

## Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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

**1.1.12: In Attendance:** Cllrs. Lachlan (Chair), Ayling, Atkinson, Oakley and Topping.  
Also in attendance: Peter Maher (Ennerdale Hub)

**2.1.12: Apologies:** Cllrs Wood and Taylor. Cllr Salkeld (CBC)

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

**4.1.12: Approval of minutes from the September meeting:** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. The Chair duly signed them.  
Proposer: Cllr Oakley Seconded: Cllr Ayling.

**5.1.12: The Ennerdale Centre:** Peter Maher gave a short presentation to councillors on the development of the Ennerdale Centre which it is proposed is based in the redundant Forestry Store in the village. The building, which is still owned by the Forestry Commission, is large enough to accommodate a shop, post office, office, visitor information displays and a meeting/education facility. The Wild Ennerdale project team have stated that they would be interested in having a base within the building and there is room for this. The Business Plan recently undertaken and part paid for from the RDPE grant, has shown that the Ennerdale Centre could be financially viable and the project now needs to move forward.

The Forestry Commission need to be able to justify their position of supporting this community venture, rather than putting the building up for sale. There is the previously gathered evidence showing support within the local community for a community shop and post office but as the proposal now encompasses a number of additional activities, Commission officers have asked for community confirmation of support for the enlarged concept. With this in mind PM asked that the PC take on the role of consulting with the community through a public meeting to be held in late February/early March on the acceptability and support for the proposals for the Ennerdale Centre.

It was agreed that the PC would arrange a community meeting to gauge support for the Ennerdale centre proposal.

**ACTION: Cllr Lachlan to liaise with Peter Maher, Wild Ennerdale officers and others on date, time, venue and publicity for the meeting.**

**6.1.12: Public Participation:** Concerns have been expressed locally regarding the Groundwater Extraction project (see below).

**7.1.12: Groundwater Extraction Project:** Cllr Lachlan gave some background details to this United Utilities project, scheduled to be undertaken during the summer of 2013. The plans for the project are still in the development stage and no decision has been made as regards the route of the pipeline yet.

It would appear that few local people are aware of this project, though some local landowners have been contacted by UU as have the LDNP. UU have stated that they will be undertaking local consultations prior to the commencement of any works.

**ACTION: Clerk to write to UU highlighting the concerns of the PC and inviting UU to attend one of the next two PC meetings to provide the PC and others with a project description and update.**

**8.1.12: Actions from the November meeting:** The Clerk reported that all actions had been undertaken and that those that were not covered by other agenda items were:

- 6.1111: Clerk contacted CBC Environmental Health, no further reports of bonfires.
- 8.1111: Clerk has informed CBC of precept for 2012/13.
- 16.1111: Cllr Wood circulated 217 Bus Service fares.
- 18.1111: Cllr Lachlan informed cllrs that CFD had agreed that £2,000 may be used for Business Plan.
- 19.1111: Cllr Lachlan has responded to CBC re: empty properties in parish.

**9.1.12: Financial Report and Approval of Accounts:** The Clerk informed the meeting that there were two outstanding invoices and two further payments related to the Clerk's salary.

- CCC – support for Bus Service 217: £50.00
- BDO – external audit 10/11: £192.00
- Clerks Salary - minus tax: £298.66
- HMRC – PAYE: £60.08

It was agreed that all the above payments be made.

Proposed: Cllr Ayling Seconded: Cllr Oakley

Taking the above payments and one yet to be presented cheque into account, the reconciled balance of the main PC account is £9,721.72p. The balance of the reserve account is £224.51p.

**ACTION: Clerk to pay outstanding invoices.**

**10.1.12: Planning matters:** There were two planning applications:

- Black Sail YHA: erection of shed to house hydro related equipment.
- Replacement of River Ehen footbridge at Longmoor End

Cllr had no objections to the above.

**ACTION: Clerk to inform the LDNP Planning Department of the views of the PC.**

**11.1.12: Report from the Police:** There was no report from the police available.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact police to try and ensure an electronic report is available for each PC meeting.**

**12.1.12: Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr Wood provided a report in which the following crime data for the parish was included:

- One domestic issue
- One neighbour dispute
- One criminal damage
- One report of off road bikes using Cold Fell
- One minor drugs incident
- One unwanted text
- One RTA

**13.1.12: Report from Borough Councillor:** There was no report from Cllr Salkeld due to illness.

**14.1.12: Council Budget Consultations:** The following consultations were discussed by councillors:

- CBC Budget 12/13 Consultation: Cllr Lachlan to respond on behalf of the PC
- CCC Budget 12/13 Consultation: Cllr Lachlan to respond on behalf of the PC
- CCC Waste Disposal Consultation: The Council decided not to participate.

**15.1.12: Highways Matters:** Cllr Lachlan reported that Ricky Crawford from Cumbria Highways will attend the March meeting of the PC to give an update on Cumbria Highways. There is to be a meeting at the end of January at which the results of the recent traffic survey on the Cold Fell road will be discussed, ML and DS to attend.

Cumbria Highways are aware of the flooding problems along the road to Wath Brow and at the school corner. The gully emptier will be working on the roads to try and solve these problems. Addressing slippage on the Croasdale road is a long-term project so the width restriction will be in place for some time.

Cllrs were reminded to use the Highways Hotline, 0845 6096609, if they see a pot-hole that requires attention.

Lighting items from the last meeting:

- ML confirmed that Vicarage Lane is un-adopted and any repair or maintenance work, fitting new light bulbs etc., normally carried out by CCC Highways Lighting Dept., should they wish it, would have to be paid for by residents.
- Additional lighting outside the church: still awaiting a response from CBC.

**ACTIONS: Clerk to pass on the Highways Hotline number to Contact Magazine.  
Cllr Lachlan to talk to landowner re: overgrown hedge by the Forestry Store.**

**16.1.12: Managing Radioactive Waste Safely:** Cllr Wood provided the meeting with notes in his absence. Concerns regarding the definition of 'host community', the role of the 'host community' in the Community Siting Partnership, the Decision Making Bodies willingness to respect the 'host communities' willingness to participate and agreement to the community benefits package were outlined in the report.

Further concerns regarding the consideration and analysis of the public comments gathered during the consultation process, the purpose and distribution of community benefits and the role of parish councils were also contained within the report.

Questions were raised about how the PC was going to engage local people in the consultation process, see actions.

It was agreed to respond to the consultation at the next PC meeting in March.

**ACTIONS: Cllr. Ayling to talk to the School Governors re: consultation.  
Cllr Lachlan to see if there is any MRWS material specifically aimed at school-children.**

**17.1.12: Report from ECRAAG:** No news to report.

**18.1.12: 217 Bus Service update:** Cllr Wood has circulated a copy of the fares to other councillors.

**19.1.12: Report from the Broadband Champion:** Cllr Topping reported that over 50 questionnaires had been returned, with others expected, and that these were to be evaluated shortly. However, initial inspection would seem to indicate that no clear pattern is emerging with regard to current broadband speeds with quite dramatic differences seen on the same street. No decision has yet been made with regard to the procurement of countywide infrastructure.

**ACTION: Cllr Topping to provide the PC with a more detailed breakdown of responses to questionnaire when ready.**

**20.1.12: Parish Council Website:** Cllr Topping showed the meeting a mock up of an Ennerdale & Kinniside website that he had created. There was a general discussion about the different elements to the website and what would be useful to the council and the wider community to have on it. All those present were impressed and it was agreed that the council would proceed with the development of the site.

**ACTION: Cllr Topping to further research other similar websites and to work with other councillors on the development.**

**21.1.12: Correspondence:** All electronic correspondence has been forwarded to councillors and non-urgent hard copy correspondence has been circulated with the exception of:

- Notification of Statutory Consultee status re: Moorside Nuclear Power Station
- Request for donation from NW Air Ambulance: not supported
- NALC Planning Guidance booklet

**ACTION: Clerk to circulate further correspondence.**

**22.1.12: Feedback from meetings:** Cllr Lachlan reported back from The Cold Fell Communities meeting. The results of the most recent traffic survey will be available shortly. It is hoped that the warning signs at either end of the Cold Fell road will be back in use shortly using volunteers to change the guidance as appropriate on the signs. All councillors present agreed to be part of the team of volunteers.

Cllr Wood provided written feedback from the Three Tier meeting on both CBC and CCC budgets for the next financial year. CBC face a further cut of £1.47m.

**23.1.12: Date of next meeting:**

**7.00pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge**

**PLEASE NOTE THE 7.00PM START FOR THIS MEETING.**

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

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