

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2015
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

17.03.15: In Attendance: Cllrs. Wood (Chair), Topping, Johns, Ayling, McMullen and Denham-Smith.

Also in attendance: Muir Lachlan (Ennerdale Community Red Squirrel Group), Gareth Browning (Wild Ennerdale/Forest Enterprise), Bob Salkeld (Copeland Borough Council), Roger Broughton and Dave Smith (Clerk).

18.03.15: Apologies: Cllr. Taylor

19.03.15: Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs Wood, Topping, Ayling and Johns all declared an interest as shareholders of The Ennerdale Hub Ltd. Cllr. Johns also declared an interest as a director of The Ennerdale Hub Ltd. Cllr. Wood also declared an interest as observer on the Ennerdale Hub Ltd.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

20.03.15: Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Ayling

Seconded: Cllr. Topping

The Chair duly signed them.

21.03.15: Presentation: The Ennerdale Community Red Squirrel Group: Muir Lachlan

ML took those present through his recent report to the Cumbrian Red Squirrel Group. Squirrel monitoring has taken place during 2014 in the valley with a local contractor trapping five greys in October. Healthy colonies of reds were observed in the vicinity of Crag Farm, Bowness Knott and Broadmoor.

The monitoring proposals for 2015 will focus on a buffer zone along the western curve of the valley, the aim of which is to prevent the migration of greys into the middle and upper valley from the west. There will be some monitoring of focus sites such as Gillerthwaite. Trapping will be split between spring and autumn each year with the buffer zone being the main target area, rather than trying to stretch resources to cover the whole valley. This work will complement the work of Wild Ennerdale. At present there is no real idea of the size of the population of the reds in the valley.

Funding has been received from the Red Squirrel Northern England group with £560 being granted. ML informed councillors that the Ennerdale red Squirrel group did not have a bank account and asked if it would be possible for the Parish council to act as the 'banker' for the group. Cllr. Wood proposed that the Council agree to act as the 'banker' for the group and all those present agreed to this proposal.

GB gave a brief update on forestry operations in the valley. Some of the trees that have suffered from larch die back disease will be harvested during the summer months. There will be a large-scale planting programme undertaken during spring that will see over 80,000 broadleaf seedlings/plants planted out.

GB confirmed that the Wild Ennerdale project had not been in touch with the Link UK Trust, or vice versa, as had been reported recently. There were absolutely no plans to introduce wild Lynx into the Ennerdale valley.

Cllr. Wood thanked both Muir and Gareth for the presentation.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Lynx UK Trust to ask for consultation with both the Parish Council and the wider community should any such plans come forward in the future.

22.03.15: Public Participation:

The following issues of concern were raised:

Wheelchair access to the Lake: Cllr. Salkeld has been approached by a local person who has been told that there is now no public access to the lake by way of the How Hall to the Anglers road. This person who uses a wheelchair and is a fisherman can no longer use this road to take his boat to the lake. GB confirmed that the road in question was not to be used by vehicles as there have been problems with cars, caravans and litter in the past. However, the individual concerned could approach the land-owner and ask for permission to use the road.

ACTION: Cllr. Salkeld to inform the local resident.

Point Taken: ML highlighted this new project, the aim of which was to register every home in deep rural areas such as the Ennerdale valley and let the various emergency services have a map reference for every home in the area that could be used to identify and access homes in case of an emergency. Councillors supported this project and agreed that it would be highlighted in the next edition of the newsletter and promoted on the website. ML asked for support from the Council in his taking on the role of project manager and this was given.

ACTION: ML to engage the school in this project. Cllr. Topping to ensure that information about the project is placed on the website and in the newsletter.

Cllr. Wood drew the attention of the meeting to a recently received email from Peter Maher. In the email PM appeared to be asking for the increased support and engagement of the Parish Council with The Ennerdale Centre project as the centre would be delivering many of the community outcomes that the Parish Council wanted to see. There followed a discussion on just how engaged the Parish Council could be with a Third Sector project such as The Ennerdale Centre. Most councillors felt that, in the already agreed role of 'critical friend', the Parish Council would be playing a vital role in monitoring the projected outcomes of the project and several councillors had volunteered to help in a personal capacity. It was also felt that there was a lack of clarity as to what was expected of the Parish Council.

ACTION: The Chair and the Clerk are to respond by letter to the email from PM.

Cllr. Topping raised a concern regarding the weir by the lake which he felt was in a poor state of repair and was struggling to cope with high volumes of water..

ACTION: Clerk to contact United Utilities and draw their attention to this issue.

23.03.15: Progress Reports:

A: Clerk's Report:

The following actions from the previous meeting:

07.01.15: Clerk to write to Smeatons re: treatment of Knotweed opposite Shepherds Arms: Done - letter received, they are looking into the situation.

07.01.15: Cllr. Topping to contact mike Watts re: access issues during weddings and funerals: Done - the most recent funerals have parked with more consideration.

08.01.15: Cllr. Topping to clarify need for involvement of PC re: Parish Lengthsman meetings: Done - see below

09.01.15: Clerk to inform the LDNPA of the views of the Council: Done

11.01.15: Clerk to confirm price of SID prior to placing the order: Done - see below

11.01.15: Clerk to contact Muir Lachlan re: Fingerpost refurbishment: Done - see below

12.01.15: Cllr. Topping to drop off copies of newsletter for delivery: Done

13.01.15: Clerk to inform CBC of the precept requirement for 15/16: Done

13.01.15: Clerk to send out all payments: Done

A list of correspondence was given:

Correspondence	For information	For action
CBC: Consultation: Draft Revised Statement - Licensing Policy	X	
SID Delivery details & Invoice	X	X
Great North Air Ambulance: thank you letter	X	
CALC Newsletter Feb & March	X	
CALC: Affordable Rural Housing: Guide for Parish Councils	X	
RNEC: request for contribution: Parish Lengthsman 15/16	X	In May
Environment Agency: Site visit notes etc	x	x

Cllr. Wood noted that the Environment Agency report did not mention the bridge to Vicarage Lane as discussed during the site visit.

ACTION: Clerk to contact EA and remind them of the issues re: Bridge into Vicarage Lane.

Forthcoming meetings:

19/3/15: Neighbourhood Forum in Frizington: Cllr. Wood to attend

23/3/15: CALC 3 Tier meeting in Egremont: Cllr. Wood to attend

B: RNEC:

Cllr. Topping reported that RNEC had received confirmation that CBC would not be seeking the development of land to the north of Vicarage Lane in the Land Allocations report.

He then handed round a schedule of works undertaken by the Parish Lengthsman scheme to give councillors some idea of the scope of the project work. He will email other examples.

C: ECRAAG:

Cllr. Ayling informed the meeting that the insurance cover for another year had now been agreed and taken out. Angie Dean has become the new Chair of ECRAAG. The development of the plans for the sports field site are ongoing but proceeding slowly.

D: Bus Service 217:

Cllr. Wood confirmed that the four parishes, now including Lamplugh, have agreed support of £3,800 for the coming year to support the service 217. This will be supplement by some of the £1,900 in reserves. The new route includes calling at the caravan park in Lamplugh. The winter proposed timetable will operate from October to March and will see just one bus making the return journey. Councillors agreed to this and agreed that if there were no passengers for Ennerdale Bridge on the return journey then the bus could proceed straight to Frizington rather than call in at Ennerdale Bridge.

Action: Cllr. Wood to inform the 217 parishes of these decisions

E: Connecting Cumbria:

Cllr. Topping informed the meeting that there were now 'Enabled Stickers' on the boxes in Arlecdon and Frizington which should mean a summer activation for Ennerdale Bridge. He still had concerns of the lack of communication.

F: Community Led Planning Group:

Cllr. Johns reported that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 16th March when, amongst other issues, the when, what and where of the consultation process would be discussed. Two new community members have become involved in the group as a result of the article in the newsletter, together with the landlord of the Shepherds Arms. A community engagement event is planned for June.

24.03.15: Planning Matters:

One new application has been received:

Ref: 7/2015/4020
Location: Thorntrees, Ennerdale Bridge CA23 3AR
Proposal: Single storey extension to provide en-suite bathroom to ground floor bedroom.
Response by: 19th March 2015
Councillors agreed that they had 'No Objections' to this application.

Notice of grant of planning permission:

Ref: 7/2014/4109: Erinn Talla, Ennerdale - build implement shed.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the LDNPA of the views of the council.

25.03.15: Report from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch:

Cllr. Wood reported that five Neighbourhood Watch messages had been sent out in January and eleven in February.

Police reports were as follows:

December 14: 0 reports
January 15: 1 burglary
February 15: awaiting information

26.03.15: Highways Matters:

Further to previous discussions regarding Speed Indicator Devices (SID's), the Clerk reported that he had now received the SID and supporting equipment. It was agreed that Cllr. Wood would keep hold of the unit for now.

ACTION: Clerk to add SID to the Council insurance.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the representative from the Cockermouth Rural Safety Group to ask for assistance in setting the unit up.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Kevin Cosgrove regarding the three mounting poles.

Further to the discussion at the January meeting, the Clerk now has the details of the various fingerposts in the village and suggested that a quote for the refurbishment of three of them should be sought, prior to making an approach to United Utilities for financial support.

ACTION: Clerk to get a quote for the refurbishment of three fingerpost signs.

27.03.15: The Parish Council Elections 2015:

The Clerk handed round the nomination packs to the councillors present and took them through the various forms that required completion.

ACTION: Clerk to collect the remaining nomination forms from councillors in two weeks time prior to handing them in to Democratic Services at CBC.

28.03.15: Council Finance:

The Clerk reported that the balance of the main account was £13,607.00p as per the latest available bank statement dated 20th February 2015.

The following payments were agreed:

- Clerk's salary QTR 4: £266.51p
- HMRC PAYE QTR 4: £66.60p
- Clerk's Expenses QTR : £103.00p
- Cllr. Wood expenses: £51.00p
- CA Traffic Ltd. (SID): £3,201.60p (Inc. £533.60p VAT)

Once the above payments had been taken into account, the reconciled balance of the account as of March 11th 2015 is £9,891.29p

ACTION: Clerk to send out payments.

29.03.15: Feedback from meetings:

Cllr. Wood reported that he had attended the inauguration of the new priest for the area, Ian Parker at Kirkland Mission.

The Clerk reported back from the Cold Fell Communities meeting at which it had been agreed that the group should now meet twice a year.

Cllr. Wood reported that he had attended the recent update meeting on dealing with radio-active waste, which was covered by a recently issued CALC report which Cllr Wood urged the rest of the council to read.

A Sellafield meeting for local parish councils was also attended by Cllr. Wood at which a variety of new nuclear related projects were highlighted. it was also confirmed at the meeting that NMP would honour its community finding programme.

30.03.15: Date of next meeting:

**7.00pm on Wednesday 13th May 2015 in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge
The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the May meeting of the Council**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chair

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