

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Council Held on 18th October 2022 at 6.30pm in The Gather

Present: Cllr S Sharpe (Chair), Cllr S Guise (until 7.42)(SG), Cllr R Outhwaite (RO), Cllr K Park (KP), Cllr N Rowson (from 6.37)(NR), Cllr R Taylor (RT), Cllr J Thursz, Cllr D Young (DY)

Clerk: J Coltman (JC)

Members of the public: 25

Meeting commenced at 6.31pm

Minute Number	Item	Action
799/10/22	<p style="text-align: center;">To Receive Apologies</p> <p>No apologies were received.</p>	
800/10/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No councillors declared an interest.</p>	
801/10/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>No items required exclusion of the press and public</p>	
802/10/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Public Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public said that they rejected citizen space because it did not prioritise the views of local people above those of people from outside the area. • A member of the public said that he had written the letter sent to Forestry England on behalf of a number of members of the local community. He said that citizen space was inappropriate. • A member of the public said that they had 10 emails rejecting citizen space. • A member of the public said that they needed help and were being bullied by Wild Ennerdale. • A member of the public said that there needed to be due process. 	
803/10/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Co-option of Councillor</p> <p>Julian Thursz read out the declaration of acceptance of office. This was signed by him and witnessed by the proper officer. The chair welcomed him to the council.</p>	
804/10/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Proposed Plans</p> <p>DY circulated a document to councillors for them to read through to consider with the motions. He said this was an amendment to the motion and added some more information. The chair asked the member of the public who had written the letter to Forestry England about the status of the Ennerdale Community Group as this had not been formally recognised by the council. He replied that</p>	

	<p>he realised that the email may give that impression, but there is no formal group. It had been a few concerned members of the community and he had acted as secretary to write the letter, but he said that a group with an agenda and structure did not exist. RO challenged the member of the public as the letter that had been sent was signed on behalf of Ennerdale Community Group and it also said it was on behalf of Ennerdale and the wider communities and he had not asked a community group to write on his behalf. He was very concerned that Forestry England had received a letter that purports to be from a group that doesn't exist.</p> <p>Resolved to send a letter to Forestry England objecting to the proposed use of citizen space with paper copies proposing it is put on hold until a different process is agreed.</p> <p>Resolved the wording of the letter to be “Dear Kevin, Thank you for your letter of 22nd July 2022 with Forestry England’s proposal to use Citizen Space with paper copies for the upcoming consultation on the beaver introduction. We object to the Citizen Space proposal at this time and request that you come forward with alternative proposals for consideration. We would like to see a more robust and comprehensive consultation strategy which defines and considers the communities and councils relevant to the proposal. We would expect to see strategy and consultation to have occurred before any release”</p> <p>DY said that the council needed to engage and communicate better with the community. The clerk suggested that she investigate if it was possible to set up a blog page on the website which was agreed. SG said we needed to ensure we listened to the quiet voices too.</p> <p>Resolved The Parish Council to proactively engage with and evidence the community and support the agreed Forestry England consultation process for the beaver introduction as well as publish the council views on the proposal and what the council propose to do.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>
805/10/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Valley Strategy</p> <p>Resolved The council reaffirms its commitment to prosecute the actions placed on it within and as defined in the E&KP Community Led Plan 2018-2023 and commits to review.</p> <p>Resolved that the council agrees not to limit its actions to scrutinising formally submitted planning proposals. For example, if potential proposals, projects, plans or community plan issues are brought to the council’s attention, the council will consider, investigate and where necessary, take action on them.</p> <p>Resolved The council agrees it will proactively engage in writing and meetings with the major landowners (Forestry England, National Trust, Wild Ennerdale and United Utilities) in order to understand their formative and ongoing proposals, projects, plans and developments for engagement with the council and community, not being limited to those where a planning submission is expected to follow.</p> <p>The chair said that concerns brought to the council’s attention should be brought through the proper officer in accordance with our standing</p>	

	<p>orders. RT said there was nothing to stop people from raising issues with individual councillors and the clerk agreed, but said that the councillor should always forward the details on to them as the proper officer.</p> <p>Resolved The council agrees that if concerns are brought to the council’s attention by members of the community in advance of firm information being available, for example on proposals, projects, plans and developments, the council will be prompt and proactive in investigating and representing these concerns to the relevant landowners in writing and in meetings, with feedback to the community members and follow up as necessary.</p>	
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Meeting closed at 20.03pm

Chairman’s signature.....

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