

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE
Selflessness – Integrity – Objectivity – Accountability – Openness – Honesty - Leadership

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick on Thursday 18th July 2024 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chair
Councillor Louise Dunn

Councillors

Steve Harwood
Denstone Kemp
Jean Murray
Lorraine Taylor

Claire Houghton
Sally Lansbury
Rob Nelson

Chris Houghton
Benita Laphorn
Claire Peat

Also present was Vivien Little (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer) and one member of the public

49. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received at this meeting.

50. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20th June 2024 (pages 7-10).

51. Co-option of a Councillor

- i) **RECEIVED** a presentation from one co-option applicant giving the reasons they would like to be a Town Councillor, and what they feel they can offer to the community.
- ii) A vote took place and it was **RESOLVED** that Claire Peat be co-opted as the candidate to fill the vacancy in the East Ward.
- iii) Councillor Peat duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

52. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that no requests for dispensation had been received for this meeting.

53. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

54. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

55. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were raised by members of the public.

56. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Murray reported back on the first Community Partnership meeting. It had been a well attended meeting, with lots of volunteer groups. A steering group of six people have agreed to work together to put a directory of all organisations in Keswick to start building a hub of groups working together. The Clerk pointed out that there was a horse chestnut tree in Upper Fitz Park would be removed during the last week of July. It would be advertised in the Reminder and on Facebook.

57. Applications for Development

- i) **RESOLVED** that the following observations to be submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority:-

| Plan ref. | Description, Location, Comments Recommendation |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| T/2024/0105 | Remove 1 horse chestnut tree - 5 day notice Upper Fitz Park, Station Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4NF <i>No comments required – Keswick Town Council application</i> |
| 7/2024/2110 | Installation of Heat Pump at rear of property Loweswater, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4NE <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT |

- ii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park planning decisions

58. Licensing Application

RECEIVED Planning and Licensing Group report on licensing applications received.

RESOLVED that the following comments be sent to Cumberland Council:-

OBJECT

This is a relatively small building detached from the town centre which formerly operated as a Cafe. We are concerned that it is now proposed to be used for the sale of alcohol at the entrance to the future Youth Centre building, for which planning permission has been granted. The Youth Club currently has approx. 200 children ranging in ages from 10 -16 attending weekly sessions on Tuesday and Thursday at times when the premises would be open. The Youth Club currently meet on a site across the road from the application site, and we are concerned about the sale of alcohol directly opposite it from a Crime and Disorder basis, as well as seeking to keep children from harm. We consider it would be inappropriate for young children to have such direct exposure to the sale of alcohol in this location, as well as those who have imbibed potentially too much alcohol coming out at times when the Youth Club itself is dispersing.

It is noted that it is intended to open from 12.00 to 23.00 at night, 7 days a week, for the supply of alcohol. The application also proposes playing recorded music during this period and live music from 19.00 to 22.00 both inside and outside. The site proposed is based on the edge of a residential area, an area that has attracted young families, and is outside the main town area. There are 5 dwellings on Bridge Terrace, 21 apartments at Greta Grove House and 4 dwellings directly opposite on Main Street who would be directly affected by noise in such close proximity. Other nearby dwellings further along Main Street could also be affected. Whilst this may be acceptable in the hustle and bussle of a town centre location, it is not appropriate to impose this on a quiet neighbourhood on the outskirts of the town, and we would consider this to in contravention to the public nuisance licensing objective.

While we appreciate that Environmental Health has no objections based on the conditions which you have forwarded to us, we have from experience seen how difficult it is to enforce these types of conditions when it is a warm day, and people are on holiday relaxing themselves. This kind of building is more appropriate for within the Town Centre, not so close to residential areas.

59. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 14 June 2024 –11 July 2024.

60. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for July 2024 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payments (Action – RFO)

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 68 – 94, amounting to £39,136.16 (thirty nine thousand one hundred and thirty six pounds and sixteen pence)

- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP51- FP55, amounting to £62,103.55 (sixty two thousand one hundred and three pounds and fifty five pence)

61. Amendment to Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 2

RESOLVED that the amendment to Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023-24 – of the AGAR be approved for signature by the Chair (Action – RFO).

62. Budget Summary Comparisons as at 30 June 2024

RECEIVED budget comparisons for the 1st Quarter.

63. Clerk’s Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that:

- i) There be no Town Council meeting in August; and
- ii) The Council write to Booths requesting that consideration be given to altering the coach parking situation to allow for longer than four hours (Action – Clerk).

64. Consultation

Consideration was given to the Town Council’s response to the Lake District National Park’s Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document.

RESOLVED that Councillor Lansbury prepare a response, for Councillors to view, and the Clerk send the final response on behalf of the Council (Action – Councillor Lansbury and Clerk).

65. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – No report submitted
- ii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes’ Representative - **RECEIVED** the report of the LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

66. Reports for Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from Battersby Charity Representative.

67. Correspondence

Consideration was given to the correspondence relating to parking on Springs Road.

RESOLVED that the communication be passed onto Councillor Campbell-Savours (Action - Clerk) and report to Highways.

68. Staffing Committee minutes

RECEIVED for information the Public Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 23 May 2024 (page 1).

Prior to consideration of the following business, the Chair moved the resolution:

‘That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted’

21. Staffing Committee minutes

RECEIVED for information the confidential Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 23 May 2024 (pages 1-2).

The meeting closed at 8.00p.m.

Chairman

Date