

**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 Quaker Meeting House, Keswick on Thursday 17th July 2025 at 7.00 pm.

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**Present:**

**Chair**  
Councillor Louise Dunn

<b>Councillors</b>		
Natalie Evans	Steve Harwood	Chris Houghton
Claire Houghton	Denstone Kemp	Jean Murray
Claire Peat	Richard Scott	Lorraine Taylor

Also present was Vivien Little (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), 1 member of the press, and 2 members of the public.

**47. Apologies**

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

**48. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (pages 7-11).

**49. Requests for Dispensations**

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

**50. Declarations of Interests**

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

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

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

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

Councillor Peat gave an update with regard to the previous day's surface water issue around Tithebarn Street – the issue was that the pump on Elliot Park was not working correctly, but was resolved by Cumberland. This gave a useful dress rehearsal, and enabled all to look at what was happening behind the scenes to ensure that in a real time of flooding, things were prepared. With Local Government Reorganisation, a lot of knowledge has been lost.

Councillor Murray brought up the fact that we had started putting up the community stalls, and that it appeared to be popular, and was worth continuing with it next year.

**53. Applications for Development**

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

  
21/8/25

- HRA/2025/0004 Prior approval for a pop-up camping site  
Denton House Hostel, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4JW  
*Not received for comments*
- 7/2025/2069 Change of use from Hotel to HMO staff house  
20, Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HP  
*Object- it is acknowledged that the applicant is the Lake District Hotels and we appreciate the need for staff accommodation. However, we also need to take account of the impact this type of use has on neighbouring properties. We support the objections raised in representations made by two local residents. There is an inherent problem with the lack of on-site management which used to apply when in use as a hotel. We consider that without such provision this fails to meet the requirements of Local plan policy 06 in the context that it does have an unacceptable impact on the amenity of adjoining residents. Evidence has previously been provided of the impact of a number of holiday let properties where no site management exists and this multi occupancy use falls into the same category*  
**OBJECT**
- 7/2025/2112 Extension to dwelling  
Little Bield, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, CA12 4LT  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2025/2115 Detached carport/garage and games room/gym  
Bristowe Hill, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG  
*Support- this is a sensitive design in a secluded location compatible with the scale and style of the existing property at Bristowe Hill*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2025/2123 Continued implementation of planning permission 7/2016/2034, 2 dwellings  
Markholme, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5PW  
*No comments required*
- 7/2025/2124 Demolition and new build dwellinghouse - variation of condition 6 (slate) of planning permission 7/2024/2250 to change slate colour to blue/grey  
Clarewood, Lonsties, Keswick, CA12 4TD  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2025/2129 Variation of condition 3 (windows) of planning permission 7/2024/2140, house extension - variation of condition 1 (plans) on planning permission 7/2022/2224 (variation of permission 7/2021/2209 - construction of a single storey bedroom extension, conservatory, front porch and a first floor extension to accommodate a new stair with access to a first floor seating area)  
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change window opening from fixed to restricted opening  
Riverside, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2025/2130 *Erection of rear and side extensions, raised patio and internal alterations*  
37, Lakeland Park, Keswick, CA12 4AT



*Object – it is acknowledged that some improvements have been made to the original withdrawn application 7/2025/2073 by omitting the high level triangular glazing above the lounge and kitchen/dining full height windows and reducing the extent of the raised patio at the rear. However, this still creates a direct overlooking to the garden areas below at Owls Crag and No. 22 Springs Road. It is curious that the visibility diagrams provided place great reliance on the height of the boundary hedgerow which can vary. A patio at the existing rear garden level would overcome this problem. We also maintain our previous objection to the double roof pitch on the rear extension which we consider is unsympathetic to the original bungalow design*

**OBJECT**

7/2025/2132 Replacement non-illuminated signage  
Craghills Boot Store, 41921, Tithebarn Street, Keswick, CA12 5ED  
*No comments made*

**SUPPORT**

7/2025/2139 Replacement of existing shed/garage with new garage  
Castlerigg Cottage, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, CA12 4LT  
*No comments made*

**SUPPORT**

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

**54. Mayor's Report**

**RECEIVED** details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 13 June 2025 –10 July 2025.

**55. Payment of Accounts**

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 77-112, amounting to £39,226.30 (thirty nine thousand two hundred and twenty six pounds and thirty pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP42 – FP60, amounting to £12,242.44 (twelve thousand two hundred and forty two pounds and forty four pence).

**56. Visitor Management Working Group**

**RECEIVED** the notes from the Visitor Management Working Group meeting on 3 July 2025.

**RESOLVED** that this would become a standing item on the agenda (Action – Clerk).

**57. Proposal – Grant request to Cumberland Council**

**RECEIVED** the updated report from Councillor Harwood.

**RESOLVED** that the updated letter be sent to Cumberland Council after the meeting scheduled on 4 August 2025 (Action – Clerk).

**58. Clerk's Report**

**RECEIVED** the report from the Clerk.

**59. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – Councillor Lansbury updated Councillors on some outstanding issues. With regard to the building, she was working with the Assets Portfolio Holder to find a solution.

She promoted the recent shop front grants project, and a question was raised whether it could stretch to the alleyways and known 'grot spots' in town.

28/8/25  
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The Howrah's Path should be being upgraded soon, with Cumberland Council and the LDNPA working together.

A study has been done for options regarding the junction at Crosthwaite Road, as was part of the Keswick Transport Study, and will be sent out to Councillors to look at (Action – Clerk).

- ii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes' Representative - **RECEIVED** for information the report of the North Distinctive Area Parishes' Representative.

**60. Police Report**

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

**Prior to consideration of the following business, the Chair moved the 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'*

**61. Building Update**

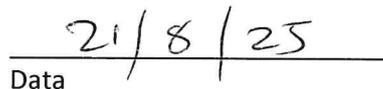
**RECEIVED** an update from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk progress in the manner as set out in the report, following the Health and Safety representative's visit (Action – Clerk).

The meeting closed at 8.28p.m.



Chair



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