

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 18th July 2023 at 6.30pm in The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge

Present: Cllr J Thursz (Chair), Cllr S Guise (SG), Cllr R Maxwell (RM), Cllr R Outhwaite (RO), Cllr S Parker (SP), Cllr N Rowson (NR), Cllr P Rowson (PR), Cllr B Wright (BW)

Also in attendance: Cumberland Councillor L Jones-Bulman(LJB), Rachel Oakley(Roy) (Wild Ennerdale), Neil Thirkell (NT) (National Trust)

Clerk: J Coltman (JC)

Members of the public: 11

Prior to the meeting commencing, all Councillors present made and signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Proper Officer of the Council.

Meeting commenced at 6.32pm

Minute Number	Item	Action
900/07/23	To Receive Apologies No apologies received.	
901/07/23	Election of Vice-Chair Resolved to elect Cllr S Parker as Vice-Chair	JC
902/07/23	Declarations of Interest NR & PR stated that they had already submitted representation to the LDNPA regarding application 7/2023/4026 that was on the agenda.	
903/07/23	To Approve Minutes Resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16/05/23.	JC
904/07/23	Exclusion of Press and Public No items required exclusion of the press and public.	
905/07/23	Report from Cumberland Councillor LJB reported that Cumberland Council was now officially operational. Community panels had now been established. E&KPC was in the area covered by the South Cumberland panel. They would meet 4 times a year and had a fund of £64,000. They were looking to co-opt members with business acumen to help with funding. There would also be a network panel to include parish councils.	
906/07/23	Report from Wild Ennerdale Partnership ROy read through the key points of an update which she had sent in prior to the meeting. (Appendix A). NT said that the ranger that covered the area had left and they were advertising for a replacement. They would continue to work with the school. The vacancy was advertised on the National Trust website.	

	ROy donated some litter pickers and hoops to the Parish Council. RO asked if WE had a view on the application to erect the mast. ROy replied that there was no partnership view. WE had not requested the mast but could not take a view as Forestry England were part of the partnership. RO asked if people would be on site at Beckfoot. ROy confirmed that it would need volunteers and staff to manage.	
907/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Complaints Committee</p> <p>Resolved Complaints committee to review their terms of reference and propose these to the Council at the next meeting. Resolved Committee members to be Cllrs Maxwell, Parker & P Rowson. Outgoing members would meet with incoming and appraise them of recent matters. Resolved Cllr Parker to be Chair of the committee.</p>	JC, SG, RM, SP, PR, JT
908/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Staffing Committee</p> <p>Resolved Committee members to be Cllrs Guise, Thursz & Wright. Resolved Staffing committee to review their terms of reference and propose these to the Council at the next meeting.</p>	JC, SG, JT, BW
909/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Enhancement Committee</p> <p>Resolved Committee members to be Cllrs Parker & Wright. Resolved Parish enhancement committee to review their terms of reference and propose these to the Council at the next meeting.</p>	JC, SP, BW
910/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Scheme of Delegation to the clerk</p> <p>Resolved Cllrs Parker and P Rowson to propose a scheme of delegation to the Council at the next meeting.</p>	SP, PR
911/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Standing Orders</p> <p>Resolved Standing order 3f to be amended to 15 minutes. Accepted with no other changes.</p>	JC
912/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Financial Regulations</p> <p>Resolved to accept the financial regulations.</p>	JC
913/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Representation to External Bodies</p> <p>Resolved to keep the current delegation. RO to Regen, SG and RO to Wild Ennerdale.</p>	
914/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">FOI Policy</p> <p>Resolved To amend “£20 per hour” to “£25 per hour”. Accepted with no other changes.</p>	JC
915/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Complaints Procedure</p> <p>Resolved To accept the procedure unchanged but with the Complaints Committee to review and propose any amendments that they consider necessary.</p>	RM, SP, PR
916/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Press & Social Media Policy</p> <p>Resolved To accept the policy unchanged</p>	JC

917/07/23	Dignity at Work Policy Resolved To accept the policy with the changes that complaints about the Chair to be addressed to the Vice-Chair and reference to the Equality and Diversity policy be removed.	JC																																								
918/07/23	Internal Auditor's Report Resolved To note the receipt of the Internal Auditor's report	JC																																								
919/07/23	Annual Governance Statement Resolved to agree the annual governance statement	JC																																								
920/07/23	Accounting Statements Resolved to approve the accounting statements	JC																																								
921/07/23	Hedge Cutting Resolved to approve a budget of £300 delegated to SP to find quotes within that, bring them back to the Chair and Clerk for an official works order to be raised by the Clerk. Chair with RO would write to LDNP regarding Cold Fell footpath.	JC, RO, SP, JT,																																								
922/07/23	Parking Charges at Bowness Knott Resolved JT to write to Forestry England regarding the lack of consultation and consideration over the introduction of the charges.	JT																																								
923/07/23	Insurance Renewal Resolved to accept the insurance renewal.	JC																																								
924/07/23	Grant Requests Two applications had been received. Resolved Clerk to write to both applicants explaining that there are currently no funds available in the budget. The position will be reviewed again later in the year.	JC																																								
925/07/23	Payments for Approval Resolved to approve the payments. Clerk to submit future expenses claims to the Staffing Committee for authorisation prior to inclusion on the list of payments.	JC																																								
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926/07/23	CALC Special meeting 22nd July. No Councillors were delegated to attend the meeting.																																									

927/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Public Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public raised the issue of the parking charges at Bowness Knott. They suggested that people apply by phone because the website was difficult to use. He asked if planning permission was needed for the parking meters. • A member of the public raised a problem with timber wagons. They also asked what progress was being made with the defibrillator. NR said that it had been ordered. They asked if an agreement needed to be signed and JC confirmed that it was. • A member of the public asked for a copy of the approved budget and a comparison spend to date. He asked if the risk of legal action had been resolved. JT asked for the question to be submitted in writing. JC confirmed that the budget was on the website. • A member of the public raised the question of the Timber Transport forum and lack of consultation with the Parish Council. He thought that should be questioned. He offered information about the fencing on the common. 	
928/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Planning</p> <p>7/2023/4026 Cllrs N & P Rowson declared an interest due to having already submitted representation. JC confirmed that they could participate in discussions but should abstain from voting. RO also declared an interest due to his position within the LDNPA, he would offer information if needed but would not participate further. LJB also stated that she would not participate due to her involvement with Lake District planning.</p> <p>There were concerns that the benefit had not been demonstrated sufficiently to outweigh the detriment to the area (national nature reserve, world heritage site, SSSI and landscape amongst the reasons for objections listed). Resolved JT to write the letter of objection to reflect those views.</p>	JT
929/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">De-Registration of Commons</p> <p>Resolved JC to respond to say that the Council hold no view on this matter.</p>	JC
930/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Fencing of Longmoor Common</p> <p>Resolved JC to respond to state no objections to renewal subject to no modifications.</p>	JC
931/07/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Councillor Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RO said that there was an ongoing potential for an offroad trail that he would circulate to Councillors prior to the next meeting. • SP asked for an update on Bleach Green. JC confirmed that UU and FE were due to get contractors to make repairs. JT asked LJB if Cumberland Council could look into adoption of the road. Training for Councillors would be arranged for 10th August at 6.30pm. • BW asked if there was an update about the SID. PR had reported the theft to the police but would chase for a crime ref number. 	<p>RO</p> <p>LJB</p> <p>JC</p> <p>PR</p>

	<p>LJB would check with highways in case they had relocated it in error.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SG said there were a lot of dog waste bags when they were litter picking. Additional signage was discussed. RO has already asked for signs and will chase them. 	<p>LJB RO</p>
932/07/23	<p>Next Meeting Confirmed as 19th September 2023</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman’s signature.....

Date.....

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council Meeting
18th July 23
Wild Ennerdale update

1. Forestry England

Forestry Operations

Tree felling and extraction (began Spring 2022) in response to the outbreak of phytophthora larch disease was completed in the spring of this year. The dispatch of timber produced from the felling is ongoing and will likely continue into early 2024. Most of the lakeshore timber stacks have been uplifted and the majority of timber left to dispatch is stacked at Cat Crag, along a new section of forest road which has just been completed.

There are signs that phytophthora larch disease is still active in the valley. Forestry England will make a fuller assessment towards the end of the summer before drawing up any plans that might be necessary to respond to this year's outbreak. As we did with the previous felling, we will share these plans with the Parish Council.

Replanting of the felled areas with native tree species will be carried out over the coming 2 to 5 years.

Car Parking

Charges were brought in recently at Bowness Knott. Charge fees are shared in newsletter & on websites. Membership available for regular visitors (£25 annually).

Forestry England re-invests all the income it generates to manage the forest sustainably, maintain the recreation facilities provided so visitors can connect with nature and enjoy themselves, provide a home for wildlife and fund nature recovery.

At Bowness Knott, these charges will help Forestry England to maintain the car park, plant native species, repair fences, maintain benches, signage and walking trails as well as supporting ranger patrols to alleviate issues such as trespass, litter, and fly camping alongside managing visitor pressures in the valley and surrounding area.

Forestry England cannot provide and maintain facilities in Ennerdale solely from timber revenue or the agricultural tenancy within the valley. Car park charges form part of Forestry England's diverse sources of income which help them become more financially sustainable and less reliant on government support. Charges are in line with other landowners in the National Park.

Mast

An application for planning permission for a mast at Cat Crag in Ennerdale has been made by Hutchinson 3G UK Ltd as part of the UK Governments Shared Rural network (SRN). The SRN, amongst other things, aims to increase mobile coverage in rural areas. It will not affect the way Forestry England manage this special place for people, nature, and the climate.

Forestry England are part of DEFRA and are obliged to facilitate the project.

For more information about the SRN, visit [Shared Rural Network \(srn.org.uk\)](https://www.srn.org.uk).

2. Beaver re-introduction update

This year we will survey the valley to identify our baseline conditions without beavers. Bird surveys, amphibian surveys and drone photography are underway. This will help us to describe and measure the changes that beavers bring. Even if beavers are not ultimately released in Ennerdale, this work will be useful to identify how the valley is evolving through natural processes. Recently Hayley met with some members of the PC and is currently working

through the feedback and concerns that we have already heard from the Ennerdale community. Hayley provided her contact details in the Wild Ennerdale summer newsletter.

3. Different User Audiences

Ennerdale provides a fantastic outdoor environment for a range of different audiences, from local residents to international visitors. Key to Ennerdale is the sense of peace and quiet and close connection with the landscape and nature.

Opportunities to develop a common understanding around different user audiences, requirements and managing expectations.

Key documents exist which influence this area of work:

Wild Ennerdale stewardship plan (2018-28)

E&K Community Led Plan (2018-23)

LDNP Visitor Management Area Action Plans (West) – annual review

We hope to carry out some people & vehicle monitoring later this year to help get a more accurate picture of user numbers and can share this with the PC.

A Q&A reference document will also be produced by the respective partners.

Wild Ennerdale purchased a people counter for the new Jubilee Path (requirement of the funders). Unfortunately this was vandalised soon after being installed.

4. National Trust staffing update

Neil Thirkell, Lead Ranger (West Lakes)

5. Nature Recovery

NNR

Wild Ennerdale Super NNR designated November 2022. The area covers just over 3,000 (70%) hectares of mountains, fells, forest, rivers and lake and is the largest NNR in Cumbria and one of the largest nationally. All the NNR is within the Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish. The NNR marks the partnership working over the last 20 years and embeds the nature recovery agenda for the future. This is key to addressing the climate and biodiversity challenges we face and helps deliver healthier and more resilient landscapes which are a key part of National Park and Partner delivery objectives.

Invertebrates

Invertebrate expert Steve Hewitt has completed a draft report following a baseline survey of Ennerdale. This commissioned invertebrate baseline is part of making informed decisions on the impact of current actions and future priorities and ensuring that the guiding principles and vision safeguard the invertebrate interest of the valley.

A total of 781 records of 352 invertebrate taxa were recorded, including nationally and regionally rare species, along with 12 species of bumblebee.

A summary report & photos of the survey findings will be done by Steve and made available on the website. More surveys are planned this year.

Birds

Local ornithologist Pete Ullrich continues his work to monitor bird populations in Ennerdale. His recent observations include confirmation of a breeding site for Dipper on the River Liza. This is the first time (to Pete's knowledge) that Dipper are breeding with a sighting of a fledged chick and a nearby nest site.

Trees & Flowers (Beckfoot)

The National Trust property at Beckfoot will become a tree & flower nursery. This will enable a locally grown supply of trees and flowers going directly to the valley and provide a fantastic opportunity for volunteers and shared learning. Other tree nursery sites are established or planned in Cumbria and supports a collective ambition for more trees in the landscape.

6. Volunteers

The volunteer team continue with their dedicated work every Tuesday in the valley.

Main areas of work last two months include establishing small, fenced enclosures for tree planting at the valley head, tree & flower planting & fence removal at The Mill and a summer lunch social at Beckfoot. News is shared in the community via the volunteer newsletter.