

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2013
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

83.11.13: In Attendance: Cllrs. Topping (Chair), Lachlan, Ayling, McMullen, Taylor and Shail.

Also in attendance: Roger Parker (The Cumbria Trust) & David Smith (Clerk).

84.11.13: Apologies: Cllr. Wood (Illness) & Cllr. Denham Smith (work commitment).

85.11.13: Declarations of Interest: Councillors Ayling, Taylor, Lachlan, and Topping all declared an interest as shareholders of the Ennerdale Hub, and Councillors Ayling and Lachlan declared an interest as members of The Cumbria Trust.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

86.11.13: Presentation: The Cumbria Trust: Roger Parker (Trustee).

Roger explained that the Cumbria Trust was an umbrella group that had been launched at the end of October with the main aim of campaigning against any GDR in Cumbria on geological and safety grounds. Additional aims are to respond to the DECC Report conclusions, to campaign for safer, long-term storage at Sellafield and other sites, to support increased government spend at Sellafield and to campaign to maintain the integrity of the LDNP and the Silloth ANOB.

Membership is open to the public and further information can be found at www.cumbriatrust.org There are six members of the CT Board including Roger and Eddie Martin, the former leader of the County Council. Roger made it clear that the CT is not an anti-nuclear organisation.

At a recent meeting of the NOEND group Roger was concerned to learn that many people were unaware of the DECC consultation and report. This in turn meant that people were unaware that the whole planning process could be undermined if the DECC recommendations are followed.

Roger then identified some of the main points in the DECC report. The County Council and Parish Councils have effectively been disenfranchised during this new consultation process. There is no definition of community. The District Councils will play the lead role in the consultation process. The right of withdrawal will only last for the first part of the new consultation process, if the project proceeds to a 'nationally significant project' the right of withdrawal will disappear. Whilst some community benefits if provided would be kept in the case of withdrawal, others would be clawed back.

At a recent stakeholders meeting in Penrith it was made clear that the waste from nuclear new build will be included in the storage facility but currently there is no inventory of the waste to be placed in the GDR. It is thought that an inventory will be available in the New Year.

Roger ended his presentation by suggesting that everyone have a look at the website where they would find much more information.

The Chair thanked Roger for his presentation.

87.11.13: Minutes of the meeting held on July 10th:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Lachlan

Seconded: Cllr. McMullen

The Chair duly signed them.

88.11.13: Public Participation:

The following issue was raised by Cllr. Denham-Smith who was not able to attend the meeting:

- Chancel Repair Liability: the medieval obligation of landowners to support the upkeep of the church that is carried forward to the present day despite the sale of land many times over. Quite often the land will have been bought from the 'Glebe Commissioners'. The Councillors present had not heard of this being an issue in Cumbria and did not feel that it was a concern for the council.

89.11.13: Progress Reports:

A: Clerk's Report:

The following actions from the September meeting were reported:

- 72.09.13: Clerk to inform the LDNPA of the views of the council re: planning applications x 2: Done
- 74.09.13: Clerk to write to EA at Penrith and highlight the issue of flooding: Done but Cllr. Lachlan had already reported this issue to EA officers which had resulted in a site visit from Fiona Lang and John Dickinson. The two officers have asked that the PC write to the Penrith office explaining the situation with a view to getting the work carried out in the next financial year.
ACTION: Clerk to write to Sally Daniels of the Environment Agency at Penrith.
- 76.09.13: Clerk to arrange a Governance Sub-group meeting: Not done as yet but draft paperwork will be sent out shortly.
- 76.09.13: Clerk to complete and return the bank form: Done.
- 79.09.13: Clerk to send out copies of the updated claim form: Done
- 81.09.13: Clerk to inform CBC of the resignation of Cllr Oakley and put up vacancy notices: Done

A list of correspondence was noted and one from the Great North Air Ambulance seeking a donation was discussed. It was agreed to provide £100.00p to support the work of the service.

ACTION: Clerk to send off cheque.

B: RNEC:

Cllr. Lachlan reported that at the October meeting there had been no report on the West Lakes Extreme proposal. He had been able to inform the meeting of the grant awarded from the United Futures Fund to support the development of the footpath down to The Fox & Hounds and the installation of play equipment on the playing field. The total grant is £27.5k and Groundwork are progressing the project.

C: ECRAG:

Cllr. Ayling informed the meeting that it was now likely that the Pavillion project would not now proceed.

There followed some discussion on maintenance works on the site next year and the cost of insurance for the site. It was agreed that a figure of £800 for the grounds maintenance and £100 for the site insurance should be added to the draft budget for 14/15 (see below).

D: Bus Service 217:

Cllr. Ayling reported that he had now received the passenger numbers for 11 months during 12/13 and these were 850 passenger journeys giving a cost per journey of £5.10. The predicted figures for 13/14 are 932 journeys at a cost of £5.20 per journey. The County Council views these figures as something of a success. It was agreed that, as the junior partner in the three Parishes partnership, Ennerdale & Kinniside would continue to provide support for the service until one of the other parishes decided to withdraw their support.

E: Connecting Cumbria:

Cllr. Topping reported that, as a result of the letters sent to Jamie Reed, Bob Salkeld and Tim Knowles, he had met up with Jamie Reed and raised the concerns of the council regarding the lack of progress made with BT on the issue of sharing the UU trench to Ennerdale for the placement of fibre optic cable and the potential cost savings. It was suggested that a local pressure group should be formed to try and ensure that BT undertake meaningful community engagement on this particular issue and the wider Connecting Cumbria programme.

Cllr. Salkeld had spoken to CBC officers regarding the issue. It was noted that Cllr. Knowles had not responded.

Information received from the Connecting Cumbria team suggests that within Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish 55% of homes will receive superfast broadband coverage with 45% receiving between 2Meg and 4Meg. No dates have been given.

Cllr. Topping drew the attention of councillors to the recent launch of a superfast mobile broadband signal which covers over 100 square miles of the Northern Fells. EE, the company involved, has delivered broadband with speeds of between 24meg and 30meg at a tenth of the cost of fibre optic cabling. If EE get enough people signing up in the Northern Fells area it may well look to other areas in Cumbria to deliver a similar project.

**ACTION: Cllr. Topping to work with others in Copeland in the New Year to try to persuade BT to to dramatically improve the projected coverage of our area.
Cllr. Topping is to provide an article for the Newsletter on the above issues.**

F: MRWS 2 Response:

Due to the incapacity of Cllr. Wood, Cllrs Lachlan and Topping, in liaison with Cllr. Wood, have pulled together a response to the DECC Report on the original MRWS process. Cllr. Lachlan explained that he had used both the CALC response and the Cumbria Trust response as a basis for the Parish Council document. He then took councillors through the response. After some discussion a proposal was put forward that this document should be sent to DECC as the response of the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr. Shail

Seconded: Cllr. Ayling

All the councillors present voted in favour of the proposal.

ACTION: Clerk to submit the response to the DECC before December 5th.

90.11.13: Planning Matters:

There was one planning application to discuss:

App. No: 7/2013/4071: Bank House Farm, Kinniside – barn conversion to residential use.

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.

The following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission were noted:

CBC: 4/13/2106/OF1: United Utilities: Make permanent four temporary boreholes to the south east of Egremont and installation of pipeline between the boreholes and Ennerdale Water treatment works together with associated infrastructure.

Though official notice has yet to be received, it was noted that the Ennerdale Hub application, 7/2013/4059, had been approved subject to various conditions.

91.11.13: Report from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch:

Cllr. Topping reported that there had been no incidents reported to the police in September and one anti-social behaviour incident in October.

91.11.13: Highways Matters:

Cllr. Lachlan reported that, though he had not received the usual updates from Cumbria Highways, he was aware of the following:

- Fingerposts: still work in progress
- Missing Ennerdale signs: Due to be installed shortly
- 20MPH speed limit: it has now been agreed that this issue should be assessed in the next financial year.
- Street lighting Church Lane: lights now connected and working.

It was agreed that any decision regarding the purchase of SID’s for the village should be undertaken once it has been decided if there should be a 20mph limit in the village, i.e. next financial year.

92.11.13: The Draft Budget 2014/15:

Councillors had previously had the opportunity to look at the draft budget as proposed by the Clerk. After some discussion regarding the amounts identified for insurance and grounds maintenance it was agreed to increase the amount provided for insurance cover with a view to absorbing the cost of providing cover for ECRAAG.

It was proposed that the revised draft budget be agreed.

Proposed: Cllr. Lachlan

Seconded: Cllr. Taylor

All the councillors present agreed to the proposal.

93.11.13: Council Finance:

The Clerk reported that the balance of the main account was £13,907.98p as per the latest available bank statement dated 20th October 2013.

The following payments were agreed:

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| • Contribution to Bus Service 217: | £200.00p |
| • RNEC contribution: | £100.00p |
| • CALC Councillor training: | £50.00p |
| • Great North Air Ambulance donation: | £100.00p |

Once the above payments had been taken into account, the reconciled balance of the main account was £13,457.98p

ACTION: Clerk to send out payments.

94.11.13: Feedback from meetings:

Cllr. Lachlan reported that he had attended the CALC 3 Tier meeting at which the budgets for the Borough Council and the County Council were discussed. Karl Melville from Cumbria Highways also spoke and informed the meeting that the Highways team were all now based at Lillyhall.

At the Copeland CALC AGM widespread concerns were expressed regarding the DECC report and the likelihood of MRWS 2. Of those present, only Millom Town Council supported the proposals in the DECC report. Keith Hitchen was re-elected Chair.

Cllrs. Lachlan and Ayling had attended the LDNPA Parishes meeting at which the review of the Partnership plan was discussed together with the World Heritage Site application.

Cllrs. Lachlan and Ayling had also attended the Cumbria CALC AGM at which there was a presentation by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The CALC response to the DECC Report was also debated and agreed.

At a recent Joint Neighbourhood Forum the future of the recycling site in Frizington was discussed and volunteers were sought for a patients Forum to be established at the new Cleator Moor health centre.

Three councillors, McMullen, Shail and Denham-Smith had attended the recent training for new councillors and found it useful.

95.11.13: Items for the next meeting:

- Report from Governance sub-group (inc. New Model Standing Orders)
- Councillor portfolios
- Councillor Vacancy

96.11.13: Date of next meeting:

7.00pm on Wednesday 8th January 2014 in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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