

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 21st July 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Councillors

Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Tony Lywood	Andrew Lysser	Duncan Miller
Adam Paxon	Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Administration & Finance Officer), Geoff Davies (Lake District National Park Authority NDA representative), 3 members of the press and 4 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, Emma Bundock (Private Sector Housing Manager) delivered a short presentation on the findings of the recent housing study and the draft Housing Strategy for Allerdale 'Improving Lives – Improving Housing Strategy 2016-2021' which was out for consultation. She encouraged feedback through the online survey or by completing the survey form.

53. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Leighton (holiday) and Price.

54. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16th June 2016 (pages 8-11).

55. Requests for Dispensations

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

56. Declarations of Interests

No declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on the agenda were received.

57. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Policing team for June. PCSO Catherine Smith was in attendance for this item. 14 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during June 2016 with 3 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month.

58. Matters to be received from the Public

Mr Mike Stubbs raised the issue of the proposed reinstatement of Forge Bridge over the River Greta at Forge Lane. He asked for the Council's support in making representations against the reinstatement of the bridge in its original configuration, and stated that the bridge was fundamental in significantly increasing the damage to six buildings upstream of the structure during the floods of December 2015.

Councillor Titley raised concerns on behalf of Keswick Flood Action Group regarding the management and structure of Thirlmere reservoir, in particular the condition of the reservoir's walls.

RESOLVED that the Town Council support Mr Stubbs' representations against the reinstatement of Forge Bridge to its original design, and his request that the proposed repairs to the bridge be revisited in line with current policy to protect people, land and property.

59. Derwentwater Foreshore Management

Nik Hardy, Head of Economic Growth at Allerdale Borough Council, was present for this item. He referred to the Authority's new Asset Management Plan and developing Economic Growth Plan in the context of the management of Derwentwater Foreshore and listened to concerns about unrestricted traffic and parking in the area, broken road slabs and structural eyesores, particularly on the Isthmus. Councillors stated that the management plan agreed to secure a £1.2m Heritage Lottery Fund grant for the project, which included an extension to the Lakeside car park to increase revenue for the Borough Council, was not being complied with. Mr Hardy accepted the criticisms and agreed to secure some short term improvements to the area. **RESOLVED** that an item be placed on the agenda for the September meeting to review progress and that Mr Hardy be requested to attend.

60. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from representatives on:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lywood
RESOLVED that a letter of support for a short period of free parking for Keswick residents on ABC operated car parks be sent to the Leader and relevant Portfolio Holder on Allerdale Borough Council
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority – Geoff Davies
- iii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lysser

61. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location:
T/2016/0090	Fell 8 conifers 12 Greta Hamlet <i>Support but would like to suggest shrub planting in that area at the suggestion of Greta Hamlet Committee</i> SUPPORT
7/2016/2112	Amended application - Alterations and extensions for family room and utility & boot room 2 Lakeland Park Decision already made by LDNPA therefore no comments required
7/2016/2118	Replacement of lounge and bedroom windows with double glazed upvc An Darach, 49 Wordsworth Street <i>Support – mainly wooden windows in Wordsworth Street. This is NOT traditional bay window as neighbouring houses. May benefit from high quality glazing units</i> SUPPORT
7/2016/2138	Proposed dormer, change windows and internal alterations and associated works (resubmission of 7/2015/2169) 25 Church Street <i>Support – the next door neighbour no longer has any objection and the bat survey is now satisfactory</i> SUPPORT
7/2016/2154	Placement of 5 no. bike racks to east elevation of a Listed Building The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, 2-6 Bank Street <i>Support the principle of bike racks although 5 x 4 just too many, therefore would suggest 3 x 4 although there will be some loss of a flower bed. A local resident raised concern that parked cycles may protrude onto the public footpath due to the positioning of the bike racks</i> SUPPORT

7/2016/2156 New storage container (retrospective)
Keswick Bowling Club, Upper Fitz Park
Declared interest – Applicant is Keswick Town Council
Declared Interest

7/2016/2166 Demolition of car port
20 Riverside Court, Elliott Park
No comments required – for information only

- ii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park planning decisions
- iii) **RECEIVED** letter from Lake District National Park Authority re appeal by Your Housing Group in respect of Greta Gardens

62. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's Engagements and meetings attendance.

63. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 65 - FR3 amounting to £37,177.06 (thirty seven thousand one hundred and seventy seven pounds and six pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP42 – FP62 amounting to £57,211.44 (fifty seven thousand two hundred and eleven pounds and forty four pence)

64. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED the budget summary for 1st April – 30th June 2016.

65. Neighbourhood Planning

Consideration was given to the setting up of a Working Group to investigate and make a recommendation to Council on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Keswick.

RESOLVED that Councillors Daniels, Lywood, Pugmire and Titley together with the Clerk produce a report for consideration at the next meeting.

66. Town Council Logo

Councillor Titley put forward a suggestion that a local competition be created to design a new logo for the Town Council in view of the poor quality of the current design.

RESOLVED that a competition be organised to design a new logo for the Town Council, with no obligation to accept any of the entries submitted as a replacement for the current logo.

67. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Tony Lywood, Battersby Hall Charity.

68. Keswick Town Council Events Committee

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Paul Titley, Chairman of the Events Committee.

69. Local Plan Review

RECEIVED notification from the Lake District National Park Authority of issues raised at engagement sessions with Parishes about the Local Plan Review. No further issues were put forward for consideration.

70. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

71. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) United Utilities – response to comments regarding supply of water to Moorside
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority:

Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement
Local Development Scheme – final adopted version

- iii) Environment Agency – Flood Protection, Keswick
- iv) DEFRA – Water Framework Directive and effects on flooding

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

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

72. Contracting

Consideration was given to the report of the Admin & Finance Officer.

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

73. Legal – the Hollow, Penrith Road

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

74. Staffing

RECEIVED the Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 7th July 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman

Date