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MINUTES OF AN A GENERAL MEETING OF THE KENTMERE PARISH  
MEETING HELD IN KENTMERE INSTUTUTE ON 12 DECEMBER 1995 AT  
8.15 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr W. Otty (in the chair) Mr P. Dawson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs J. Bialy, Mrs H. Brownlow, Mrs V. Barkway, Mrs J. Dawson, Mr I. Dickinson, Mrs C. Foster, Mr H Fry, Mrs K Fry, Mrs S. Gregory, Mr T. Harrison, Mrs S. Hayton, Mr P. Michell, Mrs J. Otty, Mrs J. Raven, Mr J. Walker, Mrs R. Walker, Mr A. Williams, Mrs A. Williams, Mr J. Williams.  
Councillor Stan Collins.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr J. Barkway

COUNCILLOR COLLINS was invited to address the meeting. He discussed the "Certificate of Lawfulness" issued to Mr Pennington trading as Kentmere Water Co., to extract water from the leadmines spring which is already connected to the Staveley public water supply. Although Mr Pennington has been able to establish that extracting water by means of road tankers would not in itself be a change of use for planning purposes, if this were to be done on an industrial scale, it might be reconsidered. In questions, it was suggested that, although the site is outside the parish, residents might be affected by a serious increase in road congestion.

Councillor Collins also warned of a significant increase in next year's Council Tax.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1998 AT 8.27  
P.M.

The minutes were read and Mrs J. Otty proposed, Mrs A. Williams seconded the motion to accept them as a true record. This was carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. The Chairman reported that to comply with the law it would in future be necessary to hold two meetings a year. One, like the present one, might conveniently be held on the same evening as the Kentmere Institute meeting; the other must be held in March, April or May and will be the Annual Meeting at which officers are elected and accounts presented.  
Any other matters arising would be dealt with in the Chairman's report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

KENTMERE WATER CO. The owner, Mr Pennington, intends to carry water in articulated trucks to a remote site to be bottled and sold as spring water, starting in January. The Chairman had approached Mr Pennington to ask that water from the spring should be available to Kentmere residents in time of drought, as had been the custom for many years. Mr Pennington was unwilling to grant any concessions. However, it was suggested that it is possible to fill receptacles from water overflowing from the spring without entering the site.

It was feared that a great deal of mess and congestion would be caused at the inadequate entrance to the site.

**KENTMERE RESERVOIR** The Chairman reported a conversation with Mr Cropper who conveyed his company's intention to repair the dam to the satisfaction of the Inspector and then to fill the reservoir again. The meeting expressed its pleasure that Croppers have taken on this expensive job after failing to obtain any help from the National Park or the River Authority.

**ANNUAL PRECEPT** It was agreed at the meeting on 7 February 1994 that the annual precept should be approximately £2 per dwelling to raise about £110 per annum. However no precept had been requested for 1995/6, so the Chairman asked that the £2 figure should be used for 1996/7 and future years. This has in fact been requested from South Lakeland Council and will be added to the Council Tax demands. This was accepted without challenge. The accounts will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

**WINDERMERE & STAVELEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM.** Meetings are held every other month within the Forum area which includes Windermere, Staveley, Kentmere, Hugill, Crook and Underbarrow. There is a speaker, usually from a section of the County Council. Followed by discussion, coffee and consideration of grant applications. Grants of up to £1000 per year are available from the County for community projects. Recent examples are £1200 (exceptionally increased) for the Kentmere TV Scheme, £1000 for the Staveley Roundhouse, £1000 Staveley Football Club and £1000 Staveley & District Historical Society. Around £11000 per year is available in total and there is about the same in reserve. The Chairman suggested that improving the Institute heating might be a suitable case for a grant.

**NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY.** The Lake District National Park Authority is being renamed and somewhat re-organised. One change is that Parish Councils and Meetings now elect some Board Members, two in the case of South Lakeland Council Area. Candidates must be councillors or meeting chairmen. The Chairman did not intend to stand for election, but would watch this change with interest.

**PARISH NOTICE BOARD.** It was suggested that a good site to catch the attention of all residents would be at the Parish Boundary near Millriggs next to the proposed "Kentmere" sign. Mr Williams suggested that the temporary board at the Longhouses entrance was very effective. The Chairman undertook to look into the cost of a suitable notice board.

**ROAD SIGNS.** The Highway Authority have agreed to place the following signs:

“← FACTORY ENTRANCE” at Waterfoot Bridge

“← KENTMERE CHURCH” to replace “← KENTMERE” at Cross How

“KENTMERE Narrow road with Passing Places” at the parish Boundary near Millriggs.

**ELECTORAL ROLL.** The provisional electoral roll for the year from 16 February was displayed. Numbers have increased from 84 to 90.

**CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS.** Repairs to the surface and drainage of the Garburn Road had been carried out by the Volunteers who stayed in the Institute for two weeks.

**LAKELAND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE.** The Chairman attended the first of eight public meetings at which proposals for road classification and traffic control were discussed. The Kentmere Road would have been restricted to 30 mph. The Chairman wrote suggesting that the nature of the road already limited speed to 30 and 30 mph signs would have no effect and would be a waste of money. It was announced on 8 December that the overall classification scheme, which was clearly unpopular, had been withdrawn and the Initiative would now look at local schemes, locally negotiated. One such may be the parking arrangements in Kentmere, using money allocated to the Initiative.

**KENTMERE RAMBLER BUS SERVICE.** The service had attracted very little interest. 148 return journeys carried only 351 passengers, averaging 1.2 and paying 82p each trip. The subsidy paid to the Bus Company was £8.50 per trip. The Friends of the Lake District called a meeting to discuss the service and it was accepted that it unlikely ever to be commercial. However, the Friends, Cumbria CC, LDNP and the Traffic Management Initiative were still keen to find any way to persuade visitors out of their cars into public transport.

**CAR PARKING.** At a site meeting between the Chairman and representatives of the Institute, County Highways and the LDNP a scheme was agreed. A drawing of the scheme was displayed to the Meeting. The parking area would be surrounded by local stone kerbs raised a few inches above the highway surface and filled with local gravel, etc., level with the tops of the kerbs.

The previously discussed exchange of land between the Highway and the Institute had raised legal problems. The land would first have to be declared no longer to be a highway and then pass out of Highway Authority control. It was suggested that the exchange should be abandoned, which would still allow the scheme to proceed as proposed, with the parking area next to the Institute owned by it and that opposite remaining as highway land.

A letter was read from Mrs Cummings which raised various objections to parking near the entrance to her Capplerigg property. The Chairman explained that some changes had been made to improve her access which was now considered to be very well protected. Her objection to the bus turning in front of her entrance was satisfied by Mr P. Dawson offering that it could use his access to the Old Schoolhouse to turn and wait.

As part of the scheme it is proposed that a no-parking zone be established starting at Cross How and ending at the north west end of the Institute. Mr Fry asked that it should extend a short way up Hellwell Lane as far as Bridge End House. Signs at each entrance to the zone would be repeated at a smaller size about every 100 metres, to give the same legal effect as double yellow lines.

Mr J. Williams asked who would enforce the parking restrictions and prevent the road obstruction which often now occurs. The Chairman said the Police have power to do this.

Mr Fry put and Mrs Bialy seconded the proposal that the meeting approve the local materials described above. 15 voted in favour and none against.

Mr Fry put and Mrs Hayton seconded the proposal that the meeting approve the no-parking zone described above, initially on a temporary basis. 10 in favour and none against.

The Chairman undertook to ask the Institute Committee to approve the parking layout where it affect Institute owned land and then ask the National park and Cumbria Highways to proceed with the scheme.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. A general discussion followed about car parking. Mr Walker asked where surplus cars would park when the proposed restrictions were applied. The Chairman stated that there were a few places used by those in the know and on a limited number of days the field at Low Bridge would be open. The National Park are now firmly against large car parks in places like Kentmere and there will come a time when drivers must accept that the valley is full and leave. The effect on the road below Cross How will be watched with interest.

Mrs Hayton and others are worried about access to water at the lead mines, and the mess and congestion caused by lorries collecting water was awaited with trepidation.

KENTMERE TV SCHEME. The Chairman reported on the present state of the scheme which is now performing well. Mr J. Williams thanked Mr Otty for his efforts as chairman of the TV Committee in overseeing the renovation of the TV relay equipment.

The Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

W. Otty – Chairman 26 March 1996