

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 15th September 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Councillors

Allan Daniels	Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton
Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller	Adam Paxon
Martin Pugmire		

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), 2 members of the press and 11 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, Tom Woof of Prospus Group Ltd provided an introduction to Neighbourhood Plans and answered questions about the process.

90. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lysser, Jordan (holiday) and Titley.

91. Resignation

The Mayor reported the resignation of Councillor Peter Price due to work commitments and a pending house move. He asked for thanks to be put on record for Peter's contribution to the work of the Council.

92. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18th August 2016 (pages 16-20).

93. Requests for Dispensations

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

94. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillor Daniels – item 7 (i) application no. 7/2016/2190 (friend of the neighbour)

Councillor Leighton – item 7 (i) application no. 7/2016/2190 (friend of the neighbour)

Councillor Kemp – item 7 (i) application no. 7/2016/2200 (employed by the School)

95. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Policing team for August. No Police representative was available to attend for this item. 18 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during August 2016 with 3 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month.

96. Matters to be received from the Public

- (i) Simone Taylor from the Golden Lion public house, Market Square, raised the issue of the recent increase in parking charges and the imposition of a two hour restriction on parking in Bell Close car park which was having a detrimental effect on business. She suggested that workers' parking permits be made available to prevent on street parking which was causing problems for residents.

- (ii) Mr Glen Savage raised the issue of problems caused by car parking in the Blencathra Street area. He stated that it was time for an overall parking strategy for the town to be developed. Borough Councillors present (Lywood and Pugmire) agreed to take this forward. Councillor Kemp advised Mr Savage to gather evidence of support from other residents and businesses in the Blencathra Street area for a residents parking permit scheme.
- (iii) Mr Fred Williams thanked Councillors for their assistance in securing a flood resilience grant, particularly Councillor Lywood, and expressed concerns about trees on Brundholme Gardens and exposed roots showing upstream of Fitz Park.
- (iv) Maggie Lambert spoke on behalf of Keswick Retailers to ask what was going to happen to the former 'Stars of the Cars' motor museum building. Borough Councillor Tony Lywood advised that he had recently found out that the building was under offer to the Borough Council and that the intention was to lease it for use as an indoor market. He intended to seek a meeting at the earliest opportunity to find out more information and expressed his disgust that there had been no consultation with Keswick Councillors.

97. 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/2016/0111	T1: Cherry - fell; T2 Cherry - fell; T3: Cherry - fell; T4: Apple - fell; T5 Cherry - fell Antara, Stanger Street <i>Support – would suggest T1 cherry be retained</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0118	Fell 4 fir trees, 1 dead tree and 1 silver birch. Top 1 silver birch and 1 lime. Cut back 2 laurel Grounds of St. Johns Old School, Church Lane <i>Support – Felling and management of these trees is sensible</i> SUPPORT
7/2016/2135	Demolition of an existing bungalow to be replaced with 3 no. dwellings: 1 no detached and 2no. Semi-detached - resubmission of 7/2015/2188 Stanwin, 14A Fenton <i>Object – as per previous comments made in June as below:- Overdevelopment as the idea of 3 houses on the site would be over bearing and not in keeping with the area. Site visit made. Boundary dispute which does not affect the plan (but would affect construction). 3 letters of objection received from neighbours</i> OBJECT
7/2016/2137	Approval for size, siting, materials and appearance of 2 detached properties Stanwin, 14A Fenton <i>Support – Subject to the road along Fenton being taken care of during construction with light vehicles being used and that reinstatement of any damage to the fragile road be completed by the applicant following completion of the development 3 letters of objection received from neighbours</i> SUPPORT

- 7/2016/2190** Alterations & extensions to dwelling and construction of detached garage
Beech Bank, Borrowdale Road
Object – Site visit made – The development is too overbearing and is not a sympathetic design
1 letter of objection received from neighbour
OBJECT
- 7/2016/2200** Construction of multi use games area
Church Lane, Crosthwaite
Support – Although parking is a concern
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2204** Single storey kitchen diner extension to side of semi-detached house, freeing existing ground floor space for bathroom
Whiteleas, Blencathra Street
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2213** Replacement of shop fascia signs to the front and side of the store
Lakeland Store, Lake Road
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2215** Demolition of existing detached garage and store and construction of new attached garage and rear entrance lobby
Rannerdale, The Heads
Support – unless any adverse comments from No 47 The Headlands
SUPPORT

It was agreed to bring item 10 on the agenda forward.

98. Neighbourhood Plan for Keswick

Further to the discussion at the last meeting and the information presented by Tom Woof prior to the start of this meeting, Councillors considered whether to proceed with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Keswick.

RESOLVED that the Neighbourhood Planning process be put into place and that designation be sought for Keswick as a 'neighbourhood area'.

99. Planning (cont)

- i) **RECEIVED** update on National Park planning decisions.
Note: LDNPA to be asked for guidance on their policy relating to building on flood plains
- ii) **RECEIVED** an update on Listed Building Consent application ref. 7/2016/2172 Forge Bridge.

100. Derwentwater Foreshore

RECEIVED an update from Nik Hardy of Allerdale BC on issues raised at the meeting held in July at which he was present. Further discussion was deferred until the November meeting when Mr Hardy and his colleague Andrew Seekings would be in attendance.

101. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority – Geoff Davies
The Clerk was asked to obtain further information regarding the financial contribution towards affordable housing which may be required from developers as stated in the report.
- ii) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – Councillor Lywood submitted a report together with a map showing the proposed new parliamentary constituency boundaries

102. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meetings attendance for the period 12th August – 8th September 2016.

103. Flooding Update

Consideration was given to a paper prepared by Councillor Pugmire and the report 'Reducing flood risk from source to sea - First steps towards an integrated catchment plan for Cumbria' published by the Environment Agency working with the Cumbria Floods Partnership. It was acknowledged that more specific information relating to Keswick was required and the Clerk confirmed that Amy Heyes, Catchment Director had agreed to attend a future Town Council meeting to explain what the report meant for Keswick.

104. Management of A Boards

RECEIVED an update from the Mayor and Councillor Daniels on progress with developing a possible street furniture and A Board scheme for Keswick. A meeting of relevant partners had been arranged for 27 September 2016 and a report would be brought to the next meeting.

105. Events Banner Policy

Consideration was given to the report of the Responsible Financial Officer recommending changes to the Events Banner policy following the reduction in banner sites available for use.

RESOLVED that the revised policy be adopted.

106. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 111 – FR7 amounting to £18,327.90 (eighteen thousand three hundred and twenty seven pounds and ninety pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP81 – FP97 amounting to £27,948.41 (twenty seven thousand nine hundred and forty eight pounds and forty one pence)

107. Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

RESOLVED that the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016 including the certificate of conclusion of the External Audit be approved and accepted.

108. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held 1st September 2016.

109. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that permission be granted for the reproduction of the image of the Keswick Urban District Council 'Womens Suffrage' banner in connection with the Heritage Lottery community history project 'Women, War and Peace'.

110. Correspondence

RECEIVED details of the following correspondence:

- i) Kier/Highways England – comments on A66 Bass Lake resurfacing
- ii) West, North and East Cumbria Success Regime – Stakeholder Update Briefing Aug 2016
- iii) Northern Gas Networks – Stakeholder Report

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'

111. Staffing

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Chairman

Date