

**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, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 17th April 2025 at 7.00 pm.

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**Present:**

**Chair**  
 Councillor Louise Dunn

**Councillors**

Natalie Evans  
 Denstone Kemp  
 Claire Peat

Chris Houghton  
 Benita Laphorn  
 Richard Scott

Claire Houghton  
 Jean Murray  
 Lorraine Taylor

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

**205. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harwood and Nelson. Their apologies were noted and accepted.

**206. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (pages 38-41).

**207. Requests for Dispensations**

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

**208. Declarations of Interests**

Councillor Kemp gave a personal explanation with regard to agenda item 14, as he was employed by Keswick School. He would leave the room for the duration of this item.

**209. Matters to be received from the Public**

No matters were raised by members of the public at this meeting.

**210. Matters to be raised by Councillors**

No matters were raised by Councillors at this meeting.

**211. 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
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- 7/2025/2042 Proposed installation of a radio base station comprising of a 24m high swan lattice tower, the installation of 6no antennas, the installation of 1no dish, 5no cabinets, and ancillary development thereto  
Keswick Rugby Club, Davidson Park, Crow Park Road, Keswick, CA12 5EG  
*No comments required*
- 7/2025/2045 Non-material amendment to application 7/2016/2211 (Proposed new orangery to replace existing conservatory along with external ground works to provide a proper boat launch ramp with vehicle access to Derwent Water plus a new erosion protection system incorporating a level lawn) to change the style of railings to the orangery and extend new railings to whole of roof balcony  
Waters Edge, Lake Road, Keswick, CA12 5DJ  
*No comments required*
- 7/2025/2047 Extension of house to add living area, bedroom & garage  
Fieldside Lodge, Eleventrees, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4RN  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2025/2051 Conversion of garage to provide a one-bed local occupancy unit - Variation of conditions No. 2 (Plans) & No. 4 (Windows, Doors, Slate, Stone, finish appearance) on planning permission 7/2021/2271 24, Ratcliffe Place, Keswick, CA12 4DZ  
*Object – As PVC windows/doors in conservation area.*  
**OBJECT**
- 7/2025/2054 Change of use from a Self-Catering Holiday Let to flexible use as either a Self-Catering Holiday Let, or C3 residential use (Dwellinghouse), as a primary residence/Principal Home  
Squirrel Lodge, 43, Eskin Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4DG  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2025/2055 Change of use from a Self-Catering Holiday Let to flexible use as either a Self-Catering Holiday Let, or C3 residential use (Dwellinghouse), as a primary residence/Principal Home  
The Paddock, Wordsworth Street, Keswick, CA12 4HU  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2025/2058 Construction of a single storey rear extension  
51, Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HX  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2025/2060 Side extension and detached garage  
Tree Tops, 1 Larch Grove, Keswick, CA12 4HJ  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**



ii. **RECEIVED** update on National Park Planning Decisions

**212. Licensing Application**

**RECEIVED** Planning and Licensing Group report on licensing applications.

**RESOLVED** to note the Planning and Licensing Group's response to a licensing application.

**213. Mayor's Report**

**RECEIVED** details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**214. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – see submitted report (attached to minutes)
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes - **RECEIVED** the report of the LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

**215. Payment of Accounts**

**RESOLVED** that the payments for April 2025 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payments for (Action – Responsible Financial Officer):

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 272 – 15 , amounting to £53,506.40 (fifty three thousand five hundred and six pounds and forty pence)
- ii) The Parks Trusts, vouchers HP233 – FP8, amounting to £28,118.24 (twenty eight thousand one hundred and eighteen pounds and twenty four pence)

**216. Budget Summary Comparisons as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**RECEIVED** budget comparisons for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

**217. Clerk's Report**

Consideration was given to the report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i) Amendments be made to the nuisance reporting form to allow for the inclusion of reporting of Homes of Multiple Occupancy (Action – Clerk); and
- ii) a letter be sent to Councillor Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council, copied to Councillor Sally Lansbury (Cumberland Council), Markus Campbell-Savours MP and Tiffany Hunt, Chair of the Lake District National Park Authority raising the concerns raised over motorhomes, and requesting that all work together to seek a solution to anti-social behaviour caused by a small minority of motorhome owners (Action – Clerk).

***Councillor Kemp left the room at 7.40pm***

**218. Correspondence**

- i) **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Simon Jackson, Head of Keswick School and to Cumberland Council fully supporting Mr Jackson's plan (Action – Clerk); and
- ii) **RECEIVED** the principles of collaboration between Town and Parish Councils, Cumbria Association of Local Council and Cumberland Council, produced by CALC.

***Councillor Kemp returned to the room at 7.45pm***



**219. Consultations**

Consideration was given to Keswick Town Council's response to the following consultations:

- i) Cumberland Council's Housing Strategy  
**RESOLVED** that Councillor Laphorn prepare a draft response to the consultation, and circulate it to Councillors for approval, and the Clerk to respond formally before the closing date (Action – Councillor Laphorn, Clerk);
- ii) Lake District National Park's Review of Small Lakes Bylaws  
**RESOLVED** that Keswick Town Council do not respond to this consultation; and
- iii) Mirehouse Estate's Forest Planning 2025-2034 feedback request.  
**RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond to the consultation, suggesting that they fully communicate with the Keswick and surrounding communities regarding timelines for felling (Action – Clerk).

**220. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

- i) Keswick Tourism Association – Councillor Chris Houghton
- ii) Sustainable Keswick – Councillor Lorraine Taylor & Councillor Natalie Evans  
**RECEIVED** both reports for information.

**221. Policies for adoption**

**RESOLVED** that the Menopause Policy be adopted.

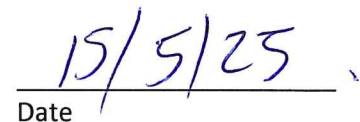
**222. Police Report**

**RECEIVED** the newsletter of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The meeting closed at 8.02 pm



Chair



Date