

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held on Thursday 16th January 2025 at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chair
 Councillor Louise Dunn

Councillors

Natalie Evans
 Claire Houghton
 Jean Murray
 Lorraine Taylor

Steve Harwood
 Denstone Kemp
 Rob Nelson

Chris Houghton
 Benita Lapthorn
 Claire Peat

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

148. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received at this meeting.

149. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 21st November 2024 (pages 22-25) and 12th December 2024 (pages 26-29).

150. Requests for Dispensations

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

151. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Peat declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest with regard to agenda item 14, as she was employed by Keswick Community Emergency Response Partnership. She would leave the room regarding any discussion of that budget line.

Councillor Lapthorn declared a personal interest with regard to agenda item 14, as she was Secretary of the Keswick Community Housing Trust. She would remain in the room for any discussion on that item.

152. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

153. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of West Cumbria Rivers Trust gave a presentation on the Resilient Glenderamackin project, seeking Town Council support in engaging community and businesses in Keswick.

154. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Peat requested that an update be given on the proposed Community Partnership Scheme at the next Town Council meeting. Councillor Murray informed Councillors that there would be a meeting at the beginning of February, and that following that an update could be delivered.

155. Outside Bodies Report

RECEIVED the report from the following representatives:

- i) Keswick Flood Action Group
- ii) Minutes of the Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum held on Thursday 12 September 2025.

156. 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/2024/0226	T 1 - 3 - Lawson Cypress - Fell. T4 - Yew - Fell. T5 - Sawara Cypress - remove 4 limbs over BT wires 8 , Manor Park, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4AA <i>Support - We support the recommendations of the Tree Specialist</i> SUPPORT
7/2024/2244	Alterations and extensions to single storey dwelling, with rear single storey extension and new first floor extensions Mossgeil, Rogerfield, Keswick, CA12 4BW <i>Support - we support the amended design proposals from the previous application, 7/2024/2230, which we feel are more in keeping with the character of the existing dwelling and the neighbourhood in general. We note the objection of an adjoining owner but we feel the scale of the proposed extensions is compatible with adjacent dwellings on Rogerfield</i> SUPPORT
7/2024/2246	Proposed installation of various external signs and associated Bank Tavern, 45-47, Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DS <i>Support - This is a welcome upgrade to the existing signage in this prominent town centre location</i> SUPPORT
7/2024/2247	Proposed installation of external signs and associated lighting including repainting of the exterior Bank Tavern, 45-47, Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DS <i>Support - This is a Grade 11 listed building and we welcome the overall upgrading of existing signs, lighting and external repainting proposed</i> SUPPORT
7/2024/2250	Demolition and new build dwellinghouse Clarewood, Lonsties, Keswick, CA12 4TD <i>Support - There are no distinguishing features of the dwelling currently on this site, which is in an elevated location surrounded by mature landscaping</i> SUPPORT

7/2025/2002 Replacement x6 windows and x2 doors with white uPVC
 Fieldside Grange, Off Eleventrees, Keswick, CA12 4RN
Object- as this is a traditional stone building with the existing windows in wood, the use of UPVC on this type of building goes against the advice in the newly adopted Lake District Design Code - sections 3.31 and 3.32. It is perfectly possible to get pre finished high quality wood windows of equal performance and we believe it is the most appropriate and sustainable option in this case
OBJECT

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

157. Licensing application

RECEIVED Planning and Licensing Group report on licensing applications received.

158. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 6th December 2024–9th January 2025.

159. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – Councillor Lansbury updated Councillors in the upcoming Lakes to Sea Panel – Active Travel Session, and informed them that a future item would be flooding/emergency response.

Cumberland Council fully supported the recent proposal regarding devolution and an elected Mayor alongside Westmorland and Furness Council.

There would now be auto enrolment for school meals for those who required, rather than having to apply for it.

- ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative (if available).

160. Council Tax Base Confirmation

RECEIVED the report from the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the draft Council Tax Base confirmation be noted, with the expectation that it would not change.

161. Budget for 2025/2026

The draft Budget for the financial year 2025/26 was presented for approval.

RESOLVED that:

- i) the draft Budget for the financial year 2025/26 be approved with the addition of £20,000 to top up reserves; and
 ii) the precept for 2025/26 be set at £401,904.00 (Action – Responsible Financial Officer)

162. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the payment of accounts for January 2025 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment (Action – RFO).

- i. For the Town Council, vouchers 202-221, amounting to £32, 094.11 (thirty two thousand ninety four pounds and eleven pence)
 ii. For the Trusts, vouchers HP162 – FP169, amounting to £47, 195.55 (forty seven thousand one hundred and ninety five pounds and fifty five pence)

163. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

164. Consultation Response

- i. Considerations as given to the MHCLG's consultation on Standards in Local Authorities.
RESOLVED that Councillors should be encourage to respond to the survey as individuals.
- ii. Consideration was given to the Keswick Parking Strategy Survey run by Cumberland Council.
- iii. **RESOLVED** that Councillors should be encourage to respond to the survey as individuals.

165. Membership of Committees and Outside Bodies

Consideration was given to the current membership of Committees and Outside Bodies, given the recent resignations and co-options.

RESOLVED that:

- i. Councillor Evans be appointed to the Events Committee, and represent the Town Council on the Youth Centre and Sustainable Keswick, both alongside Councillor Taylor;
- ii. Councillor Peat be appointed to the Planning and Licensing Group; and
- iii. Councillor Murray be appointed as the Council's representative on Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership. (Action – Clerk)

166. Events Minutes

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee held on 5 December 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.18 p.m.

Chairman

Date