

## Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2015  
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

**40.05.15: In Attendance:** Cllrs. Wood (Chair), Topping, Ayling, McMullen, Shail and Denham-Smith.

Also in attendance: Ric Outhwaite and Dave Smith (Clerk).

**41.05.15: Apologies:** Cllr. Johns (sickness).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**42.05.15: Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr. Topping declared an interest as a non-executive director of RNEC.

**43.05.15: Minutes of the previous meeting:**

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

Proposed: Cllr. Topping

Seconded: Cllr. Ayling

The Chair duly signed them.

**44.05.15: Public Participation:**

The issue of the 'off-road footpath' between the village and the lake was raised by Ric Outhwaite, a member of the Community Led Planning Group.

RO explained that one of the few issues raised in the 2002 Parish Plan that had not been addressed was the continuation of the off-road footpath from where it currently ends to the lake side. The reason that no progress had been made on this issue was the inability to get agreement from local land-owners. However, during recent months United Utilities have purchased most of the land in question and it was felt by the CLPG that now would be a good time to progress this issue.

There followed some discussion regarding the different proposed routes. RO explained that United Utilities would not be supportive of any route that ran alongside the river and that he personally felt that a path running alongside the road prior to cutting through the woods would be the best option.

The Chair proposed that the Parish Council was supportive of a project that would see the development of an off-road footpath between the village and the lake. He further proposed that RO be given a mandate from the Parish Council to act on its behalf in all dealings with United Utilities, Wild Ennerdale and any other individual or organisation who might need to be consulted on this matter.

All the Councillors present agreed to this proposal.

RO stated that he would keep the Parish Council informed of developments.

**45.05.15: The Parish Council Election:**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the following forms had to be completed and returned to Copeland Borough Council within 28 days of the election:

- The Declaration of Acceptance Form
- The Declaration of Pecuniary Interests Form

The Declaration of Acceptance forms were duly completed. Councillors are to drop off the completed Declaration of Pecuniary Interests form with Cllr. Wood by May 22nd for collection by the Clerk.

The issue of the new Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities was discussed briefly and it was agreed that all the papers that councillors received for each meeting should be placed on the Parish Council website and that this should be undertaken as part of a general updating of the website which is to be further discussed at the July meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk to collect all forms and send to Copeland Borough Council before 4th June**

#### **46.05.15: Progress Reports:**

##### **A: Clerk's Report:**

The following actions from the previous meeting had been undertaken:

- 21.03.15: Clerk to contact Lynx UK Trust re: lack of consultation: Done (See below)
- 22.03.15: Muir Lachlan to engage School in Point Taken project: Done
- 22.03.15: Cllr. Topping to place information on Point Taken on the website & in newsletter: Done
- 22.03.15: Clerk and Chair to respond to email from Peter Maher: Done
- 22.03.15: Clerk to contact UU re: state of weir by lake: Done and response received (see below)
- 23.03.15: Clerk to contact EA re Bridge into Vicarage Lane: Done and positive response received.
- 23.03.15: Cllr. Wood to inform 217 parishes of decision of Council: Done
- 24.03.15: Clerk to inform LDNPA of the views of the Council: Done
- 26.03.15: Clerk to add SID to Council Insurance: Done
- 26.03.15: Clerk to contact Cockermouth Rural Safety Group for assistance: Done (see Highways agenda item)
- 26.03.15: Clerk to contact Kevin Cosgrove re: posts for SID: Done (see Highways agenda item)
- 26.03.15: Clerk to obtain quotes for refurbishment of fingerposts: (see Highways agenda item)
- 27.03.15: Clerk to collect Nomination Forms and deliver to CBC: Done
- 28.03.15: Clerk to send out all payments: Done

Lynx UK Trust: Despite using two different email addresses and four attempts, I have received no direct response from Trust. Wild Ennerdale have informed me that the Lynx Trust are still going through a process of identifying potential release sites and have approached Natural England with regard to licenses. As far as WE know, Ennerdale is not included in those sites. From a partnership perspective, WE came to the conclusion that Ennerdale is not viable as a release site on the basis it's too small an area and that there is not enough woodland cover. WE haven't had any direct communication with the Lynx Trust.

**ACTION: Clerk to write to Natural England asking that the Parish Council be consulted should the Lynx Trust apply for a license to release lynx in the Ennerdale area.**

Environment Agency: Will include Bridge into Vicarage Lane in their review of flood plans and want to be involved in developing an Emergency Plan for the community.

**ACTION: The development of an Emergency Plan is to be taken on by the Community Planning Group and the EA are to be contacted by a member of the group.**

United Utilities: The weir by the lake has been inspected recently and the structure of the weir was found to be sound. The loose stones, which shroud the concrete, will be dealt with once consent is in place.

A list of correspondence was given:

Correspondence	For information	For action
Aon Insurance: new policy	X	X
CALC Subscription request	X	X
CALC Newsletters April & May	X	
Various Election posters	X	
Information on LDNPA Western Distinctive Area tour	X	
The Pensions Regulator	X	X
Letter from DCLG	X	
Nugen consultation information	X	

The clerk informed Councillors that he was now the point of Council contact for the Pensions Regulator and that the Council would, from 2017, be required to make a small contribution towards employee pensions.

Two forthcoming meetings were noted:

- The LDNPA Parish Forum Meeting on June 1st at Thirlemere Recreation Hall
- Copeland 3 tier meeting at St. Mary's Church, Ennerdale Bridge

**B: RNEC:**

Cllr. Topping reported that a volunteer from the Council was required to attend the Parish Lengthsman meetings. he also reported that ACT had launched a 'Could you be a Good Neighbour' scheme and that it might be possible for the Phoenix Youth Project to deliver some sessions for young people in the Ennerdale Centre once it is opened.

**ACTION: Cllr. Topping to find out if the Parish Lengthsman could cut some of the verges in the village.**

**C: ECRAG:**

Cllr. Ayling informed the meeting that they were still waiting for the planning permission to come through for the new developments on the Sports Field and that some quotes were still required for the work. He also stated that the equipment on Bridge Park was still safe to use and was covered by the groups insurance.

**D: Bus Service 217:**

Cllr. Wood stated that there was nothing new to report at this time and the next meeting with CCC was to take place on June 3rd.

**E: Connecting Cumbria:**

Cllr. Topping informed the meeting that there was nothing new to report but he understood that BT were still on target for a July superfast broadband connection for Ennerdale Bridge.

**F: Community Led Planning Group:**

Cllr. Johns had submitted a report as follows:

The CLPG community gather is to take place on Saturday 13 June 3pm-8pm at the village park. A core group of volunteers are involved in developing the day and these include IT, MD-S and BJ from the Parish Council, Muir Lachlan, Richard Maxwell, Vicky Cullinan, Steve Hurr, Ric Outhwaite and Rachel Oakley.

At the gather we will be asking 3 questions under 12 subtopics:

1- what you like about the community;

2- what you don't like about the community;

3- what you would change about the community;

the sub-topics being:

1. Spirit of place
2. Local business
3. Landscape & environment
4. Community projects
5. Traffic and transport
6. housing
7. Provision/activities for all ages
8. Crime & policing
9. Healthcare
10. Sustainable community energy
11. Digital access
12. Aspirations for the future

Prior to event we will ask the community to bring a photo/picture to the event of what they like and don't like about community and this will then be displayed. On day information will be collated by post-it notes on a flip chart and by talking to people and recording their views. We will use the information gathered to design household questionnaires. There was some debate as to whether further questionnaires were required and what should be taken to the Ennerdale Show later in the year.

**ACTION: Cllrs Topping and Denholm-Smith are to take these issues back to the CLPG.**

Cllr. Johns further reported that the printing of questionnaires and plans together with the costs of the Community Gather would be in the region of £2,500. It is expected that Wild Ennerdale will contribute £100 and that ACT will provide a grant of £500. United Utilities have also been approached for support but as yet have not responded. The Chair proposed that the Parish council meet any shortfall in the funding up to a figure of £2,500 and this was agreed by those present.

The question of insurance for the event was raised and the Clerk stated that he would contact the insurance company to check on the situation.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact Aon Insurance to ensure that the Community gather event is covered.**

#### **47.05.15: Planning Matters:**

There were no new planning applications to consider.

Councillors were asked to note one notice of grant of planning permission:  
7/2014/4116: Laverick View, Kirkland Road extensions to rear of property

#### **48.05.15: Report from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch:**

Cllr. Wood reported that three Neighbourhood Watch messages had been sent out in March and four in April.

Police reports were as follows:

February 15:	0 reports
March 15:	RTC: 2, Burglary (other than a dwelling): 1, RTC (fail to stop): 1
April 15:	RTC: 2, Theft: 1

#### **49.05.15: Highways Matters:**

The following issues were discussed:

Fingerposts within the village: after some discussion it was agreed not to take the refurbishment of the signposts any further at this moment in time.

**ACTION: Clerk to inform the contractor that quotes would no longer be required.**

Setting up the SID: a meeting has been arranged for May 22nd to go through the procedures for setting up the SID with Peter Wilkinson from the Cockermouth Road Safety Group. Cllrs. Wood and Topping to attend along with the Clerk.

**ACTION: Cllr. Shail to inform the school.**

Litter & dog fouling - Bleach Green: Cllr. Wood informed the meeting that he had noticed a marked increase in both litter and dog fouling along the paths from the car park at Bleach Green. After some discussion it was agreed that the land-owners, United Utilities, should be approached to see if they would allow the installation of a waste bin in the area. It was also agreed to approach the parish Lengthsman scheme to see if they would be prepared to undertake a litter pick in the area.

**ACTION: Clerk to ask UU if they would allow a waste bin to be placed in the Bleach Green area.**

**ACTION: Cllr. Topping to see if the Parish Lengthsman would be able to undertake a litter pick in the area.**

Motorcycles using the Miles without Stiles path: It was noted that motorcycles have been seen using the Miles without Stiles path by the lake. It was agreed that this was a police matter and that if motorcyclists were seen using the path it should be reported to the police immediately.

Speedwatch Campaign: Cllrs. Wood and Topping together with Muir Lachlan had used the speed gun in the village over the Easter period. No unusually high speeds had been recorded.

Footpath closures: Cllr. McMullen reported that United Utilities had been fencing off some well used paths in the wooded areas to the west of the lake. It was felt that these paths were probably not public footpaths and that UU had undertaken this work to keep people away from the river.

#### **50.05.15: Council Finance:**

The Clerk reported that the balance of the main account was £10,228.29p as per the latest available bank statement dated 20th April 2015.

The following payments were agreed:

- Aon Insurance Ltd (15/16 insurance cover): £338.83p
- Regen NE Copeland (Contribution to Parish Lengthsman): £134.00p
- CALC Annual Subscription (15/16): £130.00p
- JD Crozier (Parish Maintenance): £151.20p

Once the above payments, together with the precept income from Copeland BC, had been taken into account, the reconciled balance of the account as of May 13th 2015 is £12,864.26p

The Clerk explained to those present that individual items were no longer listed within the insurance document but, as had been explained to him by an insurance company employee, were covered under generic headings such as 'contents', 'street furniture' etc. He also stated that it may be possible to cover the equipment on the Sports Field under this new policy should it be required.

There followed some discussion regarding benches in the village and possible purchase of a new bench. It was agreed to look at this issue at a later date.

Further to previous discussions it was agreed to set aside a sum of up to £600 for the purchase of a new notice-board to replace the existing one on the school wall.

**ACTION: Clerk to send out payments.**

**ACTION: Clerk to send out details of three suitable notice-boards to councillors prior to a decision on which one to purchase.**

**51.05.15: Feedback from meetings:**

Cllr. McMullen reported back from the latest Cold Fell Communities meeting. The latest traffic monitoring, undertaken in February of this year, showed the volume of traffic northbound had increased slightly on the figures from July 14 but there had been a decrease in the volume travelling south. 80% of vehicles were travelling within the 40mph limit and the remaining 20% were only slightly over this limit. Missing roundels have been ordered and a Sellafield wide message was sent out to remind people that lambs would be put out on the fell shortly so additional care would be needed.

Cllr. Wood reported back from a Neighbourhood Forum meeting at which the Cumbria Rivers Trust spoke about the problem of Japanese Knotweed and the movement of grey squirrels into the area was discussed.

Cllr. Wood also reported from the Copeland 3 Tier meeting at which data protection issues relating to the Ambulance service and local councils budget savings were discussed.

**52.05.15: Items for the next meeting:**

- Website Update

**ACTION: All Councillors to have a look at the website before the next meeting.**

**53.05.15: Date of next meeting:**

**7.00pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge**

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