

## Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

**70.7.12: In Attendance:** Cllrs. Lachlan (Chair), Ayling, Atkinson, Oakley, Taylor, Wood and Topping. Two officers of Copeland Borough Council, Keith Parker and Janice Carrol.

**71.7.12: Apologies:** There were no apologies.

**72.7.12: Declarations of Interest:** All Cllrs present are shareholders in the Ennerdale Hub Ltd.

**73.7.12: Changes in Waste Collection consultation: Copeland Borough Council:** Keith Parker commenced the presentation by explaining the amount of savings the borough council had already made and needed to make in coming years. No department was going to be left unaffected and the Waste Collection Team were going to have to find additional savings of £120k, this on top of savings of £300k made during the last two years.

Janice Carrol stated that the savings needed now equated to one vehicle and the team working on the vehicle, staff are already on short-term contracts. They were looking carefully at four areas where they felt there was the potential for savings to be made:

- Assisted collections: collections made from people's houses rather than the roadside
- Large bins: provided to those with large families
- Off route collections: taking the wagon down linnings etc to collect bins
- Multiple Green Waste Bins: bins other than the general waste bin

Each of these areas is to be looked at closely before any decisions are made and the views of the public, through the consultation process, will be taken into consideration.

The consultation documents will follow shortly and the end date of the consultation is 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

**ACTION: All councillors are to respond on an individual basis.**

**74.7.12: Approval of minutes from the March meeting:**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr. Ayling

Seconded: Cllr. Wood

The Chair duly signed them.

**75.7.12: Actions from the minutes (not covered by other agenda items):**

- 55.5.12 ML to contact Karl Melville of Cumbria Highways (see below)
- 62.5.12 CA to attend unveiling of plaque and award of book token: done
- 62.5.12 JO to provide clerk with costings for proposed shelter: in pipeline
- 66.5.12 IT to provide councillors with web site costs (see below)
- 67.5.12 Cllrs to provide articles for newsletter: done

**76.7.12: Public Participation:** Cllr. Lachlan explained that he had been approached by Gary Wright who is putting together a football team to use the Ennerdale bridge football field, currently being refurbished. Mr. Wright has asked if the Parish Council would fund the cost of the goal posts, estimated to be £300.00p. Councillors did not feel that they had enough information at present to make a decision.

**ACTION: Cllr. Lachlan to ask Mr. Wright for a written proposal which he in turn will email to councillors and ask for a decision on this matter.**

**77.7.12 Adoption of the new Code of Conduct:** The Clerk explained that The Localism Act 2011 stated that each council in England & Wales should adopt a new Code of Conduct and use the associated

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests form. The two main differences between the old Code and form were that as well as declaring their own pecuniary interests, all councillors now have to include the pecuniary interests of their wives/husbands/civil partners. The other change is that all the Declaration of Pecuniary Interests forms are to be scanned by Copeland BC and made available on the Copeland web-site. Any Parish Council that has a web-site is also encouraged to place the scanned documents on their web-site. These changes have been introduced by the government to encourage 'openness and transparency' with regard to the financial interests of councillors at all levels of local government.

The adoption of the new Code of Conduct was proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed by councillors .

Proposed: Cllr. Oakley

Seconded: Cllr. Wood

**ACTION: Cllrs. To ensure that the completed Declaration of Pecuniary Interests forms are with the Clerk before 23<sup>rd</sup> July.**

**ACTION: Clerk to place notice of adoption on notice-board.**

**78.7.12: Council Finance:** The Clerk provided councillors with a revised bank reconciliation showing the balance of the main account as £13,651.97p as per the latest available bank statement dated 24<sup>th</sup> May.

The following payments were agreed:

- £50.06p HMRC PAYE
- £231.26p Clerk's salary & Expenses Quarter 1
- £52.48p J. Oakley re: Jubilee tree planting

One the above receipts and payments had been taken into account the reconciled balance of the main account was £13,318.17p

**79.7.12: The Village Hall Trust:** The Chair informed councillors that he felt it was time to close the Village Hall Trust and the associated bank accounts. There is a little under £200 left in the accounts and ECRAG are probably the most appropriate recipients. All those in attendance agreed that this was the best way forward.

**ACTION: ML to contact the remaining Trustees to get their agreement to close the trust and the associated accounts.**

**80.7.12: Planning Matters:** There were two applications presented.

1. Works at Longmoor Bridge and along the River Ehen public footpath No 407 403: confirmation that work on bridge will commence shortly. Cllr. Taylor informed the meeting that she hoped to place a bench in the vicinity of the bridge.
2. Construction of cattle grid and DDA compliant access at entrance to Bank House Farm.

Councillors welcomed the above applications. No response is required.

**81.7.12: The Copeland Plan:** Cllr. Lachlan explained that he had concerns regarding the following sections of the Copeland Plan:

- Affordable housing: Ennerdale Bridge has been identified as a community in which affordable housing could be built. Cllrs had concerns regarding need, demand and building in a flood plain.
- Proposed Travellers site in Cleator Moor. Cllrs questioned the need for a site.
- Bus service 217: no mention of the need for this service in the plan.
- Ennerdale Hub/shop: no mention of support for this type of project in the plan

**ACTION: Cllr. Lachlan is to respond on behalf of the PC to the consultation.**

**82.7.12: Report from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr. Wood reported that, since the last meeting, the police had attended, 1 suspicious incident, 1 attempted theft of a kayak, 1 anti-social behaviour incident and 1 highways disruption.

The Cumbria Community Messaging service sent out four messages during the last two months.

**83.7.12: Highways matters:** Cllr. Lachlan reported that there had been no progress to report on the various issues highlighted in his Highways Report but he had received confirmation of the following from Karl Melville:

1. Street Lighting in Church Lane, Ennerdale Bridge - KM instructed the Street Lighting officer to obtain a quote for the new lighting on Church Lane. They have now received this quote and have added the scheme to the list which will go to Committee on the 27 July for approval for this year.
2. Collapse of U4029 Croasdale Road - At the moment CCC have a width restriction on this road due to the collapse and are in the process of obtaining a road closure so that they can carry out ground investigation work with a view to carrying out the permanent works in Autumn 2013. The delay is due to gaining access to the river, the GI will be done this summer and the permanent works in 2013.
3. Fingerpost signs (old-style, black and white, cast iron): Cumbria Highways are in the process of refurbishing a number of these signs, KM has asked Ricki to add this to the programme.
4. Need for a 20mph Speed Limit by the school was discussed. - KM has asked Kevin Cosgrove to add this to the programme for speed counts. Once this has been done CCC will come back to the Parish for a discussion/proposal.
5. Adoption of the road from Grike Cottages corner right down to Bleach Green Car Park - At this moment in time this issue has not moved forward. CCC have had a discussion with the Forestry Commission regarding this issue and they were going to look into the issue as it would require substantial investment. KM awaits further instruction from them.

**84.7.12: Report from ECRAAG:** Cllr. Oakley reported that the group were in the process of making funding applications for a variety of activities on the site including the proposed new shelter.

**ACTION: Cllr. Oakley to provide Clerk with details and costs of proposed shelter.**

**85.7.12: 217 Bus Service update:** Cllr Wood reported that he had attended a meeting of the three parishes to review the service. Neither Arlecdon & Frizington nor Dean were happy about the increase in the operational costs of £25.00p. Both parishes were also concerned that the numbers using the service did not really justify the continued investment, though they have agreed to support the service for the rest of the financial year.

A request for information about the service and the involvement of Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council has been received from a local resident.

**ACTION: Clerk to respond to the request for information.**

**86.7.12: Report from the Broadband Champion:** Cllr Topping reported that at the CCC Cabinet meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June neither proposal was accepted. CCC are now working closely with both BT and Fujitsu to try and pull together a proposal that will be acceptable at the next meeting to be held in September.

**87.7.12: MRWS Update:** Cllr Wood reported that the Mori poll results showed that 68% of those interviewed in Copeland were in favour of moving to Stage 4. The results of the MRWS consultation were that 57% disagreed with the Partnership view. However, the Partnership felt that most of the concerns raised during the consultation process can be dealt with and the view is still to move forward to Stage 4. The three councils will make their decisions as to whether to move forward to Stage 4 in September. Cllr. Wood reported that he was impressed with the way that CALC had represented the views of the Parish Councils in West Cumbria, most of whom were opposed to the move to Stage 4.

**88.7.12: Correspondence:** All electronic correspondence has been forwarded to councillors. Other correspondence:

**Correspondence For information For action**

CBC Dispatches X

Aon Ltd Insurance confirmation X

CCC Travel Strategy X

Cumbria Waste & Minerals Local Plan X  
Developing Your Skills X  
Email from Mr. Hurley (Service 217) X  
Minutes from Cold Fell Communities Group X

**ACTION: Clerk to respond to Mr. Hurley**  
**ACTION: Cllr. Wood to respond to the Travel Strategy consultation.**

**89.7.12: Parish Council Website:** Cllr Topping reported that the cost of the website, using 123 Reg, would be £59.88p per year. This cost includes the purchase of the domain name. Councillors agreed to a trial year to see how useful the website would be.

**ACTION: Cllr. Topping to develop a template for potential site advertisers.**

**ACTION: Cllr. Oakley to deliver the template to potential advertisers.**

**ACTION: Clerk to send out questionnaire to councillors.**

**90.7.12: Feedback from meetings:** Cllr. Lachlan had attended the Cold Fell meeting at which feedback was provided by CCC and the Police regarding the speed that cars were travelling at along the road. It seems that in general drivers are obeying the 40mph speed limit. The latest round of traffic monitoring was flawed and will be re-done in July. The SID's require new batteries and Cllr. Lachlan asked councillors if they would be prepared to part fund the purchase of two batteries, with Ponsonby PC and Haile & Wilton PC also funding this purchase. Councillors agreed to support this request up to a value of £70.00p. The Copeland CALC meeting was also attended by Cllr. Lachlan. Jobs, poverty and access issues were discussed. Concerns were also expressed regarding the future of Maternity Services at Whitehaven Hospital. Cllr. Topping attended the Making Better Places in Copeland meeting at which the need to engage local communities in the planning and regeneration processes was discussed.

**91.7.12: Topics for the next meeting:**

- The Parish Council: succession planning
- The Parish Council: roles & responsibilities

**92.7.12: Date of next meeting:**

**7.00pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
**St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge**

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

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