

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, 19th February 2024

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

Minute Number	PART ONE	Action By
125/2024	Apologies NOTED: None received.	
126/2024	Requests for Dispensations. None.	
127/2024	Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Agenda items None.	
128/2024	Minutes RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting of 15 th January 2024 were approved.	
129/2024	Matters Arising None.	
130/2024	Public Participation Westmorland and Furness Council: Councillor Pender had provided an update on a wide range of casework. <u>Lake District National Park:</u> No report. <u>Coniston Business Forum.</u> Michael Dearnley provided a brief overview of the progress made by the Business Forum with a particular focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring the village was event-ready for the return of Bluebird K7, • the events surrounding the closure and transfer of the Tourist Information Centre to the Lake District National Park, and • the need for a marketing strategy for Coniston. <u>National Trust:</u> No report. <u>Coniston and Torver Community Land Trust:</u> No report.	

131/2024	<p>Comments and representations from members of the public in relation to any item on the agenda.</p> <p>Robert Warne and Bex McCormick from Coniston Cricket Club were able to answer questions relating to the Club's licensing application. Ron Rutland was present to provide additional information regarding the transfer of the Tourist Information Centre.</p>	
	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5722 Location: Brantwood, Coniston, LA21 8AD Proposal: Proposed drainage improvements and installation of treatment plant 132/2024 RESOLVED: Support</p> <p>Reference: 7/2024/5067 Location: Old Furness Road, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8HU Proposal: Creation of car park for mountain rescue team parking 133/2024 RESOLVED: No Objection</p> <p>Reference: 7/2024/5011 Location: Low Bank Ground Outdoor Centre, Coniston, LA21 8AA Proposal: Provision of new external standby generator within fenced compound area 134/2024 RESOLVED: No objection</p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5825 Location: Low Bank Activity Centre, East shore of Lake Coniston Water, Coniston, LA21 8AA Proposal: Maintenance works to existing stone boat house and extension to boat house to provide additional boat storage 135/2024 RESOLVED: Objection</p> <p>136/2024 NOTED: The following notices off enforcement by the Planning Authority</p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5784 Location: Wetherlam, Haws Bank, Bowmanstead, Coniston, LA21 8AP Proposal: Rear extension at roof level to create sitting room. Work will include roof-lights to main elevation, raising of ridge line in the area of the extension, internal alterations to provide new access to first floor.</p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5304 Location: 'Bluebird Lodge' Barn, Waterhead, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8AJ Proposal: Hybrid planning application including: Full planning application for the conversion of buildings to 2 no. local occupancy dwellings. Outline planning application for the erection of 1 no. detached local occupancy dwelling following the demolition of existing buildings and structures.</p> <p>Reference: 7/2023/5572 Location: 19, Beck Yeat, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8HT Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension, part garage conversion and interior alterations throughout, with associated tree felling</p>	MD

137/2024	Reference: PL3030 Location: Coniston Cricket Club, Yewdale Road, Coniston, LA21 8ET Proposal: Full premises licence RESOLUTION: Objection	
138/2024	Coniston Maintenance, Parking and Highway Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update was provided in relation to the Brow Steps. • Paths are to be closed at Levers Water and Paddy End to enable the repair of the waterworks. • Despite many potholes having been repaired, some are still to be addressed. • There are three drains that fail in even moderate rain: A593 at John Oldham's yard, B5285 by Pier Cottage junction, B5285 at the Head of the Lake. To be reported to Westmorland and Furness Council as areas of regular flooding that can be averted by better road maintenance. • The application for a scheme to introduce a 20mph speed limit on certain roads in the village had been submitted. 	MD
139/2024	Public Toilets Due to the potential early arrival of Bluebird K7 to the village, the toilet block will be opened for the first week of March. This will entail maintenance and decorative work as well as a deep clean by the cleaning contractor.	
140/2024	Climate and Environmental Focus No new developments.	
141/2024	Lake Road Playground Work is progressing to obtain costed designs for potential remodelling and to secure funding for the renovation of the playground. Tod Coates, Lengthsman, is working to ensure that the existing equipment issues are being addressed.	
141/2024	Climate and Nature Partnership Quotes from wallers having been obtained a preferred contractor was identified. Councillor Buller has liaised with Stephen Stalker, Blacksmith specialising in wrought ironwork to design a gate for the new wall and to work in conjunction with the waller to design and build a wishing well. Other elements of the scheme are being developed by the Women's Institute.	
142/2024	Coniston Tourist Information Office Mr Rutland had met the Chair and provided additional information to help explain the rationale for the closure of the Centre. At the meeting, he was able to provide a verbal update on an agreement with the Lake District National Park to operate the Centre from the 25 th March. Mr Rutland expressed his thanks to directors, staff and volunteers who have provided a valuable service to the community for over fifteen years.	

143/2024	<p>Parish Council Meetings 2024/25</p> <p>RESOLVED: To adopt the following schedule of meetings for the new year.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="472 309 1145 519"> <tr> <td>15th April 2024</td> <td>21st October 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20th May 2024</td> <td>18th November 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17th June 2024</td> <td>9th December 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15th July 2024</td> <td>20th January 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19th August 2024</td> <td>17th February 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16th September 2024</td> <td>17th March 2025</td> </tr> </table>	15 th April 2024	21 st October 2024	20 th May 2024	18 th November 2024	17 th June 2024	9 th December 2024	15 th July 2024	20 th January 2025	19 th August 2024	17 th February 2025	16 th September 2024	17 th March 2025							
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144/2024	<p>Emergency Planning</p> <p>The clerk provided an update on the installation of the generator and additional funding from the Cumbria Foundation for materials to improve the community's resilience.</p>																			
145/2024	<p>Councillor Matters</p> <p><u>Councillor Adams</u> reported a tree on the A593, which is a road traffic hazard, and the wildflower verge outside the graveyard that is being damaged by the occupants of the vehicles parked on Hawkshead Old Road.</p> <p>Councillor Buller reported that the list of events on the Council website has been substantially increased and the Business Directory is being revisited.</p> <p><u>Councillor Troughton</u> asked that thanks be extended to Vic Atkinson, Toni Whirty and Denise Wearing or their work on the Christmas Lights Committee for many years.</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>JB</p> <p>MD</p>																		
<p>146/2024</p> <p>147/2024</p> <p>148/2024</p> <p>149/2024</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>NOTED: The following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the following accounts:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="456 1402 1315 1715"> <tr> <td>• T Coates (February Invoice)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£165.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• M Dearnley (February Salary & Pay Award)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£895.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• M Dearnley (Reimbursement: Christmas gifts)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£32.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• J Johnston (Removal of Christmas Tree)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• WJ Carpenter (Remote laptop repair)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£135.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Rocket Sites Ltd (Website hosting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£174.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Vital Power Ltd (Generator servicing – 2 year contract)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£924.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• DD Southern Electric</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£96.92</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED: To donate £250 toward the purchase of a cutlery canteen by the Coniston Institute.</p> <p>NOTED: The spending limit on Community Grants has been increased to £9.93 per elector.</p>	• T Coates (February Invoice)	£165.76	• M Dearnley (February Salary & Pay Award)	£895.90	• M Dearnley (Home Working Allowance)	£20.00	• M Dearnley (Reimbursement: Christmas gifts)	£32.50	• J Johnston (Removal of Christmas Tree)	£45.00	• WJ Carpenter (Remote laptop repair)	£135.00	• Rocket Sites Ltd (Website hosting)	£174.00	• Vital Power Ltd (Generator servicing – 2 year contract)	£924.00	• DD Southern Electric	£96.92	
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150/2024	Correspondence No breakdown of correspondence had been circulated	
151/2024	Next Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Monday, 18 th March 2024 in the Reading Room of the Coniston Institute.	

The meeting closed at 9:12pm

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Signed & Approved by (Chair)