

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 the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick on Thursday 17th October 2024 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chair
Councillor Louise Dunn

Councillors

Steve Harwood
Benita Laphorn
Claire Peat

Claire Houghton
Jean Murray
Lorraine Taylor

Denstone Kemp
Rob Nelson

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

91. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Houghton. His apologies were noted and accepted by Councillors.

92. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 19th September 2024 (pages 14-17).

93. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that there were no requests for dispensations made at this meeting.

94. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

Councillor Kemp arrived at 7.04pm

95. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team. Inspector Aiston was in attendance at this meeting, and answered questions on communication, anti-social behaviour, and Operation Firecracker in the lead up to Halloween and Bonfire Night. Inspector Aiston confirmed that the Police were working on a strategy to better communicate with Town and Parish Councils.

96. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were received by the public at this meeting.

97. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Dunn reported that following discussions about Brephos attendance in Keswick at last month's Town Council meeting, she was discussing the matter with Keswick Ministries in an attempt to find a solution moving forward.

The Clerk reported that Cumberland Council had informed her that there had been no election called for the vacancy on the Town Council, and that an advertisement for co-option would go out as soon as practicable.

98. 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/2024/0162	T - 1 - Silver Birch tree - fell to ground level. Root plate and stem damaging retaining wall and tree growing through multiple telephone/fibre wires. 21, Stanger Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5JU <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2024/2184	Alterations and extensions to single storey dwelling, with rear single storey extension and new first floor extension Mossgeil, Rogerfield, Keswick, CA12 4BW <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2024/2202	Demolition and reinstatement of ground floor extension of smaller footprint. Change of use of guest house to permanent occupancy dwelling or a short term self-catering holiday let 14, Eskin Street, Keswick, CA12 4DQ <i>Support in principle the new single storey extension in preference to the previous two storey extension which was refused permission. We also support the Change of Use to a permanent occupancy dwelling. We object to the option proposed of a short term self catering holiday let unless on-site management is maintained at all times. It is unclear from the plans submitted how this alternative option is intended to work in conjunction with the owner's accommodation</i> SUPPORT/OBJECT

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

99. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED a report from the Mayor covering the period 9th August 2024 – 10th October 2024.

100. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – no current representative
ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes' Representative.
RECEIVED the report of the LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

101. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED the quarterly budget comparisons.

102. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from the following representatives:

- i) Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership.
ii) Minutes of the Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum held on Thursday 12 September 2024.

103. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for October 2024 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payments (Action - RFO).

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 138-153, amounting to £27,524.85 (twenty seven thousand, five hundred and twenty four pounds and eighty five pence)

- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP103 – FP107, amounting to £47,601.77 (forty seven thousand, six hundred and one pounds and seventy seven pence)

104. Photocopier Contract

RECEIVED a report from the Responsible Financial Officer.

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

105. Reserves and Investment Policy

RESOLVED that the Reserves and Investment Policy be approved.

106. Events Committee minutes

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 16 August 2024 (page 4).

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’

107. Clerk’s Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the recommendations in the report be agreed in principle (Action – Clerk).

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Chair

Date