

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE

Selflessness – Integrity – Objectivity – Accountability – Openness – Honesty - Leadership

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held at on Thursday 21st November 2024 at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chair
Councillor Louise Dunn

Councillors

Natalie Evans
Benita Laphorn
Claire Peat

Steve Harwood
Jean Murray
Lorraine Taylor

Denstone Kemp
Rob Nelson

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

112. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chris Houghton & Claire Houghton.

113. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 17th October 2024 (pages 18-20).

114. 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 Natalie Evans be co-opted as the candidate to fill the vacancy in the East Ward.
- iii) Councillor Evans duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

115. Requests for Dispensations

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

116. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

117. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

118. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were raised by the public at this meeting.

119. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Harwood gave Councillors a brief update about a meeting he had had with Cumberland Council regarding the efforts to reopen the Swimming Pool in Keswick. There would be a follow up meeting in January regarding this.



Councillor Laphorn informed Councillors of the recent award given to Keswick Community Housing Trust, the Kings Award. KCHT is only the fifth organisation in Keswick to receive the equivalent since it was introduced.

Councillor Dunn brought up a recent report which had been commissioned by Friends of the Lake District, entitled "Who Pays for the Lake District?" and encouraged all Councillors to go and read it. Councillor Dunn also thanked all the staff involved in the Christmas Lights switch on for a successful event.

120. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from the following representatives:

- i) Keswick Youth Centre – Council representative Councillor Taylor. The Chair of the Youth Centre was in attendance to give an update on the progress the club had made. Lots of progress had been made, but they were hoping to continue to expand, to be a support for the youth of Keswick and surrounding areas.

Councillor Taylor reminded Councillors that there weren't many opportunities to support young people, and that the Youth Centre was undertaking fantastic work.

121. Applications for Development

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

Plan ref.	Description, Location, Comments Recommendation
T/2024/0176	T1 - Silver Birch - Fell 3 , Leonard Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4EJ <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
T/2024/0185	Reduce and reshape one yew tree as shown in photograph Flat 5, The Hollies, High Street, Keswick, CA12 5AH <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2024/2178	Proposed change of use to outdoor adventure venue Ken Taylor Automotive, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5PP <i>Support/Object – we support the principle of the proposed Change of Use to an Outdoor Adventure venue as an acceptable use of the existing unused former garage. We strongly object to the proposal to paint any of the existing walls black – we consider they should remain white as existing in this locality. We also note the concern raised by a neighbouring property about noise generation from the new HVAC unit indicated at the east end of the building in close proximity to existing dwellings. We request that Cumberland Environmental Health be consulted about the impact of this element</i> SUPPORT/OBJECT
7/2024/2203	Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2024/2115 (Single storey rear extension, external alterations and installation of glazed canopy to rear) to raise the overall height of patio doors to 2300mm 26, Wordsworth Street, Keswick, CA12 4BZ <i>For information only</i>

- 7/2024/2207** 2no. local needs dwellings following the withdrawal of application 7/2021/2228 - variation of condition 2 (plans) and condition 8 (foul water drainage) of planning permission 7/2021/2367
Plots A and B, Land at Bristowe Hill, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2024/2209** To extant planning permission in relation to condition 1 on planning permission 7/2021/2254

Land at Vendace Court, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 4EU
For information only
- 7/2024/2211** Single storey extension of house to create entrance porch & home office. Conversion of garage to workshop. Reroofing of bay window and addition of 2nd bay window. Addition of rooflights and solar panels. Removal of chimneys.
22, Springs Road, Keswick, CA12 4AN
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2024/2230** Alterations and extensions to single storey dwelling, with rear single storey extension and new first floor extension (revised proposals following withdrawal of application 7/2024/2184)
Mossgiel, Rogerfield, Keswick, CA12 4BW
Support/Object – we support the principle of the proposed extension/alterations to the existing dwelling on this site, as we did on the previous withdrawn application 7/2024/2184. We note the proposed changes to mitigate concerns raised by a neighbouring property, which are acceptable, but we object to the hybrid hipped end design of the roof. This is a significant change to the simplicity of the original design which we consider respects the recommendations of the adopted “Lake District Design Code” which states in Section 3.22 – The form of a new extension must be similar or to otherwise respect the form of the existing house. We consider the original design does but the new design does not in this locality
SUPPORT/OBJECT

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

122. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 11th October – 14th November 2024.

123. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – Councillor Lansbury was in attendance and gave her first update since being elected as Cumberland Councillor for Keswick. She explained her priority areas, which included the swimming pool and housing. She encouraged Councillors to attend any Lakes to Sea Panels (the next of which takes place on Thursday 12 December), as it was a chance to interact with Councillors for the area.
- ii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative - **RECEIVED** the report of the LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.



124. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

125. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 154- 183, amounting to £61,854.69 (sixty one thousand eight hundred and fifty four pounds and sixty nine pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP125 – FP136, amounting to £9,468.48 (nine thousand four hundred and sixty eight pounds and forty eight pence)

126. Policy for adoption

RESOLVED that Menopause Policy be updated and brought back at a later date (Action – Clerk).

127. Consultation Response

Consideration was given to the Town Council's response to the Government consultation on enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at meetings.

RESOLVED that delegated authority be given to the Clerk to respond to the consultation, after consulting with Councillors. The final response will be published in next month's agenda (Action – Clerk).

128. Staffing Committee Minutes

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 1 November 2024 (page 2).

129. Written Notice of Special Resolution

RECEIVED a Written Notice of Special Resolution, at the request of Councillors Harwood, Dunn and Peat.

'That the Town Council resolves to rescind the resolution in Minute No. 104 i.e. 'that Company B be awarded the contract for supplying a photocopier/scanner to the Town Hall office for a period of five years'

Prior to the following business the Chair moved the following 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'

130. Photocopier Contract

Consideration was given to the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that Infinity Carlisle be awarded the contract for supplying a photocopier/scanner to the Town Hall office for a period of five years (Action – Clerk and RFO).

The meeting closed at 8.15p.m.


Chair

16/1/25
Date