

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE
Selflessness – Integrity – Objectivity – Accountability – Openness – Honesty – Leadership

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8th October 2026

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 15th October 2026 at **7.00 pm**.

Yours sincerely



Vivien Little
Town Clerk

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes**
To authorise the Chair to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 17th September 2026 (pages 21-25).
- 3. Requests for Dispensations**
The Clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- 4. Declarations of Interests**
To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting). Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

If a member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

- 5. Matters to be received from the Public**
Such matters may be received throughout the meeting, however items raised should not be discussed for longer than ten minutes and the Chairman reserves the right to curtail repetitious matters. Public participation shall not be longer than half an hour throughout the meeting.

6. Matters to be raised by Councillors

An opportunity for Councillors to raise any unforeseen matters which are not on the agenda, with the consent of the Chair, and which do not require a decision – items raised should not be discussed for longer than 10 minutes.

7. Applications for Development

- i) To examine applications for development and agree observations to be submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority (Planning Group report to be circulated prior to the meeting).
- ii) To receive update on National Park planning decisions

8. Mayor's Report

To receive a report from the Mayor covering the period 11th September 2026 – 8th October 2026.

9. Reports from Ward Representatives

To receive reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – Council representative Councillor Lansbury
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes' Representative

10. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- i) To receive a report from Keswick in Bloom- Council representative Councillor Peat
- ii) To receive a report from Keswick Fairtrade – Council representative Councillor Taylor

11. Quarterly Budgets

To receive the quarterly budget comparisons.

12. Payment of Accounts

To confirm the payment of accounts for October 2026 as approved by the Inspection Committee (to be circulated at the meeting):

- i) For the Town Council
- ii) For the Trusts.

13. Preparing for Storm Season

To receive the report of Councillor Peat.

14. Visitor Management Working Group

To receive the minutes of the latest Visitor Management Working Group meeting (to follow).

15. Tour de France

To receive a verbal update from Councillor Harwood.

16. Police Report

To receive the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

17. Events Committee minutes

To receive for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 25 August 2026 (pages 3-4).

18. Staffing Committee minutes

To receive for information the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 10 August 2026 (pages 2-3).

To: All Councillors
Police
Press

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Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 17th September 2026 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chair
Councillor Natalie Evans
Councillors

Louise Dunn
Chris Houghton
Benita Lapthorn
Lorraine Taylor

Emily Hardy
Claire Houghton
Claire Peat

Steve Harwood
Denstone Kemp
Richard Scott

Also present was Vivien Little (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), Councillor Sally Lansbury (Cumberland Council), 1 member of the press, and six members of the public.

91. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Murray. Her apologies for absence were noted and accepted by Councillors.

92. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 20th of August 2026 (pages 16-20).

93. Requests for Dispensations

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

94. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Kemp declared an interest in planning application 7/2026/2084 as he knew the owners. He would remain in the room and vote on the item.

95. Matters to be received from the Public

Councillor Evans read out a letter that had been received from the public, who had raised a number of concerns about the amount of traffic coming along Borrowdale Road, which had a negative impact on the member of the public's mental health, as well as concerns over the amount of pollution put into the surrounding area.

Councillor Peat said that Cumberland Council did monitor the levels of pollution on certain sections of Keswick, however not in what was considered the correct area, and that perhaps it was time to contact Cumberland Council again about the issue.

Councillor Harwood raised the point that this letter proved what they had been saying about the issue on Borrowdale Road for some time, and that it should be passed to Cumberland Council, as it wasn't just the Council saying it, but also members of the public. Councillor Harwood and the Clerk will contact an officer at Cumberland Council about the matter.

Councillor Kemp pointed out that this was an issue affect residents, as the infrastructure in place was not now working for the volume of traffic brought by tourists.

96. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillors Dunn and Peat informed Councillors that they were going to look to bring a report to the next Town Council meeting regarding flood preparedness, which would highlight who does what in the event of a flood, what actions would be needed, etc. Councillor Peat also informed Councillors that the KCERP AGM would be on Tuesday 29th September, and all were invited to attend.

Councillor Peat also informed Councillors that she had been in a walk about with Councillor Lansbury and an officer from Cumberland Council's Highways department to look at the long list of TRO information which was presented at the previous month's Council meeting. The list had been delegated to be looked at by the Visitor Management Working Group, as work needed to be done on it. Councillor Taylor asked if there were any way that the public could input into the list. Councillor Peat responded that they should go to the portal where TRO requests could be logged. This would highlight where there were problems that weren't necessarily known about.

Councillor Evans informed Councillors that she and the Clerk had attended Cumberland's Lakes to Sea Panel earlier that evening to bring forward the matter of potentially putting bollards at the entrance of Market Square from Derwent Close, and that it had been unanimously supported, and we were now waiting to hear what the next steps were.

97. Keswick Community Partnership Report

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk. Reverend Charles Hope was in attendance for discussion of this item. He explained the aim of the project, and what was achieved so far, and answered questions from Councillors.

RESOLVED that:

- i) Keswick Town Council actively supports the work of Keswick Community Partnership, and appoints at least one nominated member representative on this outside body; and
- ii) Keswick Town Council supports the work of improving awareness about access to services and activities by contributing £1,570 per annum for three years to Keswick Community Partnership from 1 April 2027 (Action – RFO).

98. 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
T/2026/0154	Felling of a dead bird cherry tree in boundary hedge Prior Holme, 9 Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5DD <i>Support – this is within the Conservation Area and although there is no specialist report, we support the action proposed</i> SUPPORT
T/2026/0156	T1 Dying conifer - Remove. T2 Norway Maple - Remove to facilitate safe removal of dying conifer. T3 Norway maple - prune to create 2m clearance of phone wire. T4 Yew prune branch ends to create 2m clearance of phone wire. T5 Ash - Fell (Roadside and pavement clearance). T6 Norway Maple - Fell (Roadside and pavement clearance). T7 Norway Maple - Crown raise (Roadside and pavement clearance). 8 Beech - Crown raise (Roadside and pavement clearance). T9 Norway maple - crown raise for roadside and pavement clearance. G1 Laurel - Fell or reduce to clear phone line. G2 Laurel - Fell or reduce to create space below T1 to facilitate safe removal Nether Place Nursing Home, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4LS <i>Support – this is tree management work affecting 11 trees in the grounds of the Nursing Home which are subject to a Tree Preservation Order. We support the recommendations of Oliver Bennett Tree Services</i>

SUPPORT

- T/2026/0163 T1 - Section fell 1x Dead Beech Tree
The Coach House, Greta Hall, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NH
Support – this is within the Conservation Area and we support the recommendation of Paul Livesey of Precision Tree Services
SUPPORT
- T/2026/0166 T1 - Cypress Tree, reduce back to previous pruning points as shown in picture.
T2 - Larch Tree, reduce extended branch
17, Manor Park, Keswick, CA12 4AB
Support – this is within the Conservation Area and we support the recommendation of Paul Livesey of Precision Tree Services
SUPPORT
- 7/2026/2084 Proposed removal of the existing kitchen extraction system from the side elevation of the rear outrigger, including installation of a new kitchen extraction duct with roof penetration through the rear roof slope. Formation of new access flooring at ceiling level within the kitchen and installation of a new suspended grid ceiling. Removal of existing cooker hoods and replacement with new units.
Pack Horse Inn, Pack Horse Court, Keswick, CA12 5JB
Support – this is within the Conservation Area but the new extract flues on the rear roof cannot be seen from any vantage point at street level and we consider this to be acceptable
SUPPORT
- 7/2026/2085 Proposed removal of the existing kitchen extraction system from the side elevation of the rear outrigger, including installation of a new kitchen extraction duct with roof penetration through the rear roof slope. Formation of new access flooring at ceiling level within the kitchen and installation of a new suspended grid ceiling. Removal of existing cooker hoods and replacement with new units.
Pack Horse Inn, Pack Horse Court, Keswick, CA12 5JB
Support – The Pack Horse Inn is a Grade II listed building but the new extract flues on the rear roof cannot be seen from any vantage point at street level and we consider this to be acceptable
SUPPORT
- 7/2026/2140 Proposed alterations to rear elevation
12, Derwent Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5AN
Support – this is only a minor change to the previously approved application 7/2024/2148, which we support
SUPPORT
- 7/2026/2151 Erection of side extension to replace garage, front porch, raised patio and internal alterations to provide rear living room/space, walk-in-wardrobe and ensuite
37, Lakeland Park, Keswick, CA12 4AT
Support – these changes represent an improvement to the previously approved application 7/2025/2130, which we support
SUPPORT
- 7/2026/2152 Approval of details reserved by condition 8 (construction environmental method plan) on appeal decision APP/Q9495/W/23/3330570 (application

7/2022/2247) - Extension to existing holiday park, formation of access, landscaping and ancillary works.

Low Briery Holiday Village, Keswick, CA12 4RN

No comments required

7/2026/2154 Non-material amendment to application 7/2026/2014 (Erection of a building for the storage and maintenance of launch craft in association with Keswick Launch Company) for the addition of 3 windows and 2 doors to east elevation, new rooflights, omission of approved gable link
Boat Repair Depot, Isthmus Bay, Keswick, CA12 5DJ
No comments required

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

99. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 14 August – 10 September 2026.

100. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – Councillor Lansbury gave Councillors updates on her work. There had been a walk about in Keswick with the LDNPA's conservation officer to look at areas of concern in Keswick.

She also brought up the recent surgery with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, and the PSPO, which will be renewed in late 2027, and can be altered to be more robust then. Concerns in the meantime will still need to be logged with Cumberland in order to get an accurate picture.

- ii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – **RECEIVED** the report of the North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

101. Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk. Concerns were raised about the timing of the documentation, and given that this could be a very important forum to put forward our voice, it was critical to get everything correct. Councillor Dunn, who had the most information about the forum stated that whoever was elected as Chair should push for the forum to have an 'interim' Chair until after the elections in May 2027, and then align with Chairmanship and any terms after that point.

RESOLVED that

- i) Councillor Dunn be the Keswick Town Council representative on the new Lake District Town and Parish Council Forum;
- ii) Councillor Evans be the Keswick Town Council representative on the Keswick Community Partnership; and
- iii) Councillor Hardy be a joint Keswick Town Council representative on Sustainable Keswick.

102. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for September 2026 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment (*Action RFO*):

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 125 – 146, amounting to £38,733.06 (thirty eight thousand seven hundred and thirty three pounds and six pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP100 – FP116, amounting to £28,087.16 (twenty eight thousand eighty seven pounds and sixteen pence).

103. Keswick Town Council Survey results

RECEIVED the paper from Councillor Dunn.

RESOLVED that:

- i) Keswick Town Council share the survey findings with the following: Cumberland Council; Lake District National Park Authority; Markus Campbell-Savours MP; Keswick Tourism Association; Cumbria Tourism; Holiday let companies (Action – Councillor Dunn and the Clerk);
- ii) Keswick Town Council continue to lobby for a licensing system for short term holiday rentals; and
- iii) Encourage residents to write to their MP, asking them to support the bill (Action – Clerk).

104. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that the Staffing Committee look at this report, and make proposals at the next meeting, focusing on guidelines, Councillors etiquette, and impact on staff (Action – Clerk).

105. Consultation

RECEIVED information on the Cumberland Council consultation on Polling Stations.

RESOLVED that no response be made on the consultation on Polling Stations.

106. Tour de France Update

RECEIVED the verbal update from Councillor Harwood.

107. 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'

Councillor Peat took the Chair at 8.40pm

Councillor Evans returned to the Chair at 8.43pm

108. Building update

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the Heads of Terms be accepted, and it be minuted that Councillors have requested consideration be given to improvements to the building in line with the Council's Climate Emergency declaration (Action – Clerk).

The meeting closed at 8.49p.m.

Chair

Date

Planning Applications received between 11/09/2026 - 8/10/2026

Plan ref	Reply by	Location	Description of Proposed Development
T/2026/0186	02-Nov-26	41, Wordsworth Street, Keswick, CA12 4BZ	One Thuja to remove - rear of property
7/2026/2130	15/10/2026 - ext accepted	Rawnsley Centre, Minor Hall, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NP	Formation of accessible ramp and steps to existing front entrance to Class F, Rawnsley Centre. Inclusive of low level wall, railings and handrail
7/2026/2159	No provision for consultation on this type of application	Boat Repair Depot, Isthmus Bay, Keswick, CA12 5DJ	Approval of details reserved by conditions 3(construction traffic management plan), 4 (tree protection), 5 (pre-construction survey - footpath), and 7 (biodiversity net gain) on application 7/2026/2014 - Erection of a building for the storage and maintenance of launch craft in association with Keswick Launch Company
7/2026/2165	19-Oct-26	Pack Horse Inn, Pack Horse Court, Keswick, CA12 5JB	Minor internal works including poultrice cleaning of ceiling timbers and internal redecoration including new fixed seating including a window seat and bench seating, new drinks shelf to wall to the right side of the bar, new timber panelling, new fire surround to corner fireplace, cosmetic redecoration including new floor finishes to the customer areas, WCs and bar, redecoration of existing painted and papered wall finishes and reupholstering of existing fitted seated being retained and sanding and re-staining of modern joinery finishes and installation of 3no new fixed, decorative screens (1 to ground floor adjacent to left lobby entrance and 2 to the first floor either side of the kitchen entrance)
7/2026/2166	26-Oct-26	22, Southey Street, Keswick, CA12 4EF	Change of use of guesthouse to a flexible use as a) guesthouse, b) dwellinghouse, c) holiday letting accommodation, d) house in multiple occupation
7/2026/2170	28-Oct-26	Booths, Tithebarn Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5EA	Proposal for the installation of an additional six rapid electric vehicle charging stations and ancillary equipment within the car park of Booths, Keswick, including one fully accessible EV charging bay. The existing feeder pillar to be removed and replaced with updated kiosk to house metering equipment for additional chargers on site.
7/2026/2172	30-Oct-26	6, Grange Park, Keswick, CA12 4AY	Variation of condition 1 (plans) on planning permission 7/2022/2261 - Amendment to condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2019/2270 for demolition of conservatory & porch. Addition of dining and play room extension with porch
7/2026/2174	03-Nov-26	Station House, Brundholme Road, Keswick, CA12 4NL	Erection of oak framed carport
7/2026/2182	04-Nov-26	26 , Brandlehow Crescent, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4JE	Single storey rear extension

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Interested parties are invited to let the Town Clerk have their comments, in writing or via email to townclerk@keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk, prior to the meeting regarding any of the planning applications on this sheet.

Decisions Received from LDNPA

Planning Decisions Received between 11/09/2026 & 8/10/2026

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
T/2026/0154	Sep-26	Prior Holme, 9 Borrowdale Road, Keswick	CA12 5DD	Felling of a dead bird cherry tree in boundary hedge - 5 day notice	SUPPORT	5 Days Notice Intention to Fell		
T/2026/0163	Sep-26	The Coach House, Greta Hall, Main Street, Keswick	CA12 5NH	T1 - Section fell 1 x Dead Beech Tree - 5 day notice	SUPPORT	5 Days Notice Intention to Fell		
7/2025/2189	October-25	Land at Vendace Court, Keswick	CA12 4EU	Erection of a single storey local occupancy dwelling	OBJECT	REFUSED	<i>Appeal</i>	
7/2026/2055	July-26	Easedale House, Southey Street, Keswick	CA12 4HL	Change of use from Guest House with Managers accommodation (C1) to self-contained	SUPPORT	Withdrawn		
7/2026/2091				Proposed alterations to provide additional accommodation - variation of condition		Withdrawn		
7/2026/2134	July-26	13 Lakeland View, High Hill, Keswick	CA12 5NY	Variation of condition 3 (manager's accommodation) on planning permission 7/2023/2214 Change of use of guest house (Use Class C1) to a holiday let with managers accommodation (sui generis use) - removal of managers accommodation	OBJECT	REFUSED		
7/2026/2140	August-26	12, Derwent Street, Keswick	CA12 5AN	Proposed alterations to rear elevation	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2026/2151	Sep-26	37, Lakeland Park, Keswick	CA12 4AT	Erection of side extension to replace garage, front porch, raised patio and internal alterations to provide rear living room/space, walk-in-wardrobe and ensuite	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2026/2152	August-26	Low Briery Holiday Village, Keswick,	CA12 4RN	Approval of details reserved by condition 8 (construction environmental method p	No comments required	Complies with Condition		
7/2026/2154	August-26	Boat Repair Depot, Isthmus Bay, Keswick	CA12 5DJ	Non-material amendment to application 7/2026/2014 (Erection of a building for the storage and maintenance of launch craft in association with Keswick Launch Company) for the addition of 3 windows and 2 doors to east elevation, new rooflights, omission of approved gable link	No comments required	GRANTED		

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 15TH OCTOBER 2026****MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE**

For period 11th September 2026 to 8th October 2026

Wednesday 9 September	Met with Clerk re September agenda
Thursday 10 September	Attended Keswick school annual prize giving
Wednesday 16 September	Interview panel for new fundraiser
Thursday 17 September	Chaired September KTC meeting
Sunday 20 September	Attended Cockermouth civic service
Wednesday 23 September	Attended opening night of The Farmers Wife at TBTL
Wednesday 30 September	Attended Events Committee meeting
Wednesday 30 September	Met with Rev Charles Hope regarding a community celebration event
Sunday 4 October	Attended Keswick Lions Charter Evening

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

15 October 2026

Sally Lansbury Update

Below is attached correspondence between Councillor Lansbury and Rose Lord, Conservation Officer at the LDNPA, following a walkaround Keswick with both Councillor Lansbury and Councillor Harwood, highlighting concerns.

Dear Sally,

Thanks for this summary and thanks both for taking the time to show us around Keswick last week. It was really useful to see first-hand, and discuss, some of the issues affecting the town centre.

The actions arising from our discussions are that I have noted are:

- **[REDACTED], Station Street:** We will review, with the Enforcement Team, whether any action can be taken regarding the condition of the building. Should we decide to pursue any action, we will update you and the Town Council.
- **Vacant premises:** We will explore opportunities for meanwhile uses and shopfront displays that could improve the appearance of empty retail premises, particularly along Station Street where vacancy levels are relatively high. Taking these forward may require some partnership working to establish ownership, encourage co-operation etc, possibly with Cumberland Council's Placemaking Team.
- **[REDACTED] signage:** The incongruous fascia signs unfortunately benefit from Listed Building Consent ([REDACTED]). We will, however, write to [REDACTED] encouraging early engagement should they consider a future refurbishment, with a view to exploring a more sympathetic solution.
- **A-boards:** Sally is liaising with Julie Birkett regarding a joint letter to local businesses. The Town Council will (hopefully?) continue to monitor the situation and encourage cooperation from business owners.
- **Historic alleyways:** The Town Council is seeking to establish ownership through Land Registry records. Once ownership has been identified, we can assist with communications to property owners and engage with business owners regarding the redundant air-conditioning units that are visible in many of the alleyways and other improvements that could be made to these key pedestrian routes.
- **The Moot Hall:** The removal of paint from the quoins was approved under Listed Building Consent application 7/2021/2149. In my view, consideration should be given to wider issues relating to character, appearance, significance, and the

long-term performance and sustainability of the listed building. The attached heritage statement, together with numerous historic illustrations and photographs, demonstrates how the appearance of the Moot Hall has evolved over time. The appearance with exposed slate and painted quoins, represents the most recent phase of that evolution and is how most people will remember the building. It may therefore be difficult to justify repainting the quoins in isolation, without a broader scheme to reinstate the lime render and restore both the historic appearance and functionality of the building. The metal bars at ground-floor level are significant as evidence of the building's historic use as a prison, and their removal would therefore not be supported. I would be happy to discuss potential options for the Moot Hall further with the Trustees if that would be helpful.

Longer-term actions: *We will review the actions and timescales set out within the Conservation Area Management Plan and identify opportunities to progress these where resources allow – a wider solution for the Alleys will likely be a longer term issue as well as having the short-term action above too. Many of the actions from the management plan will require support and collaboration from Cumberland Council, Keswick Town Council, the Keswick Tourism Association and others, and some may ultimately require external funding to deliver more substantial improvements.*

Kind regards,

Rose

Rose Lord

Built Environment Adviser

Lake District National Park Authority

Vivien Little

6 October 2026

LDNPA Report for the North Lakes

Issue 30

September 30th 2026

peter.walter@lakedistrict.gov.uk

Meeting reminder:**Meet Gavin Capstick at the new style LDNPA Local Council Forum meeting.****Grasmere Village Hall, Wednesday October 7th, 7pm****'Pop-up' campsites – Article 4 Direction**

At a recent Full Authority meeting we agreed to proceed with an Article 4 Direction to remove the Permitted Development rights that allow a land-owner to run a campsite on their land for up to 60 days with no planning permission. We were notified of up to 47 such sites this year, and while most operated without problems, some did cause notable intrusion to houses near-by and potentially caused harm to fragile nature sites.

Temporary camp sites provide much needed additional capacity in peak times and give farmers a welcome source of income. So, it is worth stressing that the aim of the Article 4 is not to 'ban' pop-up sites, but to ensure that that, where run, they don't cause a problem for immediate neighbours or nature, and that they provide an adequate level of facilities for campers. Nothing will change for next summer – there is a 12-month delay in implementation. In the meantime, our planning team will bring forward proposals to ensure that those wanting to run a temporary camp site in 2028 will be able to apply to do so.

UK National Parks Conference

Recently I joined representatives from all 15 UK National Parks at their biennial conference, held this year in the Cairngorms.

The theme was inspired by the Gaelic word *Dùthchas* – the connection between people, nature, heritage and place. It highlighted that National Parks aren't just about protecting beautiful landscapes. They are also places where people live and work, and where we have to balance farming, tourism, nature and the needs of local communities.

One message that came through strongly was that National Parks need to be **bolder and braver** in our ambition and in the way we work. I am excited to say that I will be working with Gavin and Jim to explore how we can be bolder and braver going forward.

One of the highlights for me was getting out into the Cairngorms and seeing nature restoration happening on a huge scale, particularly the work to restore woodland, peatland and rivers across neighbouring estates. I was also struck by the scale of the communication

programme Cairngorm NP ran around wild fires and the huge number of enforcement patrols they ran to deal with fly camping on the shore of Loch Morlich. The summit of Cairngorm Mountain in 40 mile an hour winds was also quite something!



Learning about visitor management on Cairngorm summit.



...and Loch Morlich.

Investment

The Government recently allocated a one-off grant for all National Parks of £1.7 million for revenue spending with a similar amount for capital expenditure. Members and Officers spent a day recently, discussing how these sums should best be spent. Numerous ideas were considered but a final list was agreed at last week's Authority meeting. The details aren't in the public domain yet, as we have a formal budget setting process to go through, and the details of each project have yet to be finalised, but there are some exciting projects in the pipeline. As soon as anything is confirmed and public, I will let you know.

Local Shows

Finally, I enjoyed the Keswick and Lorton shows recently. They were both a great opportunity to catch-up with local farmers, councillors, PSCOs, business owners and more. I was struck by how busy both shows were, both with locals and visitors. A true reflection of how vibrant our local communities are. And hats off to the teams of volunteers who put on these highly professional events.



Keswick In Bloom Update: October 2026

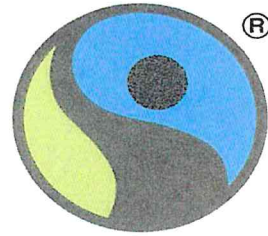
It has been a challenging year for Keswick In Bloom, with the retirement of a number of key volunteers. As a result, the area around the underpass on Lake Road has been surrendered, and responsibility lies with the Town Council as per the memorandum of understanding signed with Cumberland Council.

KiB also lost their treasurer and secretary, and for a period the continuation of the group was in doubt. With numerous appeals for new volunteers, they now have a new secretary, Judith Sanderson, and Tom Rennie has stepped back in as treasurer. There are some small banking issues to be resolved, but everything should be in place this month.

There are also some new volunteers helping both with the sensory garden and KiB, so the areas that have always been looked after will remain as KiB's responsibility.

Work has started on the area at County Corner, with a weed proof membrane, topsoil and rocks having been delivered, and some plants sourced at no cost. There is also a plan to decorate this with some bunting for the Tour de France départ in 2027. The Town Council has not signed a MOU for this area.

Volunteers will be meeting this month to discuss any winter bedding and spring planting needs for the beds and mangers across town.



KESWICK FAIRTRADE CAMPAIGN

Chair: Kelvin Rushworth (kelvinkftc@outlook.com)

'Outside Bodies' Report for KTC meeting on 15 October 2026

Keswick Fairtrade Campaign has two main aims, to make local people aware of the benefits to farmers and producers of becoming Fairtrade accredited and to encourage people to buy Fairtrade products at Keswick shops.

Fairtrade products

There are a huge number of Fairtrade products available in Keswick at Booths, Greggs, Lakes & Dales Co-op, Oxfam and Stripey Sheep – to name but a few. It is almost impossible to buy a banana in Keswick which is not Fairtrade!

Product display tables are organised at Booths and Lakes & Dales Co-op on a regular basis - usually around popular holiday periods (ie Christmas, Easter, Spring Bank holiday) and during Fairtrade Fortnight.

Every year, together with the Caldbeck Fair World Shop, Keswick Fairtrade Campaign takes a stall at the Victorian Fayre – usually with a 'pile as many bananas as you can' competition and the guest appearance of a giant Fairtrade banana. Fairtrade supporter Markus Campbell Savours calls in.

Awareness raising

Of course, all the product display tables are an opportunity to distribute Fairtrade information, stickers and badges as well as publicising the current Fairtrade campaign (ie in 2026, 'Do It Fair: people, planet, pay').

A major project in 2025-26 was the Fairtrade poetry initiative by Jo Alberti with Years 5 and 6 pupils at St. Herbert's Primary School. Following negotiations with Steve Beavis (Community Manager at Lakes & Dales Co-op), the Scotmid graphics team produced a wonderful booklet fifty plus poems so that all of the school poets could keep copies of their work.

It is great news that, in 2026-27, Jo Alberti will repeat the Fairtrade poetry initiative with senior pupils at Threlkeld Primary School.

Occasionally, talks are given to organisations (eg Rotary Keswick, Keswick WI, congregations of five of the Churches Together in Keswick) and, always, leaflets are distributed at Keswick Show by Jo Alberti and the giant banana.

FAIR AMOUNT OF SUPPORT FOR FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

By MIKE ADDISON

A SUCCESSFUL awareness raising campaign during Fairtrade Fortnight targeted churches and schools as well as the residents of Keswick.

Keswick Fairtrade Campaign has two main aims, to make local people aware of the benefits to farmers and producers of becoming Fairtrade accredited and to encourage people to buy Fairtrade products at the town's shops and supermarkets.

During Fairtrade Fortnight local campaigners sent resource materials to the 15 members of Churches Together in Keswick and the headteachers of six local schools, talking to the newly launched Keswick WI and a special screening of *Black Gold*, a film about Ethiopian coffee growers.

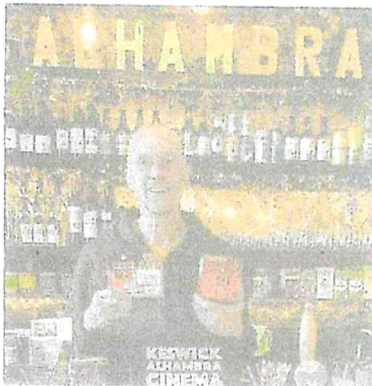
Several members of the Keswick Fairtrade Campaign and Rotary Keswick visited the star of the film, Tadesse Meskela, in Ethiopia and Joe Human maintains contact with Tadesse more than 20 years later.

In introducing *Black Gold*, Joe read a message from Tadesse, which said: "I would be happy to share the benefits of Fairtrade to our coffee communities. Keswick Fairtraders and Keswick Rotary have supported the coffee farmers in many ways with income generating activities like raising coffee seedlings, vegetables for their own consumption and for sale in the market, a flour mill and more, all through a revolving savings and credit scheme.

"The support of Keswick Fairtrade and Keswick Rotary for women in the Choche community has changed the perception men have for women, and this support has become a model and extended to the



FAIR FARE: Keswick Fairtrade Campaign chair Kelvin Rushworth with manager Becky Smith and her colleagues at the Lakes & Dales Co-op with a display of Fairtrade products.



BREWS UP: Alhambra manager Jonathan Moore receiving Fairtrade tea and biscuits for the staff, following the special screening of *Black Gold*.



THANK YOU MESSAGE: Tadesse Meskela, founder and former general manager of Oromia Coffee Farmers' Co-operative in Ethiopia, star of the film *Black Gold*.

western and southern part of Oromia.

"What you started has impacted the life of our coffee communities.

"The support from Fairtrade, Rotary and organisations like the Costa Foundation has all together supported more than 450 new projects since the establishment of the union in 1999.

"Indeed, what Keswick Fairtrade and Keswick Rotary have done for Choche is remarkable and if people in the north share a little of what they have to the poor in the south the

world would have been a better place for all human beings."

Keswick Fairtrade Campaign encourages local people to buy Fairtrade products by organising regular product display tables at Booths and Lakes & Dales Co-op and by offering raffle prizes of Fairtrade products to local events including Chinty's in aid of Amy's Care, St Herbert's Primary School's chocolate tombola, the St John's

Church dinosaur parade, the poster competition winner at Skiddaw USA and many more.

In addition, during Fairtrade Fortnight, Lakes & Dales Co-op community manager Steve Beavis donated Fairtrade tea and biscuits for campaigners to distribute to a variety of people including the staff at Bassenthwaite, Braithwaite, Borrowdale, St Herbert's primary schools and Keswick School, residents and staff

at Nether Place Nursing Home, members and staff at Keswick Youth Club and users of Keswick Area Food Share.

Fairtrade tea, coffee, biscuits, bananas, caramel shortbread, brownies and other Fairtrade products were enjoyed by the residents of Lakehead Court at their fortnightly coffee morning which raises money for the purchase of plants and the maintenance of their much-admired gardens.



GIFTS: Kate Hughes of Braithwaite Primary School receiving Fairtrade tea and biscuits for the hard-working staff.

**KESWICK
REMINDER**

2 OCTOBER 2026

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL - GENERAL FUND

1st April 2026 - 31st March 2027

Budget Summary as at 30th September 2026 - 2nd Quarter

Expenditure:	AGREED Budget 26/27	Expenditure to 30.09.26	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
General Administration	81607	31976	39	49631
Grants to outside bodies	12000	11875	99	125
Christmas Lights	37195	12381	33	24814
Mayors Allowance	2000	1500	75	500
War memorial	1600	1059	66	541
Open Spaces	1000	417	42	583
Fitz Park - Grant from KTC (deficit)	263361	263361	100	0
Audit Fee/Accounts Preparation	2340	40	2	2300
Contingency Sum	3000	821	27	2179
Keswick Events	9918	8031	81	1887
Events Co-ordinator & Communications Officer (inc email subscription)	19637	7270	37	12367
Floral displays	600	0	0	600
Allotments Expenditure	600	292	49	308
Annual Parish Meeting (inc room hire & refreshments)	150	120	80	30
Advertising	455	123	27	332
CCTV Annual Maintenance Cost - Police	1700	0	0	1700
Elections	500	500	0	0
Grasscutting - Churchyards - <i>TO BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY</i>	4000	4000	100	0
KCERP Support	6500	6500	100	0
KCHT - 2024, 25 & 26	3000	3000	100	0
Card Reader	50	0	0	50
Town Improvements Fund (via VMWG) - NEW FUND	20000	433	2	19567
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	471213	353699	75	117514

Income:	AGREED Budget 26/27	Income to 30.09.26	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
Precept	415298	415298	100	0
Grant to Fitz Park - Cumberland	20000	20000	100	0
Bank/Investment interest (inc War Memorial)	5000	4124	82	876
Walker Park rent	18875	18875	100	0
Allotments Income - Rent	600	350	58	250
Keswick Events Contributions	8440	6214	74	2226
Christmas Light Contribution	3000	1500	50	1500
TOTAL INCOME:	471213	466361	99	4852

Designated Fund Balances	
Events Fund	39,299
K2T Toilet Contribution	366
Blue Finger Post	40
Bench	470

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL - GENERAL FUND - ADMINISTRATION

1st April 2026 - 31st March 2027

Budget Summary as at 30 September 2026 - 2nd Quarter

	AGREED Budget 26/27	Expenditure to 30.09.26	% of budget spent	Budget Remaining
Expenditure:				
Salaries, Nat ins & Pension	126523	50,190	40	76333
Payroll - Outsource Costs	600	378	63	222
Rent	7100	1775	25	5325
Building Service Costs	8000	0	0	8000
Repairs - Decorating/Carpets/Upgrades	3000	1491	50	1509
Insurances	950	952	100	-2
Subscriptions	1477	1107	75	370
STAFF - Conferences/Training	1250	675	54	575
COUNCILLOR - Conferences/Training	650	0	0	650
Stationery	900	674	75	226
Postage	250	100	40	150
Telephone, Website & Internet	1700	647	38	1053
Photocopier/Printer/Scanner	1970	927	47	1043
Computer maintenance/support	4716	1935	41	2781
Office Equipment	200	232	116	-32
Staff Expenses	150	67	45	83
Ex Employee Pension	1784	887	50	897
Health and Safety	70	0	0	70
Council Chamber/Meeting Expenditure	150	311	207	-161
Staff Recruitment Costs	200	0	0	200
Worknest	1624	1604	99	20
Total Expenditure:	163264	63952	39	99312

Overspend due to external
room hire and screen re-install

	AGREED Budget 26/27	Income to 30.09.26	% of budget income	Budget Remaining
Income:				
Council chamber rental	50	0	0	50
Total Income:	50	0	0	50

To be allocated:	163214	63952	39
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	AGREED Budget 26/27	Allocation to date
Allocation:		
General Fund - ~~(60%)~~ 2026/27 (50%)	81607	31976
Hope Park - (20%)	32643	12790
Fitz Park - ~~(20%)~~ 2026/27 (30%)	48964	19186
	163,214	63,952

Preparing For Storm Season: Keswick Town Council October 2026

1) Power Outages

With climate change, storms are bringing stronger winds, with higher chances of power outages. KCERP has invested in various power banks, and portable power stations, so that an emergency operations centre could continue to function, or an emergency hub could be set up in town, along with rechargeable USB lighting. We have an agreement with the Mountain Rescue base that we can recharge these, as they have a large diesel generator to power the building.

I still need to speak to various building owners, but it may be possible to set up a community hub in the drop in centre or library

2) Floods

A communications programme for the winter has started, using social media. This will include:

- Reminders about household plans, including emergency numbers for gas, electric, flooding, checklists for a “grab bag”, reminders about insurance etc
- Reminders of how to set up flood alerts and flood warnings
- Ensuring residents know how to contact the KCERP PM or office
- Inviting volunteers for refresher sessions on ways of working, safeguarding, using radios

Meetings arranged with the fire service to ensure we can work together effectively in an emergency situation, and where to get information.

Meetings arranged with Cumberland to ensure we all know that the underground pumps are working, and what to do in case of failure.

The new WI have been engaged regarding providing food stations

KCERP will be refreshing the town's sandbag stores

Lions and Rotary have been contacted about having charitable appeals ready to go

3) What is Keswick Town Council's role in an emergency?

There are sandbag and floodsax stores at the rear of the Town Hall. Residents can collect during office hours, or contact KCERP for out of hours collection.

If there is a flood, Cumberland Council will deal with the main issues

- Setting up an evacuation centre (one of the schools)
- Rehousing displaced residents
- Advising re council tax, grants, assistance

We may need to help them find a suitable location for a temporary office, help to get the word out to residents where to go and how to get help.

KCERP may need additional volunteering hours from councillors and/or office staff to help with some administrative tasks, such as logging who needs assistance with clearing furniture, or silt from their properties

The main thing is to ensure everyone is aware of what assistance is available, and how to get it. KCERP will share all relevant information, and any assistance in distributing will be gratefully received.

If you have specific experience that you feel would be useful, please let me know. If you helped during the last flood and can offer any advice, it would be appreciated. The main thing will be pointing people at the right agency – be that Cumberland, or advising on what to do to prepare for an insurance claim, or where to go for clean-up equipment.

From: Cumbria Police <CumbriaPolice@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: 18 September 2026 15:53
To: Ania Mlynczak
Subject: Your Policing Update: Cockermouth and Keswick

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Neighbourhood Policing Team Updates



Cockermouth and Keswick

September 2026

A welcome from Sergeant McKinnell

Welcome to the September edition of your Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter.

It's been another busy month for your neighbourhood policing team as we continue to tackle the issues that matter most to local people. From proactive patrols and targeted operations to community engagement and crime prevention work, we've been out across the area working to keep our communities safe.

In this edition, you'll find highlights of some of the action we've taken, successes we've achieved, and the ongoing work being carried out in response to your concerns and priorities.

Remember, you play a vital role in helping us keep our communities safe. If you have information to share or concerns you'd like us to know about, please report them online via the Cumbria Police website or by calling 101.

Want to know who's policing your area and what local priorities we're focusing on? Visit the Cumbria Police website, select 'Your Area', then 'On the Team'.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sergeant Neil McKinnell
Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team



Essential News and Updates

Residents Help Shape Local Policing Priorities

Following a recent community survey carried out by the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team, residents in Cockermouth and the surrounding areas have helped identify the issues that matter most to them.

After reviewing the results, officers have set the following neighbourhood priorities:

- Anti-social behaviour and road safety concerns in Cockermouth town centre and on key routes into the town.
- Road safety issues in the Brigham and Great Broughton areas.
- Anti-social behaviour in Little Broughton.



Local officers will continue to target these concerns through high-visibility patrols, engagement with residents and partner agencies, and proactive policing activity. The team remains committed to addressing crime, anti-social behaviour and road safety issues across the area.

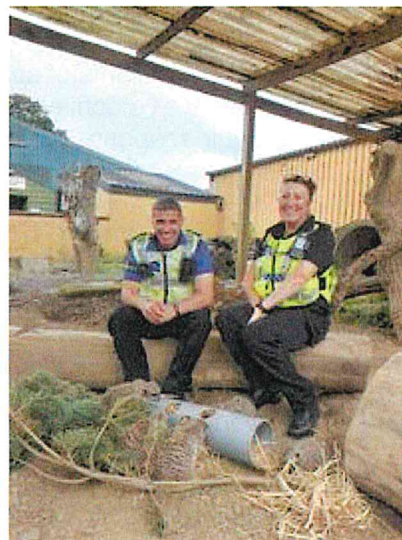
Residents are encouraged to continue reporting incidents and sharing information, as community intelligence plays a vital role in helping officers identify problems and take action.

A follow-up survey will be conducted in three months' time to review progress and ensure local policing priorities continue to reflect the concerns of the community.

[Report Incidents Here](#)



Operation Enhance Delivers High-Visibility Policing



Neighbourhood Officers Pay a Visit to Some Unusual Residents

Operation Enhance patrols were carried out in hotspot areas to deter crime and tackle antisocial behaviour.

Extra officers provided a visible presence, engaged with local communities and took action to address concerns.

Residents were encouraged to report antisocial behaviour via 101, while emergencies continued to be reported through 999.

The operation formed part of ongoing efforts to keep neighbourhoods safe and reduce crime.

While out on rural patrol, PC Robertson and PCSO Pete Nichol made a stop at the Lake District Wildlife Park to speak to a rather unusual group about their recent “antisocial behaviour” concerns, a mob of meerkats.

Thankfully, the officers were pleased to report that the meerkats were on their best behaviour and appeared to take on board the words of advice offered during the visit.

On a more serious note, the visit highlighted an important animal welfare message. The growing popularity of exotic pets, often driven by social media trends, has led to increased demand for animals such as meerkats. However, these animals have complex welfare needs and are not suited to most domestic environments.

Keeping exotic animals without the specialist care, space and social structures they require can lead to welfare concerns and may result in offences under the Animal Welfare Act.

The neighbourhood policing team would like to thank the staff at Lake District Wildlife Park for their continued work in educating visitors about wildlife conservation and responsible animal care.

Community Champion Shirley Murphy Recognised in Diverse Cumbria Awards

Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team is delighted to congratulate Shirley Murphy from Autism Support Allerdale and Copeland (ASAAC) on being shortlisted in the first round of the Diverse Cumbria Awards in the Positive Role Model category.

Shirley, pictured with Cumbria Police Neurodiversity Champion Pete Nichol, works tirelessly to support neurodivergent individuals and their families across Allerdale and Copeland. Through her role with ASAAC, she provides invaluable advice, guidance and advocacy, helping people access the support they need.

Shirley also works closely with Pete and local officers to support neurodivergent individuals who have come into contact with police. Her contribution to outreach and aftercare is instrumental in ensuring those individuals, and their families, receive appropriate support and reassurance following police involvement.



Her dedication, compassion and commitment make a real difference to the lives of many people within our communities, and this recognition is thoroughly deserved.

Everyone at Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team would like to wish Shirley the very best of luck at the awards ceremony on 26 September and thank her for the incredible work she continues to do alongside us.

Congratulations, Shirley, and thank you for everything you do for our communities.

Our Priorities - *You said, we did*

Speed Indicator Device Relocated to Great Broughton

The neighbourhood policing team's Speed Indicator Device (SID) has completed a deployment on Lorton Road in Cockermouth and has now been relocated to Moor Road in Great Broughton.

The move follows ongoing concerns from residents about motorists exceeding the 20mph speed limit on the approach to the village. The route includes a narrow section of road and is situated close to the local primary school, making road safety a key priority for the area.



The SID will monitor vehicle speeds and collect data to help inform whether further enforcement activity is required. The information gathered will support efforts to improve compliance with speed limits and enhance road safety for local residents.

In its new location, the device has been positioned alongside a speed limit sign, providing motorists with an additional reminder to slow down and drive safely.

Upcoming community police events 🚓

♦ Drop in Session - Cockermouth Library

📅 Fri 25 September 2026

🕒 11:00AM - 12:00PM

♦ Drop in Session - Keswick Library

📅 Sat 10 October 2026

🕒 10:00AM - 11:00AM

For more information, please visit our website and enter your postcode in the Your Area section.

[Visit your area](#)



Your local officers

Not only will you be able to find out who your named local officers and PCSOs are, you will also be able to view our local policing priorities and details of any meetings or events we will be attending.

Meet your local officers

Crime Figures

Further information can be found on [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk)

Offence Class	Current Period	Previous Period	Change	% Change
Arson and Criminal Damage	13	16	-3	-18.8 %
Burglary	2	4	-2	-50.0 %
Drug Offences	3	3	0	0.0 %
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society		1	-1	-100.0 %
Public Order Offences	11	6	5	83.3 %
Sexual Offences	8	3	5	166.7 %
Theft	20	12	8	66.7 %
Vehicle Offences	2	2	0	0.0 %
Violence Against the Person	41	40	1	2.5 %
Total	100	87	13	14.9 %

● Month Total ● Previous Year



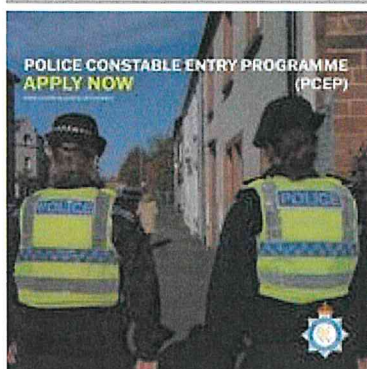
Join us!

Have you ever thought about being a police officer?

You could make a real difference to people in Cumbria and help keep them safe.
Not sure if policing is for you? This short quiz should be able to help [↓](#)

Take the quiz

Which route is right for you?



PCEP offers a direct route into a career, combining hands-on policing experience with structured learning and development.

Over two years, recruits gain the skills, confidence and operational experience needed to serve communities across Cumbria. This route gives a blend of practical on-the-job experience and classroom-based learning.

You will then go onto to your allocated station.

Professional Policing Degree Graduate (PPD)

To be eligible to apply, you will need to have taken a three-year BSc professional policing programme offered by universities that are licensed and validated to deliver the degree by the College of Policing. For more information about the entry route and the role visit: [Job profile](#)

PCEP DC pathway

Our Detective entry programme (PCEP DC) is open for applications. The two year programme is designed to equip you with all the skills and training necessary to ensure that on completion you will be a highly competent detective constable.

Transferees

Do you or someone you know work for another force? Looking for a new challenge? When you join Cumbria Police you will have new opportunities and with this, you will be able to make a positive difference to the lives of those who live here.

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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 Monday 25 August 2026 at 11am

Present: Councillor Natalie Evans (NE)
 Councillor Steve Harwood (SH)
 Councillor Claire Houghton (CH) (Chair)
 Yvonne Booth (Events Coordinator) (YB)
 Bob Barnby (Keswick Lions) (BB)
 David Quainton (Keswick Rotary) (DQ)
 Jack Beamont (Keswick Tourism Association) (JB)
 Mary Elliot (Theatre by the Lake) (ME)
 Vivien Little (Town Clerk) (VL)
 Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer) (RFO)

MINUTES

9. Election of Chair

RESOLVED that Councillor Claire Houghton be elected as Chair of the Events Committee for the 2026/27 municipal year.

10. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richard Scott, Phil Byers (Keswick Markets) and Ania Mlynczak (Support Officer).

11. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on the 20 July 2026 be approved, with the addition of a spelling correction.

12. Keswick Games Feedback

RECEIVED feedback on the Keswick Games.

- 118 children had taken part in 2026, 3 times what had taken place last year. 46 children also took part in the cross country race.
- The fell race had received a lot of entries, with the winner coming close to the record, which was an amazing achievement.
- The amount of teams dropping out at the last minute was disappointing, but next year there would be more control over that.
- There was more volunteers than needed this year, in a change from last year. The overall feedback of the day was extremely positive.
- It was generally felt that as it is becoming a successful event, we shouldn't change the format.
- KTA could help to put the request for sponsorship out to their members (Action – JB and YB). More could also be done to promote KTC events at the Keswick Tourism Association AGM.
- Families could be encouraged to enter the team event, which would need to be communicated.
- Thanks were given to the sponsors, and also Keswick Lions for their support of the day.

RESOLVED that:

- i) The time of the event for 2027 be set to run from 12 noon until 5pm.

13. Use of Inflatables in Keswick Games

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk. While Bee Unique were fully compliant with Keswick Town Council's requests regarding PLI and staff on site, concerns were raised over Mr Bounce and his inflatable obstacle course. Questions were raised as to whether this added much to the day. Keswick Tourism Association may be able to help source alternative entertainment.

RESOLVED that Mr Bounce's inflatable obstacle course not be used for the event in 2027.

14. Christmas Lights Switch On 2026

RECEIVED an update of the event from the Events Coordinator.

- The event at Packhorse Court would go ahead as usual, starting at 5pm, and ending at 5.30 following the lights switch on by Peter Rabbit.
- The aim would be 7pm for the main lights switch on, with hopefully something from TBTL to showcase their Christmas show, followed by music led by a slimmed down Local Vocals, who had been booked.
- JB requested that a group of musicians who normally played for the pubs and bars in Keswick be able to do a couple of songs. This was agreed.
- Taylor's funfair would be invited to attend, as their rides were incredibly popular, and they always donated monies to the Events.
- Need to have a strategic plan to ensure that any bottle necks could be identified quickly, and dealt with. There would be an Event Safety briefing at least a week before, to enable all volunteers to ask questions.
- VL would write to Allerdale Police, informing them of the event, and requesting that there be appropriate support on duty (Action – VL).
- After discussion, it was agreed that this year, the Mayor and the Town Crier would jointly switch on the lights.
- NE and VL were to attend a future meeting of Cumberland Council's Lakes to Sea panel to request that consideration was given to working with Cumberland Council to place bollards at the entrance to Derwent Close (Action – VL and NE).
- YB to produce a sponsors email and send it to KTA for distribution (Action – YB).
- DQ informed the group that there would be lights put on the trees at Tithebarn Corner by the Rotary Club this year.

15. Future Events

The following dates were set for 2027 events:

- May Day – Monday 3 May 2027 at Townsfield
- Party in the Park – Saturday 26 June 2027 in Fitz Park
- Keswick Games – Sunday 15 August 2027 in Fitz Park
- Christmas Lights Switch on – 3rd week in November 2027 (date to be set following this year's event).

16. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set as Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 11am.

The meeting finished at 12.37 pm

Chair

Date

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Staffing Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick on Monday 10 August 2026 at 11 a.m.

Present: Councillor Natalie Evans (Chair)
Councillor Louise Dunn
Councillor Claire Houghton
Councillor Jean Murray
Councillor Lorraine Taylor
Vivien Little – Town Clerk
Catherine Parker – Responsible Financial Officer

6. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Houghton. His apologies were noted and accepted by Councillors.

7. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

8. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes, as a correct record, of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 3 June 2026 (page 1).

Prior to the following business the Chair moved the following 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’

9. Update on Workload

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that:

- i) staff look through their job descriptions, ensuring that they match the actual workload (Action – Office Staff) and the results be brought back to the next Staffing Committee meeting;
- ii) an annual Council calendar running from May-May be produced, covering the key busy times for the Council, as well as Events, to allow for greater understanding by Councillors (Action – Clerk);
- iii) all Committees and Working Groups to have meetings set up on a six weekly cycle, to be marked on the Councillors Calendar (Action – Clerk);
- iv) Councillors Dunn and Murray look at the Councillors Induction, to prepare for the May 2027 elections (Action – Councillor Dunn and Murray);
- v) for the Keswick Games event on Sunday 16 August 2026, all inflatable providers must have public liability insurance of £10 million (Action – Clerk);
- vi) the recommendation of the Staffing Committee regarding the office upgrade be option 1 (Action – RFO); and
- vii) the Clerk put together a report for the September Town Council meeting, regarding moving towards paperless agendas, with using Teams as a preferred option of passing documentation to Councillor (Action – Clerk).

10. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set as Wednesday 2 September 2026 at 1.30pm.

The meeting ended at 12.30 p.m.

Chairman

Date