

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2012
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

93.9.12: In Attendance: Cllrs. Lachlan (Chair), Ayling, Oakley, Wood and Topping.

There were also 16 members of the public in attendance.

94.9.12: Apologies: Cllrs. Atkinson & Taylor.

95.9.12: Declarations of Interest: All Cllrs present are shareholders in the Ennerdale Hub Ltd.

It was agreed that the MRWS agenda item be taken first.

96.9.12: MRWS – Public Participation: Cllr. Wood gave an update on the MRWS project informing those present that the Final Report had now been published as had a response from CALC. He then reported back from a meeting held at Calderbridge at which two eminent geologists had detailed their concerns regarding and expressing the doubt that there was any suitable geology in West Cumbria for an underground repository. The geology of the Ennerdale & Kinniside parish was considered and Cllr. Wood explained that the Eskdale Granites extended into Ennerdale and to the north of the lake there were the rock volumes needed. This could mean that there would, at some time in the future, be drilling operations in this area. This would mean that new roads would have to be created to accommodate the large scale equipment used.

There was some debate about the role of the LDNPA as the planning authority and what their views would be. As the repository would be seen as a national infrastructure project it is probable that the planning application process would be handled by the National Infrastructure Planning Authority.

The response of CALC to the final report was discussed and the main areas of concern as expressed by CALC, geology, public support, the role of the host community and trust in the local authorities, were agreed to be relevant and should be used as the basis of any letters to be sent by both the PC and members of the public to the local councillors.

Cllr. Wood explained the timetable for Local Authority decision making process and urged those present to write to Cllr. Salked (CBC), Cllr. Clarkson (CCC), Cllr. Woodburn (CBC and Cllr. Martin (CCC).

**ACTION: Cllr. Wood to email out a resume of the CALC concerns to be used in letters.
Clerk to compose letters to local councillors and leaders of CBC and CCC, these to be
signed by Parish Councillors.
Councillors to respond individually to CALC.**

97.9.12: Approval of minutes from the March meeting:

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr. Wood

Seconded: Cllr. Oakley

The Chair duly signed them.

98.9.12: Actions from the minutes (not covered by other agenda items):

73.7.12 Cllrs have written to CBC re: Changes to waste collection.

76.7.12 The local football team need to be constituted and to open a bank account before
they can apply for funding.

- 77.7.12 Cllrs added additional information where necessary to the Declaration of Interests form
- 81.7.12 Cllr. Lachlan has responded to the Copeland Plan consultation on behalf of the PC.
- 88.7.12 Clerk and Cllr. Lachlan have both responded to Mr. Hurley re: Service 217
- 88.7.12 Cllr. Wood has responded to the CCC Travel Strategy consultation
- 89.9.12 All actions associated with the web-site have been undertaken.

99.9.12: The Parish Council – roles & responsibilities & future planning: Cllr. Lachlan explained that he would be standing down as Chair next May and that he felt now would be a good time to look at the various activities undertaken on behalf of the council. After some discussion the following was agreed:

CALC/Three Tier Meetings: Chair & Clerk
 Signing off planning applications: Clerk
 RNEC Board: Cllr. Lachlan as Director
 Wild Ennerdale: Cllrs. Oakley & Lachlan
 Longmoor Common: Cllr. Taylor
 Cold Fell Action Group: Cllr. Lachlan
 Ennerdale Show Committee: Cllr. Oakley & Cllr. Lachlan
 Parish Newsletter: Cllrs. Topping & Lachlan
 Highways & PRWay: Cllrs. Lachlan
 Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr. Wood
 Public/Community Transport: Cllr. Wood
 ECRAg: Cllr. Oakley
 Web Site (IT): Cllr. Topping
 MRWS: Cllr. Wood
 Broadband Champion: Cllr. Topping
 Joint Neighbourhood Forums: All
 Other meetings: Chair and/or Clerk

There followed some discussion about the current councillor vacancy and it was agreed that the people who had been in attendance earlier and had expressed an interest in becoming a councillor should be contacted.

ACTION: Clerk to contact potential councillors and explain the process of becoming a parish councillor.

100.9.12: Council Finance: The Clerk provided councillors with a revised bank reconciliation showing the balance of the main account as £13,239.77p as per the latest available bank statement dated 24th August. The Chair checked the balance with the bank reconciliation and initialled the latest statement.

The following payments were agreed:

- £198.00p BDO External Auditors fee
- £259.51p Clerk's salary & Expenses Quarter 2
- £29.00p CALC Training (Cllr. Wood)
- £100.00p Support for Service 217
- £50.06p HMRC PAYE Quarter 2
- £54.00p Hall hire
- £72.00p Website costs

Once the above receipts and payments had been taken into account the reconciled balance of the main account was £12,477.20p

The Clerk informed the meeting that the accounts for 11/12 had now been signed off by the external auditors and that no major concerns had been raised.

ACTION: Clerk to send off all payments.

101.9.12: The Village Hall Trust: Cllr. Lachlan informed the meeting that the Village Hall Trust has now been closed and the remaining funds handed over to ECRAG.

ACTION: Cllr. Lachlan to provide Clerk with VHT Charity details to enable him to close the registration with the Charities Commission.

102.9.12: Planning Matters: There were no new applications, three notice of planning permission granted and two notices of permitted developments as below:

1. 7.2012/4016: Longmoor Head – cover existing midden – permission granted
2. 7/2012/4024: How Hall – roof over slurry store – permission granted
3. 7/2012/4028: The Mill – replace timber boardwalk – permission granted
4. 7/2012/4032: Eirinn Talla – lean to – permitted development
5. 7/2012/4039: Low Moor End – roof over slurry store – permitted development

103.9.12: Report from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr. Wood reported that, since the last meeting, the police had attended, 1 theft (July) and 1 domestic incident (August).

The Cumbria Community Messaging service sent out nineteen alerts during the last two months, 15 in July and 4 in August.

104.9.12: Highways matters: Cllr. Lachlan reported that he had undertaken a tour of the parish with Rikki Crawford (RC) of Cumbria Highways in August and the he had highlighted various issues, see previous minutes, during the tour. Items that Karl Melville had been dealing with have now been handed on to RC, these include the additional lighting by the church and the possible introduction of a 20mph zone by the school.

Owners of hedges and trees where there is a need for cutting back overhanging branches etc. have been informed and have stated that they would undertake the work.

A new drain, that could have been causing the flooding, has been found and cleared by Cumbria Highways on the Longmoor Road.

The adoption of the Bleach Green road would be very expensive and therefore highly unlikely to happen.

ACTION: Cllr. Lachlan to meet up with the LDNPA and FC to discuss funding applications for footpath development in the parish.

105.9.12: Report from ECRAG: Cllr. Oakley reported that another applicant was now in the process of applying for funding for a shelter and that she would not be continuing with her applications.

Cllr. Ayling asked the council to consider funding the grass cutting of the recreational field through the precept as from next year. He was informed that the draft budget for next year would be discussed at the November meeting.

ACTION: Cllr. Ayling to provide Clerk with details and costs of grounds maintenance for incorporation into draft budget.

106.9.12: 217 Bus Service update: Cllr Wood reported that he had just received the latest passenger number figures and would need some time to look at them.

The cost of the bus per day was £119.50p and there had recently been a fare increase of 10%. He reminded those present that the support the service was receiving every six months was:

Arlecdon & Frizington: £1,600

Dean: £900

Ennerdale & Kinniside: £100

There has been a request from CCC for £200 to support the service next year and this will be discussed during the PC budgeting process at the November meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to forward latest figures to all councillors.

107.9.12: Report from the Broadband Champion: Cllr Topping reported that Fujitsu had withdrawn from the process and that BT were the only organisation remaining in the bidding. Despite this, he understood that BT were now pulling out all the stops to come up with a proposal that would be acceptable to CCC and the EU.

108.9.12: Correspondence: All electronic correspondence has been forwarded to councillors.

Other

Correspondence:

Correspondence For information For action

Audit Commission X

BDO – completion of external audit X x

GP Planning LTD – Frizington household Waste site X X

Local Government Boundary Commission X

LDNPA – Compliance update X

Copeland Neighbourhood Forums X X

LDNPA - Notice of planning approvals (x5) X (Agenda Item 10)

ACTION: Clerk to respond to Frizington Household Waste letter and send off payment to BDO.

109.9.12: Parish Council Website: Cllr Topping reported that the website was now up and running and that contributions were wanted from councillors to put on the site. All those present stated that the site looked really good and congratulated Cllr. Topping on his efforts.

The cost of the website was £59.88 plus VAT. It was agreed that a cheque made payable to Cllr. Topping for £72.00p should be issued.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Topping for all his work in getting the website up and running.

ACTION: Cllrs. to provide contributions for the site.

110.9.12: Feedback from meetings: Cllr. Wood had attended two meetings since July.

The LDNPA Western Regional meeting provided an opportunity to meet the team who covered the area. The Rights of Way is seen as a priority for the team in the Ennerdale area. The LDNPA has recommended the two southern routes for the new National Grid lines, though these are the most expensive. There is a small amount of money available in the Communities Fund held by the NP.

The CBC Customer Focus Group meeting highlighted the need for the council to make £1m of savings in the next financial year. The Copeland Centre, built under the PFI scheme which is now incurring a net cost to the council.

111.9.12: Topics for the next meeting:

- The draft budget 12/13
- The Clerks salary

112.9.12: Date of next meeting:

**7.00pm on Wednesday 14th November 2012
St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge**

Signed: _____ Date:

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