

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held on Thursday 12 December 2024 at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick at 7.00 pm.

Present:**Chair**

Councillor Louise Dunn

Councillors

Natalie Evans

Steve Harwood

Denstone Kemp

Benita Laphorn

Jean Murray

Rob Nelson

Claire Peat

Also present was Vivien Little (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), three members of the public, Councillor Sally Lansbury (Cumberland Council) and one member of the press

131. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chris Houghton, Claire Houghton and Taylor. Their apologies were noted and accepted.

132. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on Thursday 14th November (page 21) and Town Council meeting held on the 21st November 2024 (pages 22-25), subject to an amendment regarding the Menopause Policy coming back at a future date for approval.

133. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that there were no requests for dispensation received.

134. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

135. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

136. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public spoke in relation to agenda item 17 ii), informing Councillors of the planned Chinese Film Festival early next year, and the plan to hold a Chinese themed arts and crafts market on Sunday 23 February 2025.

Councillor Kemp arrived at 7.09pm

137. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Peat raised issues with standing water on between Penrith Road and Millfield. She reported that she had reported blocked drains to Cumberland Council, but that they had completed a cursory look at them, but not cleared them out as was necessary. The Clerk agreed to register a complaint in her capacity as Trustee of KCERP, as well as Town Clerk (Action – Clerk).



Councillor Laphorn was concerned that water was once again pooling on Borrowdale Road during heavy rain, mostly likely due to a blocked up gully.

Councillor Dunn encouraged Councillors to fill in the consultation on bin collections in Cumberland, as well as the proposed Cumberland budgets, and that there would be a Councillor only meeting on Thursday 2nd January 2025 to discuss the Town Council response to this.

138. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from Keswick Fair Trade Committee – Council representative – Cllr Claire Houghton. A member of the Fair Trade Committee spoke to update Councillors on the activities of the Fair Trade committee, and encouraged Councillors to buy Fair Trade where they could.

139. 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/2024/0196	Fell 2 Mountain Ash trees (17 & 18). Remove front limbs of Beech tree (19) which are overhanging the bed. Remove overhanging branches and ivy on large Birch tree (20). Reduce height of Holly Tree by 10 feet and shape (22). Remove Cotoneaster which has fallen at the side of Holly 22. Shape and lower branches of columns of Eucryphia (26) - Tree Work in Conservation Area Keswick Underpass Bed, Lake Road, Keswick, CA12 5DQ <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
T/2024/0212	Fell 2 x birch, 2 x sycamore and 1 x ash-TPO application Mountain Lodge, Lonsties, Keswick, CA12 4TD <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
T/2024/0213	T1 Lawson Cypress - Fell Gower, Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HW <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2024/2196	Two storey extension to provide shower in wc downstairs and bedroom upstairs 1, Old Mill Court, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5PJ <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2024/2208	Change of use from B&B to HMO, no material changes or layout changes, eight bedrooms Brierholme Guest House, 21, Bank Street, Keswick, CA12 5JZ <i>Support – we support the conditions attached to this permission</i> SUPPORT
7/2024/2232	Conversion of garage to provide a one-bed local occupancy unit in accordance with planning permission 7/2021/2271 granted 26 November 2021 24, Ratcliffe Place, Keswick, CA12 4DZ <i>No comments required</i>



7/2024/2237 Alterations to windows and doors and replacement of chimney with flue
33, Lakeland Park, Keswick, CA12 4AT
No comments required

7/2024/2239 Proposed renovation with internal alterations, repairs to windows and
painting exterior walls, doors and windows
Royal Oak, Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5HZ
*Support/Object – we support the overall proposals for renovation and
internal alterations but object to the proposed hanging basket on the
Station Street elevation at the height proposed where the pavement is
extremely narrow*
SUPPORT/OBJECT

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

140. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 15th November 2024 – 5th December 2024.

141. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – Councillor Lansbury was in attendance and delivered a brief update on the work of the Lakes to Sea Panel, as well as updating Councillors on a meeting she had attended with Councillor Dunn at Keswick School to talk about youth representation.
- ii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative - **RECEIVED** the report of the LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative. The Clerk was also to find the Annual Monitoring Report for Planning and pass it onto Councillors (Action – Clerk)

142. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for December 2024 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payments for

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 184-201, amounting to £31,860.35 (thirty one thousand eight hundred and sixty pounds and thirty five pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP147 – FP150, amounting to: £4,085.68 (four thousand and eighty five pounds and sixty eight pence)

143. Grants 2025/26

RESOLVED

- i) the grants to local organisations from the 2025/26 budget, with a total of £20,315 agreed as in the report (Action – RFO).

144. Councillors' Surgeries

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Murray.

RESOLVED that Councillors liaise with Councillor Murray to cover the councillors surgeries, and that dates for the rest of 2025 will be booked (Action – Councillor Murray).

145. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer investigate options for a new board commemorating recipients of the Freedom of the Town and the Queen's/King's Award for voluntary service (Action – Clerk and RFO)

146. Consultation Response

Councillors considered a Keswick Town Council response to the Boundary Commission consultation on ward boundaries for Cumberland Council.



RESOLVED that the following comments be noted on the consultation:

- i) The boundary for the Keswick ward needs to be realigned to match the Keswick Town Council Parish Boundary, ensuring that Calvert Way is included in the boundary; and
- ii) Keswick Ward went from four Councillors to one Councillor following LGR – given the amount of work in Keswick, there should be two Councillors (Action – Clerk).

147. Correspondence

- i) **RECEIVED** for information correspondence from the CCLA regarding investments; and
- ii) To give Cumberland Council any observations/comments on a proposal for a Chinese Themed market, to take place on a Sunday at the end of February 2025, there would be between 15 and 20 stalls.

Consideration was given to the Cumberland Council request.

RESOLVED that Keswick Town Council support this, on the basis that the market stalls will be for Chinese arts and crafts, and not for normal market stalls (Action – Clerk).

The meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.



Chair



Date