

## Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Draft Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 14 September 2016  
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

**71.09.16: In Attendance:** Cllrs Denham-Smith (Chair), Topping, Wood, Outhwaite

Also in attendance: Rev. Ian Parker, Susan Denham-Smith (Clerk), Muir Lachlan (Public Rep) David Bechelli (Copeland Borough Council - CBC), Catherine Evans, Louis Antoine (Environment Agency, EA), Rachel Oakley (Wild Ennerdale Partnership)

**72.09.16: Apologies:** Cllr Ayling, Cllr Johns.

The Chair, Cllr Denham-Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**73.09.16: Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Wood declared an interest that Flood Planning affected his house. (Item 5)

Cllr Denham-Smith declared an interest in Clerk's Employment Contract (Item 8 Clerk's Report)

**74.09.16 Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the July meeting were discussed. Cllr Outhwaite commented that the Meeting with Wild Ennerdale Partnership in September had been omitted and it was agreed that it had been decided to be included in the September meeting. Cllr Wood also corrected point 61.07.16, that the Parish Council required 3 Councillors to be present to be quorate. The minutes were reissued with this amendment and then accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Denham-Smith

Seconded: Cllr Wood

The Chair duly signed them.

**75.19.16 Co-option of a new Councillor:** to consider any applications for co-option to the Council.

No applications were forthcoming.

**76.19.16 Presentation by Louis Antoine, Catherine Evans of The Environment Agency, and David Bechelli Flood and Coastal Defence Engineer from Copeland of Copeland Borough Council:**

Louis made introduction and described how the Environment Agency was carrying out a project to look at the flood risk in Cumbria and that he (Louis) was heading the project in relation to Ennerdale. The purpose of the meeting was to make a point of contact and build a relationship with the community. After initial assessments the EA will be moving on to a feasibility study, drawing up a list of options, costs and benefits, for the scheme, which includes bidding for funding. They will be engaging with the community and hope for the community to get involved working in an integrated way with the Highways dept. He clarified that where their programme states that work on the Ennerdale Bridge flood protection scheme starts in August, in reality it means that the feasibility study begins in August, and that it might be 18-24 months before actual groundworks begin to take place. He stated that working in partnership makes the idea of funding more likely and he planned a site visit in the next few months.

Muir Lachlan gave examples of how the floods on 13/8/13 had originated in the Croasdale Beck and had affected Ennerdale Bridge. He also spoke about the meeting he had with Kevin Thompson and John Smithern (Highways) on 19/8/16 looking at gully remodelling. A further meeting will take place on 12/10/16

David Bechelli reassured the meeting that he was aware that the Croasdale Beck needs to be considered in getting to the root of the problems.

He also clarified that CBC have powers to do work in ordinary water courses. CCC have more powers and deals with surface water and flooding and the EA has overview of coastal flooding, main rivers and reservoirs, so it is not always the responsibility of one organisation, but pointed out that they work together with one organisation taking the lead.

Catherine Evans confirmed that the EA would follow due process and keep the community informed of their actions

She highlighted that her department was responsible for a 4-way approach to tackling flooding:

Partnership Defences

Maintenance,

Upstream Management

Community Resilience.

She emphasised part of the engagement by the EA with the Ennerdale and Kinniside Community was to assist with "Resilience Management", which encompassed all environmental community risk factors. Her team could help and would encourage the development of community action plans to help the Ennerdale & Kinniside community to make themselves more resilient.

Cllr Outhwaite asked if there was funding for resilience actions and if there was a guideline plan.

DB replied there was and a 5 step plan developed with CCC which includes all resilience needs including loss of power was available and could be provided.

DB commented that in the meantime sand bags/ flood sacks could be ordered direct from CBC on 01946 598300 and up to 50 can be delivered but they have to be kept dry and could only be delivered to community groups not individuals.

Cllr Topping suggested that the Resilience Plan should be considered to be incorporated in the CLP.

DB also noted some areas of concern stated by the public:

The corner of Long Moor common (it is common land, NT land and has Natural England Designations, and the highways are responsible for the drainage).

Hazelholme

He agreed to check that they were on the flood hotspot register, for which there is a dedicated group dealing with highways hotspots

DB offered to meet people privately and can be contacted via his email address

[david.bechelli@copeland.gov.uk](mailto:david.bechelli@copeland.gov.uk), to discuss individual concerns.

Louis Antoine was invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 8 March 2017.

**A copy of the The Resilience Guideline plan was requested to be sent to the Parish Clerk, to be forwarded to the CLP group for consideration and incorporation in the CLP**

**A copy of the Flood Register was requested to be forwarded to the Parish Clerk.**

**Action: SDS to follow up**

**77.09.16 Wild Ennerdale update: Rachel Oakley**

Visitor interpretation signs at Bowness Knott and Bleach Green car parks will be in place mid to end of September.

Wild Ennerdale Partnership have provided feed-back to the CLP Steering Group and would like to stay involved .

Ennerdale Centre - Possible financial funding support for events, has been offered.

Red squirrels project: Cameras are in place and there is some training planned. The scheme centres on stopping grey squirrels coming past an exclusion zone. They are killed humanely by "WLSI"???" at weekends outside the parish .

The bollards at the Anglers car park are being planned. They will be put in place to restrict access to the car park, due to an increase in anti-social behaviour at the site. Permits will be issued to allow legitimate access.

Cllr McMullen requested that the changes are monitored in case this action results in the problem being moved to a different location.

The interest group RSPB has monitored an increase in birds in the valley.

Linked to the resilience topic, there have been reciprocal visits from Glenridding residents, to exchange ideas of valley life.

The Autumn news letter will be issued through "Contact".

26 /9/16 Cllr Outhwaite is to attend the Wild Ennerdale Partnership meeting at Peil Wyke from 11-12am. Issues to be discussed are to include United Utilities land ownership, access and reconnecting the valley to the village, doggy bags being abandoned. Any further topics for discussion should be forwarded to Cllr Outhwaite before 26/9/16.

**Action: RO to monitor and feedback on Anglers Car Park Bollards project**

**78.09.16 Public Participation:**

Rev Ian Parker highlighted the problem with a salt bin ½ way up cold fell at the entrance to Swinside. The hinge has failed, salt has been washed away and weeds have taken root. ML reported that there are in fact 16 bins and 2 are damaged. These have been reported to the Highways. Also at same location there is a Beech tree, which is damaged and dangerous.

**Action:ML to action with Highways.**

The first section of the off road path between Lillyhall and Braemar, which is to be provided by UU seems to be in place. Final surfacing is required. There is no sign so use is very limited.

**Action: Liaison group in October Cllr Outhwaite**

**79.09.16 Progress Reports:**

**A: Clerk's report (incl. correspondence and planning)**

Actions on Clerk and others from previous meeting requiring further action/updates:

- 62.07.16 Future meeting dates to be displayed on notice boards (SDS-Done)  
 SID Passed on to Cllr Denham-Smith (Done)  
 Chase Cumbria Highways (Ongoing)  
**Further Action (Sept) Cllr Wood to pass Highways Ongoing list to Muir Lachlan**
- 63.07.16 Public Liability certificate to be displayed on notice boards. (SDS - Done)  
 Reply to Rishi Sunak (MP) Coast to Coast Official Trail. (Cllr MDS - Done)  
 Pensions Regulator informed and registration process completed (SDS -done)  
 Louis Antoine EA: Cumbria Flood Action Plan invited to meeting (SDS-Done)  
 Cllr Wood to attend 217 action group meeting and report E&K Parish Council's position (Cllr Wood/Cllr Ayling - Done)  
**Draft Letter to BT (Cllr Topping) See below F**  
 Community Led Planning ACT form (SDS/Cllr Johns) email Bridget and ACT – ongoing  
**Action SDS to collate invoices and fill in claim form**  
 CLP Exec summary by Chair (Cllr Denham-Smith)  
 Newsletter to be sent out after each AGM with list of Councillors (Cllr Topping)  
**See below G**
- 65.07.16 Neighbourhood Watch to be informed of Cllr Topping's email address (Cllr Topping/Wood)  
**Action: Cllr Wood**
- 66.07.16 Highways Issues list to be forwarded to Muir Lachlan (Cllr Wood)  
**Action as 62.07.16 above**  
 Cllr Knowles to be contacted at the end of the year re Cold Fell and feedback from the CLP  
**See Action below in Correspondence**  
 Speedwatch Group continued discussions regarding expanding coverage. (Cllr Topping)  
**Action/feedback: Lamplugh School and Parish Council and Wedicar PC are talking to the police to audit their situation. Cllr Topping and ??? have offered support to help their volunteers when they are ready. Cllr Topping promoted the scheme in an interview on BBC Radio Cumbria**
- 67.07.16 Extend/change signatories at Nat West Bank (Cllr Mc Mullen)  
**Further Action Sept: Cllr McMullen to follow up Cllr Wood to be removed from list, check Muir Lachlan is also not on. Mark Denham-Smith (Signatories will then be Cllrs Topping, Denham-Smith and McMullen)**
- 68.07.16 Inform Cold Fell action group that E&KPC cannot provide secretarial coverage for the following year (Cllr McMullen)Done. **Cllr McMullen still represents E&KPC on this group.**

Date	Correspondence	For information	For action
3/8/16	Calc Community Led Housing survey reply by 30/9/16		Cllr MDS
3/8/16	Invitation to Wild Ennerdale Meeting Peil Wyke 26/9/16		Cllr RO
3/8/16	Cumbria Victims Charitable Trust donations request	X	No action
9/8/16	Connecting Cumbria Jonathan Harris meeting (Cllr Topping)		See Below "F"

10/8/16	Nominations for CALC Executive	X	
10/8/16	Good Employer Booklet from CALC (Contract for Clerk)		Cllr Topping/SDS
	CALC Transparency Fund (application for funding for Scanner (£100)/ computer(£350)/ web site costs(limit))		SDS
1/9/16	LDNP Muncaster meeting Distinctive Area Tour 11/10/16 reply by 26/9/16	X	Cllr RO to follow up on West Coast Transport Strategy
26/8/16	BDO Auditor's report – requirements – Poster Notice of conclusion of Audit to be displayed, publishing Section 1-3 of Annual Return, Issues arising from the Audit, (Fixed Assets were included at a valuation amount instead of cost). Change of Clerk/Chair Details (Done – SDS)	X	SDS to check about registering for next year's audit with CALC, David Smith and auditors
2/9/16	Cllr Topping re Cold Fell / Cllr Knowles		See Below
8/9/16	Knott Weed Spraying West Cumbria Rivers Trust invoice to follow	X	SDS to check when spraying was authorised by E&KPC.
10/9/16	Cold Fell Action Group – Bob Jones next meeting and new reps 10/10/16		Cllr Mc Mullen is the rep and will continue. She will be inviting Cllr Knowles to the next meeting regarding his recent comments about making Cold Fell "Access only"
10/9/16	Nick Hayhurst CBC – proposed removal of payphones	X	SDS to forward the correspondence to Ennerdale School as it is thought the payphone forms part of the school's emergency action plan.
11/9/16	Ric Outhwaite re off road path cold fell		Cllr Outhwaite

**All relevant electronic mail has been forwarded to councillors**

**Planning:** There are currently no new planning applications to consider.

Two planning applications were dealt with between meetings:

Lake District National Park Planning

Ref: 7/2016/4049,

Location: Swinside End, Kinniside, Cleator, CA23 3AQ,

Proposal: Proposed alterations and Extensions,

Reply by: 24 August 2016,

A response of 'No Objections' was sent.

Copy of Correspondence sent to Mr Nick Leeming Groundwork NE Cumbria, DL3 7HD

Application Number: 7/2016/4021

Location: Recreation Field Ennerdale Bridge

Proposal: Confirmation of compliance with conditions on approval ref 7/2015/4114 – tarmac multi use games area and installation of play equipment

Confirmation of Express Consent – Subject to conditions:

Ref: 7/2016/4031  
Location: Bleach Green Car Park  
Proposal: Visitor Interpretation Panel

Ref: 7/2016/4032  
Location: Bowness Knott Car Park  
Proposal: Visitor Interpretation Panel

Confirmation of Approval to Changes to Planning consent

Ref: 7/2016/4043  
Location: Kibo, 6 Kirkland Road Ennerdale, CA23 3AZ  
Proposal: Non material amendment to application 7/2015/4118

No Actions required.

Copeland Borough Council Application

Ref: CH/4/16/2286/0F1  
Location: 7 Vicarage Lane  
Proposal: First Floor Bedroom Extension  
Reply by: 14 Sept 2016

No Objections

**Action: SDS to check the PC Standing orders to check whether the plans should be sent to Due to Cllr Outhwaite initially for comment due to his professional experience.**

**Additional Duties**

- Booking New Clerk Training Course at Helsington and Brigsteer Village Hall, New dates TBC – Course is £55 and travel expenses will be claimed

Agreed by Cllr Topping

- The New or Aspiring Chair and/or Experienced Chair both £35, various dates October and November

Agreed by Cllr Wood

- Setting up Payroll system (ongoing)

**Action: SDS**

**B: United Utilities Liaison Group (Cllr. Outhwaite)**

UU very little response possibly due to holiday season. Next meeting 18-19 Oct.

**C: RNEC (Cllr. Outhwaite)** – Xtreme sports centre project has been cancelled

**D: ECRAAG (Cllr. Ayling – report in absentia)** – Tennis post requires repair by contractors. Funding has been received. The hedge has been trimmed around bridge park. Thanks to the gardener (Cllr Ayling's son in law?)

E: Bus Service 217 (Cllr. Ayling – report in absentia) Cllr Ayling attended the meeting on 28 September and confirmed that E&KPC have agreed to honour the £200 payment set in this year's budget. E&KPC will not take part in the legal entity and will consider contributing in next year's budget.

**F: Connecting Cumbria (Cllr Topping)**

Cllr Topping has spoken **Johnathan Harris of BT – Connecting Cumbria??** The cabinet has been in place for a year to take cables. The cables need to be brought through from Lamplugh (the conduit has been there for 10 years). Actions to start connecting the community are scheduled to begin this week with a view to being all connected soon.

**G: Parish Council Information Leaflet, incl. distribution(Cllr Topping)** SDS has a copy of the Parish List

**Action: SDS to forward the list to Cllr Topping to co-ordinate delivery of leaflets, together with CLP summary, Neighbourhood Watch and Speedwatch reports.**

**G: Community Led Planning (Cllr. Johns)** Resilience planning needs to be added to the plan. November Bridget to report next steps.

**Action: Resilience Guideline to be forwarded to Cllr Johns from EA via Clerk**

**80.09.16 Planning:**

**Action: SDS Move this item on the agenda to Clerk's report**

**81.09.16 Report from the Police/Neighbourhood Watch**

**Neighbourhood Watch Messages and Alerts**

**6 July**

**3 August**

Nothing from the Police. Allan Willison the current contact has moved on and there is no new contact.

**Action: Cllr Topping/DW follow up to find new contact.**

**82.09.16 Highways Issues:**

ML - Lengthsman involved in fighting Knott weed – Chris pickles did not turn up for meeting. There has been no new contract from Works 2 You.

Cllr Denham-Smith checked that ML is happy to act as a volunteer and has had proper training to handle the weed killers and equipment. He confirmed he was happy and had been trained.

David Crozier carries out the hedge cutting on behalf of E&KPC. ML has detail of David Crozier's current responsibilities. Discussion was made of possible extra areas that need tackling ie close to

Long Moor End (near John Hind's farm) and Bridge Park, and grass cutting at the corner of Broadmoor on the road to the lake by Braemar (this is possibly part of the lengthsman scheme) Also the responsibility for the grass-cutting from Ehen Garth to the Fox and Hounds was discussed. The CLP has a plan for footpath on this section.

**Action: ML to send SDS (Clerk) the list he has of David Crozier's remit. Agenda item for November meeting.**

- **Cold Fell Road proposals**

Cllr Knowles has been reported in the local media suggesting changes in access to the Cold Fell Road. Cllr Topping requested that we invite him to PC meeting in November so we can hear his ideas and express our view-point.

**Action SDS invite Cllr Knowles - County Councillor for Frizington and invite PC's of affected Parishes if he accepts**

#### **83.09.16 Council Finance**

Susan Denham-Smith (Clerk) reported that the balance of the main account was £10,119.53 as of the latest statement dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in the account.

The following 5 payments were agreed:

The Clerk's salary quarter 2	£356.40
The Clerk's expenses quarter 2	£25.64
National Trust Cameras	£233.98
Printing Costs Ian Topping	£40

The above payments have been taken into account, and the reconciled balance of the account as of 14 Sept 2016 is £9463.51p

It was agreed that Ian Topping's email quoting the printing costs would be accepted as invoice for printing £40 with regard to the information about the PC to be sent to all households.

#### **84.09.16 Feedback from other meetings attended**

No comments

#### **85.09.16 Items for the next meeting**

Draft Budget 2017 –

**Action: SDS draft a budget based on last year's.**

**7.00pm on Wednesday 9 November 2016 in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chair**

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