the Parish Council and other parties and share these with Cllr McCracken. • If shops are vacant, owners are to be approached to enquire whether they would allow window display from organisations such as the WI, schools, and the Coniston Institute. • Clerk to inform Hills Garage that the toilets are due to close until mid-March. • Car parking was discussed. It is possible a new application will be made in relation to Lands Field in which case consultation will be undertaken to identify the needs of residents and businesses. • Report to the National Trust the possibility of Japanese Knotweed in areas already identified. • Clerk to ask Cllr Pender to take up the issue of potholes on the Hawkshead Road. . 	
<p>298/2023</p>	<p>Public Toilets</p> <p>No update. The toilets will be closed for the winter early in November.</p>	
<p>299/2023</p>	<p>Climate and Environmental Focus</p> <p><u>Designated Bathing Water Status</u> Councillor Coward has submitted three separate applications based on Coniston Boating Centre, Torver and Brown Howe. The recent public meeting was well attended and many emails and letters of support have been received in support of the project. United Utilities have identified additional improvement works to be undertaken depended on Bathing Water status being achieved.</p>	
<p>300/2023</p>	<p>Lake Road Playground</p> <p>No update, as we are awaiting the most recent annual safety inspection report.</p>	
<p>301/2023</p>	<p>Westmorland and Furness Code of Conduct for Councillors</p> <p>RESOLVED: Deferred to the November meeting.</p>	

302/2023	<p>Consultation</p> <p>RESOLVED: Not to formulate a formal response to the consultation on the Council's draft statements of licensing and gaming policies</p>	
303/2023	<p>Emergency Planning</p> <p>NOTED: The installation of the generator at the Coniston Sports and Social Club. Awaiting fuel and training to be operational.</p>	
304/2023	<p>NOTED: A meeting of the Emergency Planning Group, including Fire and Rescue, Coniston Mountain Rescue Team, Coniston Parish Council and the Sports and Social Club will be held on the 1st November.</p>	
305/2023	<p>RESOLVED: For the Clerk to make arrangements for rock salt and the spreader to be located in the Gentlemen's Toilets for the winter period.</p>	
306/2023	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clerk to circulate the Emergency Plan 	
307/2023	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>NOTED: The following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAYAX (Income from public toilets) £433.42 Westmorland and Furness Council (Precept) £10,904.73 Interest Earned (5.6.23 – 3.9.23) £116.03 	
308/2023	<p>RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jigsaw (Cleaning) £518.69 M Dearnley (Salary) £437.50 M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance) £20.00 Westmorland & Furness Council (Pier Cottage Bin) £330.00 Tod Coates (Lengthsman) £247.50 Janice Monks (Clearing Shepherd's Bridge Lane) £185.00 Coniston and Crake Valley Magazine (Donation) £100.00 DD Southern Electric £85.84 DD Southern Electric £85.21 	
309/2023	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>No breakdown of correspondence had been circulated</p>	
310/2023	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 20th November in the Institute Reading Room.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:27pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)

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