

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2014
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

45.05.14: In Attendance: Cllrs. Wood (Chair), McMullen, Taylor, Johns, Shail, Topping and Denham-Smith.

Also in attendance: Bob Salkeld (CBC), David Smith (Clerk) and one member of the public.

46.05.14: Apologies: Cllr. Ayling.

47.05.14: Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

48.05.14: Minutes of the March meeting:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Topping

Seconded: Cllr. Denham-Smith

The Chair duly signed them.

49.05.14: Public Participation:

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

50.05.14: Progress Reports:

A: Clerk's Report:

The following actions from the January meeting were reported:

27.03.14: Clerk to obtain more accurate insurance quote re: ECRAAG: Done

29.03.14: Clerk to find out when Speedwatch training is to be delivered: Information not received

31.03.14: Clerk to send governance documents for placement on the website. Done.

32.03.14: All payments sent out and cheques now cleared through the account.

A list of correspondence was given:

Correspondence	For information	For action
CCC Bus Timetable	X	
ECRAAG letter with cheque from UU	X	X
CBC: precept information	X	
BDO External Audit forms	X	X
CALC Newsletters April and May	X	
EA: information on Croasdale Beck*	X	

*The information from the Environment Agency regarding the flooding issues on the Croasdale Beck, and the request from the Council for dredging works to be undertaken, was that investigations were still ongoing.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up and report back to the next meeting.

B: RNEC:

Cllr. Topping reported that he had met with Chris Pickles from CBC who updated him on the various activities of RNEC as the replacement for Cllr. Lachlan on the RNEC Board. He has been asked to become a director of the organisation, once again as a replacement for Cllr. Lachlan.

C: ECRAAG:

The Clerk informed the meeting that ECRAAG had decided to take out their own insurance cover for the coming year.

D: Bus Service 217:

Cllr. Wood reported that there had been a meeting held today and the Parish representatives had been informed that the County Council will eventually withdraw all funding that currently supports bus services in the county. It is expected that if funding is withdrawn from the 218 service then Arlecdon & Frizington Parish Council will take funds that they use to support the 217 and put them towards the 218. When the funding situation has been clarified the four parishes who currently support the 217 service are to write to Lamplugh Parish Council to ask them to reconsider their stance not to provide financial support for the 217. It was noted that of all the Parishes that the 217 travelled through, Ennerdale had the fewest users.

E: Connecting Cumbria:

Cllr. Topping informed the meeting that there was very little to report and that there was a sense of real disappointment at the lack of community engagement undertaken by BT. A local businessman, Ross Whitfield, is currently trialling wireless signals around the village, the results of which should prove useful.

F: MRWS:

Cllr. Wood reported back from a CoRWM meeting held on April 30th. It was held to let local people have their say on the restructured and restarted MRWS process. There were over 100 people in attendance and the majority were opposed to the idea of restarting the process. People made it clear that they felt that CoRWM, a supposedly independent organisation, was taking a similar line to that of DECC and the NDA and were not challenging these organisations, DECC in particular. There was a lack of trust in CoRWM and the majority of those present felt that the MRWS process would restart with a revised model that would, once again, seek volunteer communities rather than concentrating on suitable geology first. Concerns were expressed at the attempt to sideline the County Council in the process, using the justification of localism and the District councils being closer to local communities and with more resources than Parish Councils. If there is any attempt to place a GDF in the National Park or a SSSI area most felt that there would be a legal challenge.

51.05.14: Community Led Planning:

Cllr. Wood reminded those present that the Parish Plan had been completed in 2004 and, as such, was to a very large extent out of date. The LDNPA have now stated that they would not take into consideration during their planning and decision making processes any plan that is older than five years.

It was agreed that there was a need for a new updated plan for the local community and that a sub-group should be set up to start this process. Cllr. Johns explained that she had recently attended a training session at which the Community Led Planning process was outlined and that she was interested in getting involved in the development of a new community plan. Cllrs. Topping and Denham-Smith also said that they would like to join the sub-group. It was agreed that members of the wider community should be invited to join and the Clerk would provide support to the sub-group.

52.05.14: Planning Matters:

One application has been received since the last meeting:

Ref: 7/2014/4022
Location: Ennerdale Water Treatment Works, Bleach Green, Ennerdale CA23 3AS
Proposal: Temporary Planning Permission for a period of 3 years for the construction of a workshop facility
Response by: 18.4.14

A response of 'No Objections' was sent.

A Notice of Withdrawal was received from CBC with regard to the Vicarage Lane Planning Application (4/14/2001/0F1). No reason for the withdrawal was given.

53.05.14: Report from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch:

Cllr. Wood reported that six Neighbourhood Watch messages had been sent out in March and one in April.

Police reports were as follows:

February 14: 0 reports
March 14: 0 reports

54.05.14: Highways Matters:

Cllr. Topping felt there needed to be some clarification as to councillor roles with regard to Highways and picking up where Cllr. Lachlan had left off. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr. McMullen stated that she would attend the Cold Fell meetings on behalf of the Council.

Mr. Lister from Low Waterside reported his concerns regarding blocked pipes from the culverts on the main road by Low Waterside to the River Ehen. At present the water is backing up and bubbling out of the culvert. This is causing problems on the road and in the nearby field, a section of which he is unable to silage because it is too wet. He has reported this to Cumbria Highways and been given a job reference number (411213392) but as yet no work has been undertaken on the problem.

ACTION: Clerk to report again to Highways Hotline.

55.05.14: New Governance Document:

The Chair suggested that discussion on the new Model Financial Regulations, recently received from CALC, should be postponed until the July meeting as this will give councillors time to read through the document. This suggestion was agreed by the councillors present.

56.05.14: Council Finance:

The Clerk reported that the balance of the main account was £12,659.76p as per the latest available bank statement dated 17th April 2014.

Councillors were asked to note recent payments into the account, these being the annual precept from CBC, £3,390 plus a concurrent services grant of £56.26p. There was also the payment of £500.00p from United Utilities for ECRAAG but cheque made payable to the Parish Council.

The following payments were agreed:

- J.D. Crozier - maintenance: £144.00p
- CALC - Annual Subscription: £126.00p
- Aon - Annual Insurance cover: £338.83p
- ECRAAG - United Utilities grant: £500.00p

Once the above payments and receipts had been taken into account, the reconciled balance of the main account is £15,497.19p

ACTION: Clerk to send out payments.

57.05.14: Feedback from meetings:

Cllr. Topping reported back from the most recent Cold Fell Communities meeting held at the end of March. The main discussion points were related to the Speed-watch training, a date for which has still to be set, the purchase of Speed Indicator devices and the coming release of lambs onto the fell road. There followed a discussion regarding the purchase of speed indicator devices and it was agreed that the finances of the council would allow for this.

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Bob Jones from Ponsonby PC who felt that there should be some sort of recognition of the work undertaken by Cllr. Lachlan over the years on the Cold Fell issue. Councillors agreed and an allocation of £50.00 was made, to be put towards funds from other PCs for a gift to be purchased in recognition of the work undertaken by Cllr. Lachlan.

ACTION: Clerk to send out SID leaflet.

Cllr. Wood reported back from the LDNPA Western Distinctive Area meeting at which the development of Silecroft beach visitor facilities and the future use of the Wellbank brownfield site at Bootle were discussed.

58.05.14: Items for the next meeting:

- Councillor portfolios
- Community Plan
- New Model Financial Regulations
- Newsletter (all articles to Cllr. Topping by the end of the month).

59.05.14: Date of next meeting:

7.00pm on Wednesday 9th July 2014 in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chair

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