

**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, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 20th February 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Chair

Councillor Louise Dunn

Councillors

Steve Harwood
Denstone Kemp
Rob Nelson

Chris Houghton
Benita Laphorn
Claire Peat

Claire Houghton
Jean Murray
Lorraine Taylor

Also present were Catherine Parker (Responsible Finance Officer), 2 members of the public, and 1 member of the press.

167. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Natalie Evans and Vivien Little (Town Clerk).

168. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2025 (pages 30-33).

169. Requests for Dispensations

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

170. Declarations of Interests

No declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests were received in respect of items on this agenda.

171. Police Report

RECEIVED the newsletter of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

172. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were raised by members of the public.

173. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Peat asked for a further update on the Community Partnership Scheme meeting.

Councillor Murray gave an update on the first Councillor Surgery held at the Keswick Foodshare room.

174. Applications for Development

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

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Plan Ref.	Description, Location, Comments Recommendation
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T/2025/0009	Tree Work in Conservation Area
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Hope Park, Golf Kiosk And Putting Green, Lake Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DG

Declared interest

- 7/2025/2015** Ground floor extension to provide en-suite and walk in wardrobe with a balcony over. External alterations to the rear garden and entrance steps 1, Grange Park, Keswick, CA12 4AY
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2025/2016** Outline application for a residential development comprising of the retention of an existing 3-bedroom 2 storey dwelling and the removal of the ground floor northeast utility room and carport to improve vehicular access and the erection of a new detached garage. The construction of two self-build/custom-build 3-bedroom 2 storey dwellings with integral garages. Construction of a new site access off Manor Brow and associated vision splays. Construction of a new access road and turning head serving Manor Glen (existing dwelling) and self-build/custom-build Plots 1 & 2. Formation of parking areas for each plot. Associated external works, construction of bin holding areas and limited tree removal with some matters reserved.
Manor Glen, Ambleside Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4AG
Support in principle subject to the following
1. We approve the formation of a new vehicle access off Ambleside Road to avoid the current reliance on access to the existing dwelling from the path leading to Grizedale Close.
2. We note Cumberland Council Highways are satisfied with the new access subject to modifications set out in their response of 10 February 2025 which we support.
3. We support the proposed 2 new dwellings which retains the existing mature trees which forms a backcloth to the site and note these are to be self build houses which will be subject to future applications for the detailed design. The new dwellings should be subject to current local occupancy conditions
SUPPORT
- 7/2025/2017** Change of use of unit from workshop/storage to gym and sports therapy clinic
1 Southey Yard, Southey Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4EF
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2025/2021** Approval of details reserved by condition 3 (window seats at ground level) and condition 5 (slate flags and timber floor boards) on planning permission 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
No comments required
- 7/2025/2022** Replacement shop front and illuminated hanging signage
Barclays Bank Plc, Market Square, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5BE
No comments made
SUPPORT

7/2025/2023 Hanging Signage
 Barclays Bank Plc, Market Square, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5BE
No comments made
SUPPORT

iii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park planning decisions

175. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 10th January 2025 – 13th February 2025).

176. Reports from Ward Representatives

No reports were submitted from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

177. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the payment of accounts for February 2025 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment for (*Action RFO*):

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 222 – 249, amounting to £41,167.47 (forty one thousand one hundred and sixty seven pounds and forty seven pence).
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP184 – FP194, amounting to £18,513.58 (eighteen thousand five hundred and thirteen pounds and fifty eight pence).

178. Friends of the Lake District – Who Pays for the Lake District?

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Dunn.

RESOLVED that organisations and individuals be written to as per the proposals in the report. All Councillors present were in support of the report released by Friends of the Lake District 'Who pays for the Lake District?'. (*Action Clerk*)

179. CCTV Report

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that (*Action RFO/Clerk*):

- i. Keswick Town Council signs a new contract with Cumbria Constabulary for the 2 CCTV cameras in Keswick at a reduced fee of £850 per camera
- ii. The Town Clerk be given permission to sign the MOU between Keswick Town Council and Cumbria Constabulary.
- iii. The underspend in the 25/26 budget for CCTV be vired to the Earmarked Reserves for CCTV, given that spare parts may be required along with new cameras in the not-too-distant future.

180. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the quarterly budget comparisons.

181. Annual Risk Management Assessment

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer and **RESOLVED** that this be approved.

182. Review of Internal Control and Audit

RECEIVED the report from the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that Councillors Kemp and Nelson be appointed to carry out the review (*Action RFO*).

183. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- i) Keswick Ministries – Councillor Rob Nelson gave a verbal report.

184. Correspondence

RESOLVED that Councillors Chris Houghton and Rob Nelson be nominated as the two Council representatives on the twice yearly virtual meetings with locally based officer, as per the Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge (*Action Clerk*).

The meeting closed at 7.30p.m.

Chair

Date