

## KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 16th June 2016 at 7.30pm.

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**Present:**

**Chairman**  
Councillor David Burn

**Councillors**

Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley	

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Administration & Finance Officer), Jim Wilson (Chair of Underskiddaw PC), Geoff Davies (LDNPA representative), 2 members of the press and 2 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, Heather Askew, Administration Support Officer, provided an update on the role of Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership, its structure and remit, and asked for feedback from people who were involved during and after the 2015 flooding with the aim of learning from what happened and improving the response in the future.

At the start of the meeting, the Mayor paid tribute to MP Jo Cox who had died earlier in the day after being shot and stabbed in her West Yorkshire constituency. There followed a minute's silence.

**32. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lysser (work), Paxon (holiday) and Price (work).

**33. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (pages 1-7).

**34. Requests for Dispensations**

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

**35. Declarations of Interests**

Declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:

Councillor Susan Leighton – item 8 – family connection

**36. Police Report**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Allerdale Rural Policing Team for May. 14 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during May 2016 with 6 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month. No officer was in attendance.

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

No matters were raised.

*It was agreed that item 10 be moved forward for consideration*

**38. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from representatives on:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lywood
- ii) Cumbria County Council – the Chairman reported on behalf of County Councillor Lysser
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority – Geoff Davies.

*Note: it was agreed that an item on Neighbourhood Planning be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.*

### 39. Applications for Development

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

<b>Plan Ref.</b>	<b>Description of Development Location:</b>
<b>7/2016/2076</b>	Proposed rear extension Nether Place Nursing Home, Chestnut Hill <i>Support – Will utilise and infill an untidy part of the grounds, will enhance the property and the welfare of patients. This is a good design with no overlooking issues.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2016/2096</b>	Spreading of silt on area, then grass seed Hospital Field and Archery Field <i>Declared interest – Applicant is Keswick Town Council</i> <b>Declared interest</b>
<b>7/2016/2123</b>	Replacement of flooded dwelling and garage with new dwelling and garage set above known flood levels 16 Crosthwaite Gardens <i>Support – Entire property lifted by 900mm. Noise and traffic likely to be high during demolition, therefore any objections from neighbours should be listened to. Effectively a new property on an existing footprint.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2016/2129</b>	Change of use to office 32 Lake Road <i>Support – Do not see that it will make any impact on the area. The previous occupant KE Travel was office/retail mix. West Cumbria Rivers Trust office is of little impact</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2016/2131</b>	Erection of storage shed on hard standings alongside café Café by the Lake, Lakeside <i>Support – Fits in with other storage area and service block and sits on approved hard standing.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<i>Note: Councillor Pugmire declared an interest – member of Theatre Trust</i>	
<b>7/2016/2135</b>	Demolition of an existing bungalow to be replaced with 3 no. dwellings: 1 no. detached and 2 no. semi-detached - resubmission of 7/2015/2188 Stanwin, 14A Fenton <i>Object– A vote took place with unanimous objection from all Councillors present. Overdevelopment as the idea of 3 houses on the site would be over bearing and not in keeping with the area. Site visit made - Met with Mr Fletcher (no 13). Boundary dispute which does not affect the plan (but would affect construction).</i> <b>OBJECT</b>
<b>7/2016/2137</b>	Approval for size, siting, materials and appearance of 2 detached properties Stanwin, 14A Fenton <i>Support – A vote took place with unanimous support from all Councillors present. Site visit made - Met Mr Fletcher who is okay with these plans, although has same boundary issues as 7/2016/2135. This plot is more suited to either semi-detached</i>

*property or good sized detached property. Two house plan meets all needs re roof height etc. and is a comfortable fit into the plot*

**SUPPORT**

**7/2016/2145**

Single storey rear extension with internal alterations  
Riverdale, Crosthwaite Road *Visited the site. It is certainly liable to flood.  
This is a good design, although we have concerns about the development on a flood plain*

**NEUTRAL**

**7/2016/2146**

Variation of condition no. 3 of planning approval ref. 7/2013/2307 relating to extending opening hours to 8:00 - 0:00 each day  
Café by the Lake, Lakeside  
*Support – Obvious application given that neighbour is the theatre and the outside areas closing time remains at 22:30.*

**SUPPORT**

*Note: Councillor Pugmire declared an interest – member of Theatre Trust*

- ii) No planning decisions had been received from the Lake District National Park Authority.

**40. Possible Boundary Review**

Consideration was given to whether Allerdale Borough Council should be asked to re-align the current Keswick town boundary with the line of the A66 northern bypass to incorporate the new development at Calvert Way. The Chairman of Underskiddaw Parish Council, Jim Wilson, was in attendance and advised that as the neighbouring Parish, his Council felt that such an alteration would make sense. As the Borough Council was currently involved in a review of ward boundaries, it was suggested that this could become the new district boundary for the ward review, and that Lonscale View should also be included.

**RESOLVED** that the Keswick ward representatives on Allerdale BC be asked to lobby for this change as part of the ward boundary review in the first instance.

*Jim Wilson left the meeting.*

**41. Mayor's Report**

**RECEIVED** a report on the Mayor's Engagements and meeting attendance for the period 13 May – 9 June 2016.

**42. Keswick Flood Investigation Report**

Councillors discussed the flood investigation report produced by the Environment Agency under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, in partnership with Cumbria County Council. Reference was made to the response prepared by Keswick Flood Action Group and a paper prepared by Councillor Jordan on the watershed of the River Greta. Concern was expressed regarding the failure of the Environment Agency to remove the silt and boulders from the River Greta and the need for urgent action to reduce the threat of future flooding.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk submit a response to the draft report following consultation with the Mayor and Councillor Lywood, to incorporate the comments made, and that the response be made available to the local press for publication.

**43. NuGen Stage 2 Consultation – the Moorside Project**

Consideration was given to NuGen's proposals to build three AP1000 reactors on land to the north and west of the Sellafield site, in particular, whether the new UU water pipeline would be used to supply the development, and the impact of new electricity pylons on the area surrounding the National Park.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council support Millom Without Parish Council's case for action against the proposed route corridor for the new 50 metre pylons and the preferred solution to bury the lines via an off-shore based route.

**44. Payment of Accounts**

**RESOLVED** that the accounts for June 2016 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment:

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 44 – FR1 amounting to £25786.86 (twenty five thousand seven hundred and eighty six pounds and eighty six pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP27 – FP39 amounting to £48632.18 (forty eight thousand six hundred and thirty two pounds and eighteen pence).

**45. Annual Accounts**

**RESOLVED** that the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 be approved and that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Return.

**46. Minutes of Committee Meeting**

**RECEIVED** for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

**47. Clerk's Report**

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report. Following a vote, it was

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Titley be appointed to the Staffing Committee following Councillor Miller's inclusion as Trust Vice Chair.

**48. Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**RECEIVED** the rota for reporting to Council.

**49. Correspondence**

**RECEIVED** the following correspondence:

- i) Cumbria County Council – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority – Local Plan Review feedback
- iii) CALC – Highways England Request for Evidence
- iv) CALC – Connecting Cumbria update
- v) Cumbria County Council – Western Coast and Lakes Travel Plan (previously circulated to Councillors)

**50. Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Footpath**

**RECEIVED** a report from Councillor Leighton following the Update meeting held on 9 June 2016.

**Prior to the following business the Chairman moved the following resolution:**

*'That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable/in the public interest that the public and/or press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'*

**51. Legal – the Hollow, Penrith Road**

**RECEIVED** an update from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that Allerdale BC be asked whether they intend to take any action and if they will be continuing to maintain the area.

**52. Staffing**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that a meeting of the Staffing Committee be held at the earliest opportunity.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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Chairman

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Date