

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2014
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

01.01.14: In Attendance: Cllrs. Topping (Chair), Lachlan, Ayling, McMullen, Taylor, Denham-Smith and Shail.

Also in attendance: Cllr. Bob Salkeld (CBC), Bridget Johns & David Smith (Clerk).

02.01.14: Apologies: Cllr. Wood (Illness).

03.01.14: Declarations of Interest:

Councillors Ayling, Taylor, Lachlan, and Topping all declared an interest as shareholders of the Ennerdale Hub.

Councillors Ayling and Lachlan declared an interest as members of The Cumbria Trust.

Councillors Lachlan, Ayling, McMullen and Shail all declared an interest as both residents of Vicarage Lane and shareholders in the Vicarage Lane Sewage Plant Ltd.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

04.01.14: Co-option of new Councillor:

The Chair reminded councillors that there was currently a vacancy on the council and that a local resident, Bridget Johns, had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. A brief resume of her experience and skills had previously been circulated. Cllr. Lachlan expressed his belief that Bridget would make an excellent Parish Councillor and proposed her co-option to the council:

Proposed: Cllr. Lachlan

Seconded: Cllr. Shail

All those present agreed to the co-option of Bridget Johns onto Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council.

05.01.14: Minutes of the meeting held on November 13th:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Lachlan

Seconded: Cllr. Ayling

The Chair duly signed them.

06.01.14: Public Participation:

No members of the public were in attendance and no issues were raised.

07.01.14: Progress Reports:

A: Clerk's Report:

The following actions from the September meeting were reported:

- 89.11.13: Clerk to write to EA re: Croasdale Beck flooding: Done & response received.
- 89.11.13: Clerk to submit MRWS response to DECC: Done and receipt acknowledged
- 90.11.13: Clerk to inform LDNPA of the views of the council: Done.
- 92.11.13: Clerk to inform CBC of precept requirement: Done.
- 99.09.13: Clerk to send out all payments: Done and all cheques cleared.

A list of correspondence was given:

Correspondence For information For action

Great North Air Ambulance: thank you letter X
LDNPA: Allocations of Land final version X
Environment Agency: Flooding in EB X X
CBC: Precept information X
GP Planning Ltd: Frizington Waste Site extension X X
CCC Better Highways Meet & Greet session X
Community Led Plans: ACT X X
Regen NE Copeland: Parish Lengthsman Scheme X X

Four of the letters required a response:

1. The letter from the Environment Agency was read out and it was agreed that any photographs of the floods should be sent via the Clerk to the Penrith Office of the Environment Agency.
2. A response was agreed asking the applicant, GP Planning Ltd., to ensure that the extension to the Waste Site operation is well publicised.
3. Councillors are to inform the Clerk if they wish to attend the Community Led Planning session.
4. Councillors agreed to continue their support for the Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

ACTION: Clerk to respond as above.

B: RNEC:

Cllr. Lachlan informed the meeting that at present there was nothing new to report.

C: ECRAG:

Cllr. Ayling informed the meeting that they had now provided the 3rd Party Funding to Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust for the Miles without Stiles project.

The banks and hedges around the site have recently been trimmed and cut.

There was further discussion on insurance for the site and prior to the Clerk getting a quote for adding the site to the Council, insurance Cllr Ayling will need to provide the clerk with the size of the site and a list of the equipment on the site.

ACTION: Cllr. Ayling to provide the Clerk with details of the site for insurance quote purposes.

D: Bus Service 217:

Cllr. Ayling reported that there was to be a meeting on January 22nd, which may be attended by Cllr. Wood if he is able.

Figures produced by the County Council show that passenger numbers are increasing year on year but so are the costs of operating the service.

E: Connecting Cumbria:

Cllr. Topping suggested that two letters be sent out to:

- **Threkeld Parish Council:** asking how they feel the wireless broadband roll-out by E4E has gone and what levels of service they currently receive.
- **BT:** asking the organisation to attend a parish Council meeting to explain how they are going to address the Superfast Broadband shortfall.

ACTION: Cllr. Topping to draft out the letters prior to sending them to the Clerk.

Cllr. Lachlan informed the meeting that a resident of Croasdale had been told by BT that it would cost £3,500 to install a landline in their house.

F: MRWS 2 Response:

Cllr. Lachlan informed the meeting that CALC had requested a copy of the response of the council to the MRWS Report.

08.01.14: Planning Matters:

Since the last meeting two applications have been received:

7/2013/4081: Croasdale Village - construction of approximately 200m of new forest road on agricultural land off the minor road to bypass a width restricted section on the public road to allow timber haulage from Ennerdale Forest. 'No Objections' response sent and acknowledged.

4/14/2001/0F1: Vicarage Lane, Ennerdale Bridge - the construction of 22 dwellings and associated infrastructure. Applicant: Persimmon Homes. Response by: 24th January 2014

After some discussion the following was agreed with regard to the Vicarage Lane application:

- Those councillors living on Vicarage Lane would have to declare a prejudicial interest and take no part in the vote by the council.
- A Special Planning Meeting is to be arranged for Monday 20th January at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church to ascertain the views of local residents.

ACTION: Clerk to print 200 leaflets publicising the Special Planning Meeting.

ACTION: Councillors to deliver the leaflets.

Councillors were asked to note the following:

Notice of Grant of Planning Permission: Ennerdale Hub Ltd.

Fix the Fells Diversion of public footpaths (various)

09.01.14: Report from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch:

There was no report available.

10.01.14: Highways Matters:

Cllr. Lachlan referred councillors to his Highways Report in which the following was noted:

- Fingerposts: still work in progress but placed on maintenance list for painting.
- Missing Ennerdale signs: Due to be installed before the end of the current financial year.
- Flooding on Ennerdale to Wath Brow road by Low Waterside Farm & High Waterside Farm: Contractor to attend and clean culvert
- Flooding on Ennerdale to Croasdale road: some works carried out to alleviate the flooding, further works to be undertaken.

Cllr. Lachlan reported back from a visit to the Highways Depot at Lillyhall where he met various members of the team and was given a tour of the depot. It is clear that the method of working with Cumbria Highways undertaken by Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council is seen by officers as an example of good practice.

11.01.14: Councillor Portfolios:

In light of the recent incapacity of Cllr. Wood and after some discussion it was agreed that, where possible, there should be councillors appointed as deputies to take on the various portfolios when the portfolio holder is either ill or decides to retire.

The list of portfolios was allocated as follows:

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| 1. RNEC: | Lead Cllr: Lachlan - Deputy Cllr: Topping |
| 2. ECRAE: | Lead Cllr: Ayling - Deputy Cllr: none |
| 3. 217: | Lead Cllr: Wood - Deputy Cllr: Ayling |
| 4. Connecting Cumbria: | Lead Cllr: Topping - Deputy Cllr: Shail |
| 5. MRWS: | Lead Cllr: Wood - Deputy Cllr: Denham-Smith |
| 6. Highways: | Lead Cllr: Lachlan - Deputy Cllr: Topping & Shail |
| 7. Cold Fell: | Lead Cllr: Lachlan - Deputy Cllr: Topping & Shail |
| 8. Police & N. Watch: | Lead Cllr: Wood - Deputy Cllr: McMullen & Taylor |

It was agreed to discuss further portfolios, CALC, Community Led Planning etc at the March meeting.

12.01.14: Council Finance:

The Clerk reported that the balance of the main account was £13,457.98p as per the latest available bank statement dated 20th December 2013.

The following payments were agreed:

- Clerk's salary QTR 3: £266.49p
- HMRC PAYE QTR 3: £66.62p
- Clerk's Expenses QTR 3: £46.00p

Once the above payments had been taken into account, the reconciled balance of the main account is £13,078.87p

ACTION: Clerk to send out payments.

13.01.14: Feedback from meetings:

Cllr. Lachlan reported that he had attended the Cold fell Communities meeting at which there was a discussion regarding the purchase of Speed Indicator Devices. The Police confirmed that in the New Year they were going to have a week-long 'blitz' on the Fell road the aim of which was just to remind drivers that there is a 40mph limit along the road.

Cllrs. Lachlan also reported that he was now due to send in the final Exit & Evaluation Report to Cumbria fells & Dales for the European Rural Development Programme, the organisation that had provided the original funding for the Hub feasibility study. Councillors agreed that they were happy with the report.

14.01.14: Items for the next meeting:

- Report from Governance sub-group
- Councillor portfolios
- British Telecom

15.01.14: Date of next meeting:

7.00pm on Wednesday 12th March 2014 in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chair

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