

## KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

### EVENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council Events Committee held at Council Chamber, Keswick Town Hall, Keswick, CA12 5JS on Thursday 6 February 2025 at 10.30am

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**Present:** Councillor Steve Harwood (SH)  
 Councillor Claire Houghton (CIH)  
 Councillor Rob Nelson (RN) (Chair)  
 Councillor Louise Dunn (LD)  
 Ania Mlynczak (AFA) (AM)  
 Catherine Parker (RFO) (CP)  
 Yvonne Booth (Events Coordinator) (YB)  
 Vivien Little (Town Clerk)

#### 21. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Natalie Evans and David Murphy, Lite Ltd

#### 22. Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on the 5 December 2024 be approved (pages 8-10).

#### 23. Christmas Lights Debrief

The representative from Lite Ltd was not available for the meeting, therefore the debrief was moved to a later date.

#### 24. Events 2025

**RECEIVED** updates on future events for Keswick Town Council.

#### **May Day Event – Townsfield – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 from 10am to 3pm**

- Newlands School have a Maypole that can be used – **ACTION RN/YB**
- Contact to be made with St Herbert’s School for Maypole dancers – **ACTION YB**
- YB has been in contact with someone who used to run Keswick Carnival, who will help.
- Fluid booked and in place. Flooring to be provided by Keswick Scaffolding – **ACTION RN**
- Concessions agreed at Angel Lane Chippy, Luchini’s and Simone’s Coffee van. Calvert Trust will be sending their ponies for petting purposes.
- There will be traditional games for people to take part in.
- The path down to the river will be blocked off to encourage people not to use it, but we won’t be able to stop them – **ACTION VB/RN/VL**

#### **VE Day – Wivell Park/War Memorial – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 from 7pm to 9.30pm**

- Brass band is confirmed, as is Charles Hope.
- Beacon is ordered, just need to await it arriving
- Keswick Lions to provide a gazebo – **ACTION YB**
- Chairs are to be provided for the elderly – **ACTION ALL**
- Chris Bland to lead a small parade of colours, with RN as backup. Someone will need to light the beacon – **ACTION RN**
- A member of the public had brought to the Event Coordinator’s attention an individual who danced in Market Square on actual VE, and requested that she be invited to be honoured. This led to a discussion about how best to approach this, and it was decided that an open invitation should be made to all Keswick residents who were alive for VE Day – **ACTION YB**

**Party in The Park – Fitz Park – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 2pm to 9pm**

- A number of bands are being pulled together for the event, with it coming together – **ACTION YB**
- Bee Unique have agreed to bring more volunteers, and ensure that parents are responsible for their own children.
- There was discussion over ways that the MUGA could be used, and ideas were to be explored – **ACTION YB**
- Hay bales were to be ordered – **ACTION YB**
- There was a general feeling that there needed to be more volunteers. Options were to be explored.

**Scruffs – Fitz Park – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 10am to 4pm**

- It was raised that Scruffs should have more information about it being a Town Council event ran in conjunction with Podgy Paws. **ACTION YB**
- YB to look for other sponsors, with the aim of trying to raise an extra £1,000 – **ACTION YB**
- It was an ideal even to raise awareness of dog issues, an invite was to be issued for Cumberland Council’s enforcement team to attend to promote their work – **ACTION VL**

**Keswick Games – Fitz Park – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 time TBC**

- There was discussion over whether there could be two portions to the day – a serious section, with running races, and a cycle race, and a fun section for families. The sports groups would prefer a more serious event, whereas it was felt that there had to be the balance between the two. YB to organise a meeting between all involved to have a full discussion – **ACTION YB**
- This was another event that needed a number of volunteers.

**VJ Day – War Memorial – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 time TBC**

- No update for this was available.
- Rev Charles Hope be asked to come up with a schedule – **ACTION YB**

**Christmas Lights Switch On – Market Square – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 from 10am to 7pm**

- No update regarding this.

**25. Date of next meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the date of next meeting was to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 12.35pm

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Chair

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