

## KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

### EVENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council Events Committee held at the Quaker Meeting House, Elliot Park, Keswick, on Thursday 26 March 2026 at 1.30pm.

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Present: Councillor Rob Nelson (Chair)  
 Councillor Steve Harwood (SH)  
 Councillor Richard Scott (RS)  
 Councillor Claire Houghton (CH)  
 Yvonne Booth (Events Coordinator) (YB)  
 Vivien Little (Town Clerk) (VL)  
 Ania Mlynczak (Support Officer) (AM)

#### 41. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Natalie Evans and Catherine Parker (RFO).

#### 42. Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on the 9 February 2026 be approved (pages 12-13).

#### 43. 2026 Events

- **Mayday – Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Townsfield, 10am to 3pm**
  - It will mostly be a cut and paste from last year, with more focus on children’s activities.
  - YB has approached other local schools to offer them an opportunity to participate – Bassenthwaite School have said they can’t, other schools haven’t responded as yet.
  - 2 banners will be produced, where the date can be changed each year, will also be advertised on social media and information sent to schools.
  - VL to talk to CF in the parks about a base for the pole (Action – VL).
  - RN will pick up the Maypole and redo the top section.
  - YB confirmed who was booked for the May Day
  - The Youth Club had been approached to help with the children’s games, along with Di Cannon.
  - YB to continue chasing up sponsorship for the event.
  - Radios will be borrowed from KCERP for all events.
- **Party in the Park – Saturday 27 June 2026, Fitz Park, 3pm to 9pm**
  - Abba will no longer be performing, as they have taken on another event on the same day. YB is sourcing a replacement.
  - RN to ask Mark Swider regarding being the DJ for Party in the Park (Action – RB).
  - YB has been sourcing concessions for the event.
- **Keswick Games – Sunday 16 August 2026, Fitz Park**
  - The Committee anticipated increased numbers following the success of last year event, especially with race up Latrigg as a new competition.
  - Write to and invite organisations
  - RS will be main contact for the children’s events, RN for the main teams events.
  - SH will be responsible for the 1 mile race and the Latrigg fell race.

- There will be no axe throwing this year.
- Bee Unique pulled people away from the main event, so this year will need to move them closer so everyone can be more involved.
- YB and RN to start approaching teams now (Action – YB and RN).
  
- **Christmas Lights Switch On (Wednesday 18 November 2026)**
  - Discussion was had over we needed a separate section for dogs, with no decision made.
  - Closer to the time, we would approach pubs about requesting that glasses not be taken out for the actual switch on event.
  - A full comms plan would be pulled together.

**44. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 23 April at 11.30am.

The meeting finished at 2.58pm

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Chair

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Date