

CENTRAL LAKES NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Summary of the meeting held at the Kelsick Centre, Ambleside on 13th December 2010

Donald Cook, who had kindly agreed to take the chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Earnshaw.

The Kelsick Foundation – Now & Then

Nigel Hutchinson (Chairman) and Peter Frost (Clerk to the Trustees) gave an interesting summary of the history and current work of the Kelsick Educational Foundation.

John Kelsick was only 24 when he died in 1723 and had made his will just a few days prior to his death. In his will he bequeathed various parcels of land in trust with the instruction that his trustees should use the income from that land to build a school and pay for a school master. John's father, George, died intestate thus explaining how he had accumulated such a large and valuable amount of property by such a relatively young age. Most of the land seems to have been initially acquired by his grandfather, another John, during the seventeenth century.

By 1725 the school was built and was funded for 150 years. In 1860 five roads and a sewerage system were laid out on some of the land and plots were leased for 99 years. These generated further regular income and ultimately led to the building of the Kelsick Grammar School in 1907. In 1966 that was sold to Charlotte Mason College and released a fund of money for investment. Today the Foundation owns and maintains around 44 properties in Ambleside and manages investments which enable it to consider applications for grant aid from any young person up to the age of 25 years whose main residence is within Lakes Parish (and has been for at least 4 years) Financial assistance can be given for all sorts of reasons, such as music lessons, towards musical instruments, swimming lessons and school trips. The Foundation also makes block grants to three local primary schools and will also help those in further or higher education with grants towards the purchase of a computer and books. In all, the income from the Trust's investments and rent from local properties enables the Trustees to give out grants totalling between £200 – £220K each year.

www.kelsick.org.uk

Repairing the Harm Caused by Crime

Hugh Williams, Restorative Justice Worker with Cumbria Youth Offending Service, thanked the Forum for inviting him to speak. He explained the Youth Offending Service works in partnership with other agencies looking at ways young people between the ages of 10 and 17 years can help to repair the harm caused, either directly or indirectly, by their crime. He explained restorative justice can take various forms, from a letter of apology through to face to face mediation. Restorative justice is voluntary for both offender and victim and the role of the Restorative Justice Worker is to support both and act as an impartial mediator.

Efforts are also made at re-integration, giving young offenders support, assistance and guidance on becoming law abiding citizens.

When necessary, parents are also involved in the process and the service works with the offender, and the victims for anywhere between 2 -12 months. Hugh also mentioned reparation, highlighting hands-on work with young offenders, for example conservation work at Ford Park in Ulverston. Other forms of reparation can include litter picking, gardening, basic manual tasks and painting and decorating.

The Youth Offending Service is looking for partners for the reparation element of Restorative Justice – anyone interested in offering work placements should contact 01229 407560.

Community Noticeboard

18 - 23 Jan – Lakes Players Pantomime, Lakes School.

Get in Touch

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Next Forum Meeting

Thursday 17th February 7.00pm at
The Ladyholme Centre, Windermere.



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FEEDBACK AND UPDATES:

No need to lose the loos!

Bill Smith, of South Lakes Development Trust, announced that the Trust has developed a proposal to run 8 public toilets in and around Windermere. This will be put to SLDC on 14th December.

Private Water Supply Regulations

The regulations on water quality from private supplies are changing to involve a lengthier testing process. Anyone on a private supply who has not recently received a questionnaire, should contact SLDC

Credit Unions

A new Credit Union for South Lakeland is being established and anyone interested in helping to set up and run it should contact David Stephens at david.stephens@cumbriacc.gov.uk for further details.

University of Cumbria

Just 110 students are now using facilities in the Charlotte Mason building. Estate consultants are working on proposals for the rest of the site. Locally it is felt that the old Grammar School building should be earmarked for affordable housing.

Bids have been invited to take over the running of Newton Rigg, which if successful could impact on additional students returning to Ambleside.

National Trust

Recent focus has been on maintenance and view clearing around Jenkins Crag and Lake Shore Road. Permission has been given to trim trees near Bridge House. Future plans include improvements to the presentation of Galava Fort.

Work on Elterwater Sewage scheme will start early in January and last for approx 6 months. The bus shelter at Old Dungeon Ghyll has been started but was held up by the bad weather.

A possible candidate for tallest tree in Cumbria has been identified – exact measurement awaited!

South Lakes Development Trust

The latest edition of The Hub newsletter is now available in Windermere.

FEEDBACK AND UPDATES (cont'd)

Central Lakes Local Area Partnership

The Partnership has now identified several projects which it will consider supporting, including: Grasmere Flood Protection, Clearing/gritting footpaths and Lakes School Access road

Grasmere Flood Group

Sites for storing sandbags are now set up and volunteers recruited to help out in emergencies. Lockable salt/grit bins for Parish salt supply have also been acquired.

Affordable Housing in Ambleside

Anyone interested in helping to set up a steering group to try and secure a site in Ambleside for affordable housing is asked to contact Andy Lloyd of the Community Land Trust urgently via andy@crht.org.uk or call 01768 210265.

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are urgently wanted to help drive/deliver meals in the Windermere area. If you can help, even occasionally, please call 01229 894338.

A2BNoW Card

A new travel card for 5-18 year olds gives reduced fares for bus travel across South Lakeland. For more details go to your local library or www.cumbria.gov.uk/a2bnow

CCC & SLDC Budget Consultations

Have your say on where your money should be spent at www.cumbriacc.ning.com or call 01539 713180 to receive a copy of the County Council information by post. For details of SLDC's consultation go to www.southlakeland.gov.uk

Windermere Conservation Area

The National Park Authority is currently consulting on plans for Windermere conservation area.

www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/windermereca

for full details and respond by 5th January 2011.

Windermere Reflections

A bid will shortly go in for £900k of lottery funding for various projects.



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