

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 12th November 2014
in The Ennerdale & Kinniside Community Room

89.11.14: Present: Cllrs. Wood (Chair), Topping, Shail, Johns, Ayling & Taylor.

90.11.14: Apologies: Cllrs. Denham-Smith & McMullen.

Also present: D. Smith (Clerk)

91.11.14: Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Topping declared an interest as a Director of RNEC.

92.11.14: Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as an accurate record and their acceptance was:

Proposed: Cllr. Shail

Seconded: Cllr. Topping

All those present agreed and the minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

93.11.14: Public participation:

There were no members of the public present and no issues raised under this agenda item.

94.11.14: Progress Reports:

A: Clerk's Report:

The following actions from the September meeting were reported:

79.09.14: Clerk to pass on information from EA: Done

Cllr. Wood informed the meeting that he, along with Cllr. Topping, the Clerk and a number of local residents, had met with Adrian Bacon from The EA and they had looked at a number of issues and concerns along the Croasdale Beck and the River Ehen. A number of ideas were suggested to improve the flow of the water courses, including further removal of gravel. A report into the flooding issues in the area is currently in draft form and it is hoped that when the final version of the report is issued it will result in funding being made available for works in the area aimed at reducing the risk of flooding.

84.09.14: Clerk and Cllr. Shail to investigate various SID options: Done (see below).

84.09.14: Clerk and Cllr. Wood to walk the footpath into the village: Done (see below)

84.09.14: Cllr. Topping to talk to the Community Led Planning Group re: bus shelter: Done.

85.09.14: Clerk to send out all payments: Done

A list of correspondence was given:

Correspondence	For information	For action
CBC: election costs letter	X	
Persimmons Home (see below)	X	
Great North Air Ambulance: request for donation	X	X
CALC Newsletter Oct & Nov	X	
CALC Annual Report	X	

The Clerk reminded councillors that the CALC AGM was taking place on 15th November in Wigton and that the next CALC Three Tier meeting was to take place on 4th December in Calderbridge.

B: RNEC:

Cllr. Topping reported that the RNEC Annual Plan for 2015 was still in draft form but would be available shortly. He felt that there would be an opportunity to link some of the work of the CLP group into the various elements of the RNEC Plan.

C: ECRAAG:

Cllr. Ayling provided the meeting with a comprehensive update of activities and potential activities on both the village park and the bridge park.

There are currently three elements of funding being offered to the group from United Utilities:

- a grant of £500 which has been spent on three benches. one of which has been placed by the School, it has yet to be decided where the other two should go.
- an offer of manpower to undertake works in the village - it has yet to be decided where in the village might best benefit from this offer might be best used.
- a grant from UU via Groundwork which could be matched with a WREN grant to purchase equipment for the village park.

There followed some discussion on the potential impact on bridge park were new equipment to be installed on village park but it was generally agreed that the future of bridge park was as a memorial garden and not a play park.

A further discussion on the cost of insurance cover for ECRAAG and the cost of grounds maintenance for the coming season resulted in an agreement that ECRAAG would continue with their own insurance cover for the next year but an amount of £800 be included in the Council budget for grounds maintenance on the two parks for next season.

ACTION: Cllr. Ayling to clarify the potential funding available and liaise with UU with regard to the work team.

D: Bus Service 217:

Cllr. Woods reported that he had attended a meeting in October at which some of the passenger data, though not all, was available. Arlecdon & Frizington PC are to decide at their December meeting if they are able to continue to support the 217 service. This will be dependent upon funding from CBC. Dean PC has indicated that they might be prepared to increase their support. There is no expectation that Ennerdale & Kinniside PC would increase its support.

At the next meeting of Lamplugh PC Cllrs. Ayling and Wood will be in attendance together with representatives from Dean PC to try and persuade Lamplugh councillors to provide some financial support for the service.

E: Connecting Cumbria:

Cllr. Topping reported back from a meeting held in October at Lillyhall where a BT project manager gave an update on progress made on the Connecting Cumbria project. Cllr. Topping stated that BT seemed to be a lot more honest in their assessment of both timescales and progress. It is still estimated that SFBB will be available in the parish sometime in Spring/Summer 2015, though will not be available to all households in the parish. Speeds of up to 80mbs will be available to those who wish to sign up to new SFBB contracts with providers. It is hoped that additional government funding will allow a third phase of the project which would deal with the 'not-spots'. As the technology gets better so even the most remote of households should be able to benefit from SFBB.

F: Community Led Planning:

Cllr. Johns reported that the next meeting of the group was scheduled for December 2nd. Some initial work has been undertaken in which people were asked what they liked about where they lived and what concerns they had about the area. A realivly small sample was used and the results didn't contain any real surprises.

After attending the Neighbourhood Watch AGM, at which Community Emergency Planning was discussed, Cllr. Johns felt that it was important to ensure that this activity be included in the CLP.

94.11.14: Planning:

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

Notice of grant of planning permission:

Ref: 7/2014/4056
Location: Old Post Office, Ennerdale Bridge

Ref: 7/2014/4059
Location: Bank House Farm Cottage

A letter was read out from Persimmon Homes in which they explained that they have recently undertaken routine ground investigations on the site behind Vicarage Lane and that it is their intention to re-submit a planning application for the site though with a reduced number of houses. They will endeavour to keep the Parish Council informed of developments. Councillors noted these comments.

95.11.14: Report from the Police & Neighbourhood Watch:

Police Reports: In September there were no reported incidents. There was no report for October available.

Neighbourhood Watch Alerts & Messages: In September there had been five alerts issued and eight in October.

Speedwatch: two sessions have been undertaken, one on 25th September in the morning and one the following day in the afternoon. Most vehicles were travelling within the speed limit. Four vehicles were travelling between 36 and 40mph.

96.11.14: Highways Issues:

In light of the results from the Speedwatch volunteers councillors again debated the issue of purchase of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) for placement in the village. It was agreed that the purchase of a SID for use in the village was a good use of public funds and would be beneficial to those living in the parish.

Cllr. Wood informed the meeting that he was to meet with Kevin Cosgrove from Cumbria Highways and he would get his opinion on where best to place the SID and whether it could be placed on an existing pole or lamp standard or whether new poles would need to be positioned by the side of the road. If the latter is the preferred option the Clerk will then find out if planning permission is required.

Cllr. Wood is also to discuss the damage to the Ennerdale sign with Kevin Cosgrove and some Cold Fell related issues.

ACTION: Cllr. Wood to inform the Clerk of the outcome of his meeting with Kevin Cosgrove.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the LDNPA to see if they would be able to provide a work team to undertake work on the Walkers Path hedge. He was not hopeful that this would be possible and consequently asked for a quote to undertake the work from a contractor.

ACTION: Clerk to inform councillors of the cost of this work prior to commissioning.

97.11.14: The Draft Budget 2015/16:

The Clerk had previously circulated a copy of the draft budget and he took councillors through the various budget headings. Most of the proposals were accepted by councillors with two exceptions:

- It was agreed to increase the amount allocated for grounds maintenance from £200 to £1,000 (see above).
- To increase the amount allocated to donations from £0 to £500.

With these adjustments the predicted spend in the financial year is £4,342. As there are still sufficient reserves in place it was agreed not to increase the precept for the coming financial year and this will remain at £3,390.

Councillors also agreed that Jill Bush be asked to act as the internal auditor for the council for 2015/16.

98.11.14: Council Finance:

The Clerk reported that the balance of the Council account was £14,380.11p as per the bank statement dated 19th September 2014.

The following expenditure was agreed by the councillors present:

- Councillor expenses: £85.00p

Once the above payments had been taken into account the reconciled balance of the main account is £14,295.11p

ACTION: Clerk to send out all payments.

99.11.14: Feedback from Meetings:

Cllr. Topping reported back from the CALC Three Tier meeting held at St. Bees in September at which the main topic had been footway lighting and the issue of removing lamps from ENW and BT poles.

The Clerk reported from the Copeland CALC AGM where Keith Hitchen was re-elected as Chair and David Polhill re-elected as Vice-Chair. The speaker at the meeting was Lorraine Smythe who gave an update on the work of ACT.

Cllr. Wood reported back from a presentation on the various options for siting the new pylon routes from West Cumbria to the main grid. Neither the north or south options will impact upon the parish.

Cllr. Wood also reported back from the Neighbourhood Watch AGM at which Community Emergency Planning was discussed.

100.11.14: Items for the next Meeting:

- David Moore: the new Head Teacher of the school

ACTION: Cllr. Shail to remind the Head Teacher.

- Mike McKinley: the new Chairman of the LDNPA

ACTION: Clerk to invite.

A request has been received from the Copeland Red Squirrel Group to come and give an update to the Council. It was agreed that an invitation to the March meeting should be given.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange with group.

101.11.14: Date of the next meeting:

7.00pm on Wednesday 14th January 2015 in St. Mary's Community Centre.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chair

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