

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 12th March 2014
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

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

Also in attendance: David Smith (Clerk).

23.03.14: Apologies: Cllrs. Shail and Taylor. Borough Councillor Salkeld.

24.03.14: Declarations of Interest:

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

Councillors Lachlan, Ayling, McMullen and Johns 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.

25.03.14: Minutes of the meeting held on January 13th:

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

Proposed: Cllr. Topping

Seconded: Cllr. Ayling

The Chair duly signed them.

26.03.14: Public Participation:

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

27.03.14: Progress Reports:

A: Clerk's Report:

The following actions from the January meeting were reported:

07.01.14: Clerk to confirm continued support for the Parish Lengthsman Scheme: Done

07.01.14: Cllr. Ayling to provide Clerk with ECRAAG details re: insurance quote: Done

07.01.14: Cllr. Topping to draft letters to Connecting Cumbria and Threkeld PC before passing to Clerk: Done

08.01.14: Clerk to print leaflets for special planning meeting and Cllrs to deliver: Done

12.01.14: All payments sent out and cheques now cleared through the account.

A list of correspondence was given:

Correspondence For information For action

Vicarage Lane Sewerage Treatment Plant Ltd. letter X

ECRAAG information received X X

CWMET letter re: Ennerdale Views project X X

CBC: information on site visit - Vicarage Lane X X

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Three of the letters required a response:

1. The information regarding the equipment of the Playing Field was received and a quote was obtained. A more accurate quote is required.
2. The information required by the CWMET letter has been sent.
3. Information on the Vicarage Lane site visit was passed on.

ACTION: Clerk to respond as above.

B: RNEC:

Cllr. Lachlan informed the meeting that further progress had been made regarding the Extreme Sports centre with a preferred site now having been identified. A revised Action Plan for RNEC has been developed, the aims of which are to bring businesses in to Cleator Moor and to ensure that some of the Sellafield 'off site' centres are based in the Cleator Moor area. Support for the Parish Lengthsman Scheme and opposition to the Vicarage Lane plans are also within the revised Action Plan.

C: ECRAG:

Cllr. Ayling informed the meeting that there was little to report at this time other than a fallen tree on the site which caused no real damage. There was further discussion on insurance for the site the Clerk is to obtain a more accurate quote to cover the site and equipment in light of the estimated replacement costs for the equipment.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain a more accurate for insurance quote.

D: Bus Service 217:

Cllr. Wood reported that at the meeting in January 22nd it had been confirmed that the bus would extend the route up to Cockermouth Hospital if passengers required it. The CCC Exec have voted to withdraw all bus subsidies as part of a cost cutting exercise but this decision has yet to be confirmed by the full council. There are some concerns that Arlecdon & Frizington parish Council might move some of their financial support away from the 217 service to provide support for the 218 service should the CCC cuts comes about. Cllr. Wood has asked the County Council for the latest passenger numbers for the route.

E: Connecting Cumbria:

Following the two letters that were sent out after the January meeting, Cllr. Topping informed councillors that no response had, as yet, been received from BT. The response from Threkeld Parish Council on their experience of using 4G wireless broadband as provided in the Northern Fells area by EE was good. The main benefit has been the higher download speed, up to 30mbps compared to 2mbps on fixed line broadband. Overall there have been very few problems using 4G for the internet and it has been very stable, even when there has been extreme weather conditions there has been very little impact on the signal. Cllr. Topping felt that 4G, when available from EE, may well be the best option for deep rural areas such as Ennerdale. Cllr. Topping drew councillors attention to the recent resignation of Cllr. Ronnie Auld who had been the CALC Connecting Cumbria representative. The reasons given for his resignation were all related to the way that BT were handling the contract with the final straw being the poor quality broadband speed map produced and put online by BT which provided very little usable information.

28.03.14: Planning Matters:

One application has been received since the last meeting and dealt with at a special planning meeting 20/1/14:

- 4/14/2001/0F1: Construction of 22 dwellings and associated infrastructure, Vicarage Lane, Ennerdale Bridge. A comprehensive 'Objection' was lodged with the Planning Authority, Copeland BC. A proposed site visit has been arranged and two parish councillors will be in attendance. Cllr. Lachlan stated that he was now in receipt of an Engineer's report in which it clearly states that the current sewerage system that serves Vicarage Lane is already working at capacity.

Two further planning applications were received and dealt with by email: 'No Objections' to either.

Ref: 7/2014/4004
 Location: Bank House Farm
 Proposal: Proposed barn conversion to form residential unit (resubmission of planning application 7/2013/4071)

Ref: 7/2014/4005
 Location: Ennerdale Water, nr Bleach Green Car Park, Ennerdale Bridge CA23 3AU
 Proposal: Renaturalisation of Ben Gill, including realigned channel; temporary road and footpath widening; light vehicle/pedestrian bridge.
 Applicant: United Utilities

Councillors were asked to note:

Notice of refusal of consent: Bank House Farm (see above)

Notice of permitted development: Howside, Ennerdale.

29.03.14: Report from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch:

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

Police reports since September were as follows:

September 13: 0 reports

October 13: 1 report (Anti-social behaviour)

November 13: 3 reports (2 Road Traffic Collisions & 1 burglary)

December 13: 0 reports

January 14: 0 reports

Cllr Wood asked if any progress had been made with regard to the Community Speedwatch training.

ACTION: Clerk to find out when Community Speedwatch training was going to be delivered.

30.03.14: Highways Matters:

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

- Fingerposts: no progress made since the last report but CCC are happy that this work be undertaken.
- Missing Ennerdale signs: CCC will chase up these signs which have been ordered and delivered.
- Flooding on Ennerdale to Wath Brow road by Low Waterside Farm & High Waterside Farm: some works have now been carried out.

Cllr. Lachlan stated that there was to be a Cold Fell meeting at the end of March to which both he and Cllr. Topping would be going.

31.03.14: Report from the Governance Sub-Group:

The Chair reported that there were four governance documents that the Governance Sub-Group were recommending to the Council for adoption. These were:

1. New Model Standing Orders (NALC)
2. Financial Regulations (NALC)
3. Complaints Procedure for complaints against the Council
4. Freedom of Information publications list

The Chair took each document in turn and asked councillors if they had any questions or concerns regarding the document. After some discussion and a number of clarifications, councillors agreed that they were content with each of the documents. It was proposed to adopt the four documents.

Proposed: Cllr. Lachlan

Seconded: Cllr. McMullen

All those present agreed to the adoption of said documents. It was further agreed that they should be placed on the Parish Council website.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Topping.

32.03.14: Council Finance:

The Clerk reported that the balance of the main account was £13,078.87p as per the latest available bank statement dated 20th February 2014.

The following payments were agreed:

- Clerk's salary QTR 4: £266.49p
- HMRC PAYE QTR 4: £66.62p
- Clerk's Expenses QTR 4: £56.00p
- Cllr. Wood expenses: £30.00p

Once the above payments had been taken into account, the reconciled balance of the main account is £12,659.76p

ACTION: Clerk to send out payments.

Cllr. Lachlan stated that he had decided to stand down as a parish Councillor from this meeting and that as he was a cheque signatory a new one would be required. It was agreed that Cllr. Topping should become a cheque signatory.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Lachlan for all the work he had undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council and the people of the parish over the last fifteen years. He further added that his experience and knowledge would be greatly missed by all those associated with the Council and that he personally was very grateful to Cllr. Lachlan for the help and advice he had given him when he became Chair. He proposed an official vote of thanks which all the councillors present supported.

33.03.14: Feedback from meetings:

Cllr. Lachlan and Cllr. Johns reported that they had attended the Community Led Planning training in Calderbridge. It was noted that the Lake District National Park Authority no longer took into consideration Community or Parish Plans that were older than five years when considering planning applications or developing plans for the Park, As the last Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Plan had been published in 2004 it was agreed that a new Community Plan should be developed in partnership with the wider Ennerdale community, this to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported back from the CALC Three Tier meeting at which the United Utilities West Cumbria Water Supply Project was discussed. This is a £350m, ten year plan to supply West Cumbria with water from Thirlmere rather than Ennerdale Water. Also discussed were the budgets for both the County and Borough councils and the referendum for an elected Mayor in Copeland which is to be held in May.

34.03.14: Items for the next meeting:

- Report from The Ennerdale Hub (AGM)
- Councillor portfolios
- Community Plan
- Flooding and the Croasdale Beck

35.03.14: Date of next meeting:

**7.00pm on Wednesday 14th May 2014 in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge
AGM followed by the May meeting of the Council**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chair

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