

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2016
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

01.01.16: In Attendance: Cllrs. Wood (Chair), Ayling, McMullen, Topping, Denholm-Smith, Johns and Outhwaite.

Also in attendance: Muir Lachlan, Rev. Ian Parker, Rachel Oakley (Wild Ennerdale), Gareth Browning (Wild Ennerdale), Cllr. Dirom (CBC) and Dave Smith (Clerk).

02.01.16: Apologies: Cllr. Shail,

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

03.01.16: Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Topping declared an interest as a Director of RNEC.

04.01.16: Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Denholm-Smith

Seconded: Cllr. Ayling

The Chair duly signed them.

05.01.16: The Wild Ennerdale Project:

Rachel Oakley, from the Wild Ennerdale Project, thanked those present for the invitation to the meeting and proceeded to provide an update on Wild Ennerdale activities. There are to be new signs erected at Bowness Knott and Bleach Green car parks. Each of the signs will contain information about the WE project and local attractions.

Work has started on the visitor interpretation element of the Ennerdale Centre which will cover the work of the WE project, local history and local attractions.

A National Trust team are currently working on a review of how the organisation provides permissions for large-scale sporting events in the National Park on National Trust land. The Clerk will be informed of any future events to be held in the Parish.

United Utilities, a partner in the Wild Ennerdale project, have recently purchased some large parcels of land in the Parish Rachel explained that WE was involved in the very early stages of a land management for the land but it was made clear that whilst WE was involved in developing the general themes that would inform the Land Management Plan, they were not involved in the detail. UU have had discussions with WE about incorporating this newly acquired land into the overall WE project.

A number of concerns were expressed with regard to this issue. These included the lack of any community consultation regarding future use of the land, even though UU had been invited to attend the most recent Community Gather, the cessation of all agricultural activities on the land, which it was stated had been agreed by UU in 2014, and the impact that will have on the look and feel of the local

community. A further point was made about whether what was planned for the land would actually conflict with the WE plan for the area. Rachel stated that the land was not yet in the WE plan.

Further concerns were expressed about empty and boarded up farm buildings and the state of the area at Bleach Green. The Chair reminded those present that these were issues to be dealt with at the UU meeting scheduled for January 27th.

Gareth Browning then provided the meeting with an update from the Forest Enterprise element of the WE partnership. Tree harvesting was scheduled for Lower Gillerthwaite and the bottom of Bowness. The timber is sold for fencing, making chipboard or sent to the wood burning power plant at Iggesund.

New procedures are being developed regarding the capture of Grey Squirrels using cameras to monitor areas where they have been reported. If they are captured on camera then traps are set in the locality.

A scheduled ancient monument, a number of cairns, is at risk of being destroyed by erosion from the River Liza. The cairns are to be excavated before they are lost to the river.

06.01.16: Public Participation:

The Reverend Parker congratulated the Parish Council on the newly installed notice-board on the gable end of the school.

07.01.16: Progress Reports:

A: Clerk's Report:

The following actions from the previous meeting had been undertaken:

- 87.11.15: Clerk to ask UU to attend a community meeting: Done
- 87.11.15: Clerk to contact the Lynx trust to remind them of the views of the Council: Done
- 88.11.15: Clerk to issue cheque to PCC: Done
- 88.11.15: Clerk to request a copy of the latest version of the Flood Plan from the EA: Done
- 88.11.15: Support for Frizington Fire Station emailed to CCC: Done
- 88.11.15: Clerk to Issue cheque for planning fee (Sports field): Done
- 88.11.15: Cllr Wood to circulate 217 passenger usage figures: See below
- 89.11.15: Clerk to inform the LDNPA of the views of the Council: Done
- 91.11.15: Clerk to chase up progress report from Kevin Cosgrove again: Done but no report received.
- 92.11.15: Clerk to inform CBC of the increase in the precept: Done
- 93.11.15: Clerk to send out all payments: Done

A list of correspondence was given:

Correspondence	For information	For action
Letter from Great North Air Ambulance seeking donation	X	X
Letter from Pensions Regulator	X	X
CALC Newsletter: Dec/Jan	X	

Great North Air Ambulance: Councillors agreed a donation of £100 to the Great North Air Ambulance service as:

Proposed by: Cllr. Outhwaite

Seconded by: Cllr. Topping

ACTION: Clerk to issue a cheque to the organisation.

B: RNEC:

Cllr. Topping informed the meeting that there had been no meeting of RNEC since the last Parish Council meeting and, as such, nothing to report.

C: ECRAG:

Cllr. Ayling informed the meeting that the planning permission for the MUGA had now been agreed and that all the funding was in place for the wider project. Barton Landscapes of Preston have been given the job and work will commence shortly.

There followed a discussion about the future of Bridge Park. There is currently a licence, not a lease, between the Parish Council and the Church for the use of the land. This licence runs until December 2017. It was agreed that once the new equipment had been installed on the Recreation Field, the existing equipment in Bridge Park should be removed.

The ECRAG insurance cover runs out in March and it was agreed that Cllr Ayling should arrange for further cover for three months prior to the Recreation Field being covered by the Parish Council insurance which will commence in June.

ACTION: Cllr. Ayling is to provide the Clerk with a full list of equipment to be sited on the Recreation Field.

D: Bus Service 217:

Cllr. Ayling informed the meeting that he had attended a 217 meeting at which copies of the new winter timetable were circulated. One of these has now been placed on the new notice-board. The passenger usage figures issued at the meeting were clearly unreliable and revised figures will be issued shortly.

ACTION: Cllr Wood to circulate passenger usage figures when they become available.

E: Connecting Cumbria:

There is no update to report.

F: Community Led Planning Group:

Cllr. Johns explained that there had been a number of responses and comments to the draft questionnaire which was being re-drafted prior to a further round of feedback being sought. It is intended that the finalised version will be delivered to every house in the Parish in February with the hope that they will all be returned in March.

G: The Off-Road Footpath:

Cllr. Outhwaite reported that progress continues to be made and that a detailed report is currently being worked up. This will be one of the issues raised at the UU meeting to be held shortly and Cllr. Outhwaite made it clear that the support of UU is critical to the success of the project.

H: The Parish Council website:

This issue will be discussed in detail at the March meeting of the Council.

08.01.16: Planning Matters:

There were no new planning applications to consider.

Two new planning applications have been dealt with between meetings:

Ref: 7/2015/4114
Location: Recreation Field, Ennerdale Bridge
Proposal: Installation of a tarmac multi use games area with associated drainage. Installation of play equipment.
Reply by: 18th December 2015

A response of 'No Objections' was sent.

Ref: 7/2015/4112
Location: Howside, Ennerdale, Cleator CA23 3AU
Proposal: Replacement sun room extension and renovation of adjoining outbuilding
Response by: 29.12.15

A response of 'No Objections' was sent.

Councillors were asked to note the following:

Notice of Grant of Planning Permission:

Ref: 7/2015/4081: Longmoor Head, Kinniside-demolish existing extension & construct new extension
Ref: 7/2015/4074: See above - listed building consent
Ref: 7/2015/4096: Thorntrees, Ennerdale-erection of garage, extension & change of use to Guest Ho.

09.01.16: Report from the Borough Councillor:

Cllr. Dirom reported that, as a new councillor, he had quite a few training sessions to attend over recent months. He has also attended numerous Member briefings from different bodies together with attending a number of Council Working Groups.

These are strange times at Copeland: one the one hand we have to make savings and cuts, and on the other, there is to be more investment into West Cumbria than ever before.

Further budget cuts are to be found, forecasts indicate that in the region of £3 million of reduced spend will be required to continue to provide services to the Borough. To that end, the post of Chief Executive has been made redundant. Officers are looking at new income generating possibilities to try and alleviate some of the cuts required. One idea floated recently was to introduce charges for emptying green waste bins in Copeland.

The Boundaries Commission is to be brought in with the view to potentially cutting the number of Borough Councillors from the present 51 to around 26. Further discussions are also underway with regard to the idea of a single authority for Cumbria which may well include a single Mayor for Cumbria.

There have been numerous figures mentioned regarding investment in West Cumbria. There will certainly be large-scale investment in the Moorside/Nugen project and the new National Grid power line proposal.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Dirom for his report.

10.01.16: Report from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch:

Cllr. Wood reported that four Neighbourhood Watch messages had been sent out in November and none in December.

Police reports were as follows:

November 15: Suspicious Incidents: 1
December 15: None

11.01.16: Highways Matters:

The Clerk, once again, reported that despite numerous attempts he had not heard back from Kevin Cosgrove of Cumbria Highways with regard to the installation of the mounting posts for the SID. It was agreed that Karl Melville should now be contacted with regard to this issue.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Karl Melville from Cumbria Highways.

Councillors highlighted the following concerns:

- A pot hole by the speed bumps when exiting the village north bound.
- The broken road surface on the Kirkland Road by Low Stowbank Farm

ACTION: Clerk to report the above concerns to Cumbria Highways.

12.01.16: The United Utilities Meeting:

The Clerk informed the meeting that he would not be able to attend the special meeting with United Utilities scheduled for Wednesday 27th January. It was agreed that Cllr. Ayling should meet and greet the UU attendees at the Church and help them to set up for the meeting and that Cllr. Wood should keep a record of the outcomes from the meeting.

A poster promoting the meeting has been produced and Cllr. Topping agreed that he would print out copies to be distributed to every house in the Parish.

ACTION: All Councillors to deliver leaflets and promote the meeting.

13.01.16: Council Finance:

The Clerk reported that the balance of the main account was £8,997.05p as per the latest available bank statement dated 18th December 2015.

The following payments were agreed:

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| • D. Smith Qtr 3 Salary: | £266.51p |
| • HMRC PAYE Qtr 3: | £60.60p |
| • D. Smith Qtr 3 Expenses: | £81.00p |
| • Great North Air Ambulance donation: | £100.00p |

Once the above payments, had been taken into account, the reconciled balance of the account as of January 13th 2016 is £8,488.94p

ACTION: Clerk to send out payments.

14.01.16: Feedback from meetings:

There were no meetings to report back from.

15.01.16: Items for the next meeting:

Cllr. Topping informed the meeting that due to family commitments he intended to step down from the Council after the March meeting. In light of this announcement it was agreed that the following items should be on the agenda for the March meeting:

- The PC website
- The re-allocation of Cllr. Topping's responsibilities

16.01.16: Date of next meeting:

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair

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