

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2013
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

56.07.13: In Attendance: Cllrs. Wood (Chair), Lachlan, Ayling, Oakley, McMullen, Topping, Shail, and Denham-Smith.

Also in attendance: Eleven members of the public, Nick Leeming (Groundwork Cumbria), Peter Maher (The Ennerdale Hub) & David Smith (Clerk).

57.07.13: Apologies: There were no apologies

58.07.13: Declarations of Interest: Councillors Wood, Oakley, Ayling, Lachlan, and Topping all declared an interest as shareholders of the Ennerdale Hub.

59.07.13: Minutes of the meeting held on May 8th:

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr. Lachlan

Seconded: Cllr. Topping

The Chair duly signed them.

60.07.13: Public Participation:

App No: CH/4/13/2209/0F1: Wind Turbine at Winder, Frizington

Cllr. Wood invited the members of the public present to speak on the issue of the proposed wind turbine at Winder. The applicant is a local farmer, supported by NEO Environmental Planning Consultancy. Mr. Courtney from Winder stated that although this planning application was not in the Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish, the size of the proposed turbine, 70m to the tip of the blade, meant that it would have a serious visual impact on the parish. The position of the turbine (Map Ref: E305572, N517668), 1 mile from the National Park boundary, will ensure that it is visible from many parts of the parish including the shoreline of Ennerdale Water and all the surrounding Ennerdale Fells. It will also be visible from many local villages in the area. There are currently no other similar structures in the area and the proposed turbine would be completely out of character for the area. Concerns were expressed that this application was referred to as Phase 1 in the supporting documentation, the original application was for three turbines, and that if successful it could lead to further turbine applications throughout the Cockermouth to Egremont corridor. Cllr. Lachlan stated that Eskett Quarries, adjacent to the proposed site, had a limitation on their continued license of use, issued by Cumbria County Council, which meant that the whole area was to be reinstated as an area of wildlife and recreation for use by the local community at the end of the quarry's working life. He further stated that installing a 70m turbine did not seem to fit with these future plans for the quarry and that NEO were not aware of this issue. A further comment was made regarding the North West Spatial Strategy in which it states that developers must liaise with local communities prior to submitting any wind turbine application. This has clearly not happened in this particular case as the first that many local residents were aware of the application was a planning notice pinned to a telegraph pole adjacent to the proposed site. Concerns were also expressed regarding the potential impact on house values in the Winder area with the Copeland BC planning officer agreeing that between £20k and £30k could be knocked off local house prices were the turbine to be installed.

Other residents from the Winder area informed the meeting that there were now 507 individual letters of objection to the application, both Lamplugh and Arlecdon & Frizington Parish Councils had voted unanimously to object to the application and that Friends of The Lake District had also written a letter of objection.

Cllr. Wood asked if there were any further comments prior to a vote being taken.

The proposal that Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council support planning application CH/4/13/2209/0F1: Wind Turbine at Winder, Frizington
Councillors in favour: None
Councillors opposed: All the councillors present (6) opposed the application.

ACTION: Clerk to write to the Planning Department at Copeland BC outlining the objections of the Parish Council to the application (see above). Copies to LDNPA and local residents group.

Councillors to attend CALC Wind Turbine Application training when made available.

United Futures: Ennerdale/Ehen Corridor: Nick Leeming – Groundwork Cumbria

Cllr. Wood invited Nick Leeming to give an update on the United Futures project (see minutes Annual Parish Meeting May 13). All of the various options that NL had been working up had come to nothing and he explained that there was now a real risk that the £20k that is available through the United Futures fund will be lost. In the next four weeks United Utilities will need to see a list of potential projects with outline costs.

After some discussion, three potential projects were identified, these being:

- Installation of Play Equipment on the Recreation Field
- Completion of the Gazebo project on the Recreation Field
- Bridging the gaps in the off-road path into the village, ending at the Fox & Hounds

NL felt that all these projects had potential and asked councillors to provide him with further details and costs.

ACTION: Cllrs Lachlan and Ayling to provide NL with further information and costs.

The Ennerdale Hub: Lottery Bid – Peter Maher

Further to meeting between PM and Cllrs. Wood and Lachlan, PM provided councillors with a progress report on the Lottery (Reaching Communities – Buildings) bid. At Stage 2 of the bid the group were provided with funding to work up the Stage 3 bid. This is seen as an indicator that the Stage 3 bid stands a very good chance of succeeding. Within the Stage 3 application, applicants have to state how and by whom the project will be evaluated. PM felt that the ideal organisation to undertake the evaluation, given the history of the Hub project, was the Parish Council and asked councillors to consider taking on this role. Councillors asked PM to outline what would be required. Initially what is needed to accompany the application in November is a written methodology that relates to the targets already highlighted in the application. If the bid is successful then the evaluation process will be undertaken during the initial two years of the project. Work will include the collection of data relating to users, income etc. and providing feedback to the directors of the Hub.

It was proposed that the Parish Council act as evaluators for the Ennerdale Hub Lottery project.

Proposed: Cllr. Lachlan

Seconded: Cllr. Topping.

All the councillors present voted in favour of the proposal.

Cllrs. Lachlan, Denham-Smith, Oakley, Ayling, Topping, McMullen and Wood agreed to act as part of the evaluation team.

ACTION: Cllrs. Topping and Denham-Smith to meet up with the bid writing team to discuss what is required for the bid from the Parish Council.

61.07.13: Progress Reports:

A: Clerk's Report:

The following actions from the May meeting were reported:

- 46.05.13: Clerk to arrange next meeting of Governance sub group: Not Done due to injury.
- 47.05.13: The views of the PC sent to LDNPA Planning dept. Done
- 51.05.13: All payments to be sent out. Done

Two further actions were noted:

- Review of Parish Plan – it was agreed that this should be revisited in January. Clerk informed the meeting that the LDNPA do not take into account any Parish Plan that is older than five years.
- Next meeting of the Governance sub group to be arranged.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange a date for the Governance sub-group meeting before the September meeting.

A list of correspondence was noted and one, the Nat West review of customer information, required action.

ACTION: Cllrs. Wood and McMullen to complete the process of becoming cheque signatories and inform the Clerk when this has been achieved.

B: RNEC:

Cllr. Lachlan reported that the RNEC office in Phoenix House had been closed and all the equipment and paperwork had been relocated within Cleator Moor Town Hall. At the recent meeting the Ehen Valley project and the Parish Lengthsman scheme were both discussed and it is hoped that funding will be found to continue the Lengthmans scheme. It is hoped that the Business Forum website will be taken over by the Cleator Moor & District Chamber of Trade. Concerns were expressed regarding the poor state of buildings on the Leconfield Industrial Estate and the former Kangol Factory site.

C: ECRAG:

Cllr. Oakley reported that they were still talking to potential funders and she will provide the council with an update at the September meeting. Cllr. Ayling confirmed that the grass cutting on the site was still being undertaken by volunteers at present.

D: Bus Service 217:

Cllr. Wood reported that the date of the next meeting was 1st October at which he hopes to be able to get hold of information regarding passenger use of the Ennerdale stops. He has some concerns that the number of passengers using the bus in Ennerdale is low and this might have implications for the Parish Council grant to the service.

E: Connecting Cumbria:

Cllr. Topping reported that he had been unable to attend the countywide conference on June 21st but there had been little new information provided at the meeting. A programme of superfast broadband roll out has now been issued but only phase 1 has been given dates. The Lamplugh exchange is mentioned in phase 3 but there is a feeling that it could now be well into 2016 before the rural areas of the county are connected. The mismanagement of the countrywide programme has made the national press in the last few weeks.

ACTION: Cllr. Topping to contact BT and the Connecting Cumbria team regarding the potential use of UU trenches for fibre optic cabling.

F: MRWS:

Cllr. Wood reported that the E&K PC response to the DECC Call for Evidence had been submitted along with those of Copeland BC and CALC. It was now expected to be some months before DECC issue a response to the Call for Evidence when they are expected to suggest a way forward. Cllr. Wood highlighted the Copeland BC suggestion that in future it should be made clear that the Decision Making Body should be the Borough Council, thus potentially overruling the views of parish councils.

62.07.13: Planning Matters:

There was one planning application to discuss and one notice of public path diversion to note:

App. No: 7/2013/4039 Howside, Ennerdale – Extend existing cow shed to cover over an existing midden

After some discussion it was decided that councillors had 'No Objections' to this application.

ACTION: Clerk to inform LDNPA of the views of the council.

Notice of public path diversion (Path No: 243030 & 407026) Scale Beck to Red Pike. Part of the Fix the Fells programme of works.

63.07.13: Report from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch:

Cllr. Wood informed councillors that there had been one road related incident, one assault and one suspicious incident reported to the police in May. In June there had been 1 adult anti-social behaviour incident, two road traffic collisions and two suspicious incidents reported.

The Cumbria Community Messaging service sent out 24 alerts during the last two months, 14 in May and 10 in June.

Cllr. Wood informed councillors that he would be monitoring the number of incidents reported to the police over the coming months as there did seem to be an increase in these reports.

Some concerns were expressed regarding a recent incident in the Ennerdale Water area and the way that it was handled by the police. Councillors expressed the view that lessons with regard to communication had not been learned from previous incidents by the police.

64.07.13: Highways Matters:

Cllr. Lachlan reported that there had been a number of changes in personnel within the Copeland Cumbria Highways team and that he was now liaising with Kevin Thompson.

Cllr. Lachlan reported that he had received the following updates from Kevin Thompson of Cumbria Highways:

- Width Restriction – Croasdale Road: work delayed and now scheduled for 2014.
- C4017 Ennerdale Bridge to Wath Brow: the road was surface dressed in June 13 and work on pot holes also undertaken.
- Fingerposts: this action is ongoing
- Missing Ennerdale signs: Paul Dalton has been asked to collect these signs.
- 20MPH speed limit: awaiting ne count data
- Street lighting Church Lane: awaiting connection

Cllr. Lachlan reminded councillors that the police were now not willing to place SIDs out in the locality as the batteries had been stolen on so many occasions. There followed a discussion regarding the 'Community Speedwatch' project which is operating successfully in some Cumbrian parishes and could be seen as an alternative to SIDs. Cllrs Lachlan and Wood both agreed to act as volunteers.

ACTION: Clerk to inform PCSO Alan Willison that Cllrs. Lachlan and Wood wish to be trained as Community Speedwatch volunteers.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain costs of pole mounted SIDs from Cockemouth TC.

65.07.13: Council Finance:

The Clerk reported that he had now received the End of Year Audit report from the external auditors BDO. No issues were raised and the accounts for 12/13 have been signed off by the auditors. No mention was made of the funds carried forward and the audit fee was £36.00p

The Clerk reported that the balance of the main account was £14,537.39p as per the latest available bank statement dated 29th June.

The following payments were agreed:

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| · Website name (2 years) | : | £8.38p |
| · Website hosting (1 year): | | £71.86p |
| · Clerk's Salary Qtr 1: | | £266.49p |
| · Clerk's expenses Qtr 1: | | £51.45p |
| · HMRC PAYE Qtr 1: | | £66.62p |
| · E&K Community Centre Hire: 12 months 13/14: | | £108.00p |
| · BDO Audit Fee: | | £36.00p |

Once the above payments and receipts had been taken into account, the reconciled balance of the main account was £13,928.59p

A request has been received from Dave Robinson of the LDNPA for funds to support the Ennerdale Views, Miles without Stiles footpath project. A donation of £350.00p was suggested.

Proposed: Cllr. Lachlan

Seconded: Cllr. Topping

All the councillors present agreed to this donation.

66.07.13: Feedback from meetings:

Cllrs. Lachlan and Oakley reported back from the CALC Copeland 3 Tier meeting. Issues discussed included footway lighting. NW Electricity and BT have decided, due to a recent fatality, to remove all footway lights from their poles over the coming months. This will have a major impact on some parishes. In the Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish there are three lights attached to NWE poles but as these are all the responsibility of CCC being street lights, it is not thought there will be an issue over replacement.

Cllr. Wood reported back from the Copeland Partnership Forum meeting at which the Connecting Cumbria Broadband project was discussed. Also debated was the issue of Health Inequalities. Copeland was felt to have adequate services but not well co-ordinated.

67.07.13: Items for the next meeting:

- Report from Governance sub-group
- Speed Indicator Devices (under Highways)

68.07.13: Date of next meeting:

7.00pm on Wednesday 11th September 2013 in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge

Signed: _____

Date:

Chair

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