

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 20th October 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Councillors

Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Susan Leighton
Andrew Lysser	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Adam Paxon	Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), 3 members of the press and 9 members of the public, and Geoff Davies (Lake District National Park Authority).

Prior to the meeting, at the request of the Mayor, Amy Heys (Derwent Catchment Director) and Catherine Evans of the Environment Agency gave details of the Cumbria Flood Action Plan and explained how it would be delivered through Catchment Management Groups. A question and answer session followed.

112. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kemp and PCSO Catherine Smith.

113. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15th September 2016 (pages 21-25) as amended.

114. Requests for Dispensations

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

115. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillor Pugmire – item 13 (Trustee of Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership)

Councillors Lywood, Pugmire and Titley – item 16 (Trustees of Keswick Museum & Art Gallery)

All Councillors – item 7 (i) application no. 7/2016/2250 (members of Fitz Park Trust)

It was agreed that item 10 be brought forward for consideration whilst Amy Heys and Catherine Evans were present.

116. Flood Protection

Councillor Titley reported on a recent meeting with Jamie Reed MP, followed by a tour of areas affected by flooding, and emphasised the need for the Government to provide the funding required to carry out the actions listed in the Cumbria Flood Action Plan.

RESOLVED that the Town Council write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs to encourage her to use all powers available to secure the funding necessary for flood protection in Cumbria and the North Lakes.

117. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Policing team for September. No Police representative was available to attend for this item. 27 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during September 2016 with 6 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month.

118. Matters to be received from the Public

Councillor Miller spoke regarding the request for a by-election to fill the vacancy on the Town Council created by the resignation of Peter Price. He hoped that there would be sufficient nominations to ensure that an election would be held and encouraged people to come forward to stand as candidates. Other Councillors echoed his comments that the Town Council should continue to be apolitical and to put the interests of Keswick ahead of any other considerations.

Mr Mike Bulman, representing the Friends of the Mary Hewetson (Keswick) Hospital, spoke to publicise the meeting to be held on Monday 28th November 2016 at Keswick School as part of the 'Success Regime' consultation on the future of healthcare in West, North and East Cumbria and emphasised the need for a good attendance from the public.

119. 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/2016/0126	Removal of one small branch (G1), Shortening of lower branches (T2), Removal of lowest branch (T4) reduce overgrown hollies Bishops House, Ambleside Road SUPPORT
T/2016/0133	1 x conifer - fell 2 Southey Street <i>Support as inappropriate size & location for conifer</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0146	Walnut tree (T1) – trim back limbs because of excessive overhanging from neighbouring land Walnut Cottage, Otley Road SUPPORT
7/2016/2185	Two-storey extension 5 Park Holme <i>Support – similar to neighbours</i> SUPPORT
7/2016/2190	Alterations & extensions to dwelling and construction of detached garage Beech Bank, Borrowdale Road SUPPORT
7/2016/2202	Proposed change of use to 2 no one bedroom dwellings for local social affordable housing and 1 no fully accessible wheelchair (disabled) holiday let Bakers Yard, 24A St Johns Street <i>Support as gaining two local social affordable dwellings</i> SUPPORT
7/2016/2206	Alterations to windows and removal of existing external steel fire escape to rear of hostel. Amendments to existing rear single storey extension and additional single storey extension to rear yard area. Youth Hostel Association, Station Road <i>Support – Will improve and enhance the property, this is appropriate repair & upgrading work post flood</i> SUPPORT

- 7/2016/2218 New Churches Together display cabinet
Moot Hall, Market Square
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2220 Replacement of existing wooden sash windows to uPVC sliding sash windows
8 Southey Street
Support – appropriate vertical slider windows to replace poor state of existing
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2221 Install decking to rear elevation of house and garden room at the bottom of the garden
9 Grange Park
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2226 Placement of new bike racks to the floor outside of the east elevation to an existing public house.
The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, 2-6 Bank Street
Support bike racks in principal but as per our July comments 5x4 too many – 3x4 would be more appropriate
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2240 Demolition of flood damaged bungalow and replacement with new timber-framed dwelling on a flood-resilient ground floor with associated landscaping
Quinta
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2249 Replace existing wooden sash windows and single glazing with wooden sash windows and double glazing
7 Acorn Street
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2250 New 'Knightsbridge' across River Greta to replace existing lost in floods and associated siteworks
Lower Fitz Park, Station Road
Declared interest – Applicant is Keswick Town Council
DECLARED INTEREST
- 7/2016/2252 Trough lighting added to existing fascia sign. Internal illumination disconnected
Mountain Sports, 73 Main Street
SUPPORT

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

It was agreed to bring forward item 16 as there was a representative of Keswick Museum present.

120. Keswick Museum – Banner Discount Request

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick Museum for a discount on the cost of displaying a banner in the town centre for 18 weeks between 15th May and 18th September 2017.

RESOLVED that the request be granted and that the normal rate of £50 per week be discounted by one third for the whole of the period for 2017 only.

121. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meetings attendance for the period 9th September – 13th October 2016.

122. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority North DA Parishes Member - Geoff Davies

- ii) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – Councillors Pugmire and Lywood advised that they would be seeking an improvement in the condition of the seats at Derwentwater Foreshore following the recent power washing. Councillor Lysser raised the issue of the PUPS clock on the Council office building which was in a poor state of repair. Councillor Lywood advised that the sale of the Moot Hall to the Battersby Trust was expected to take place by Christmas.
- iii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – Councillor Lysser advised that £10,000 was available as part of the Community Transport Plan for minor highway improvements in Keswick. Councillors put forward a number of suggestions.

123. WNE Cumbria Success Regime

Consideration was given to arrangements for responding to the public consultation on possible changes to health services in West, North and East Cumbria which was launched on 26th September 2016. The importance of attending the public meeting on 28th November 2016 at Keswick School was emphasised.

124. Electoral Review of Allerdale Borough Council: Warding Arrangements

RECEIVED: letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission seeking views on future ward boundaries for Allerdale Borough Council. An update on the review was received from Borough Councillor Tony Lywood.

125. Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership (KCERP) – Transfer of Funds

Consideration was given to a request from KCERP for the transfer of funds held on the partnership's behalf by the Town Council following its registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with its own bank account.

RESOLVED That the funds held by the Town Council be transferred to KCERP as requested.

126. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 126 – FR11 amounting to £36,567.84 (thirty six thousand five hundred and sixty seven pounds and eighty four pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP95 – FP116 amounting to £50,093.04 (fifty thousand and ninety three pounds and four pence)

127. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the quarterly budget comparisons.

128. Proposed 'A' Board Scheme

RECEIVED a report from the Working Group (the Mayor and Councillor Daniels) on progress towards an A Board Scheme for Keswick.

129. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

130. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 6 October 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Chairman

Date