

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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8th September 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, first floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 15th September 2016 at 7.30pm.

Prior to the start of the meeting, at 7.00pm, Tom Woof of Prospus Group Ltd will be in attendance to provide an introduction to Neighbourhood Plans and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

The press and public are welcome to attend.

Yours faithfully



Lynda Walker
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Minutes**
To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 18th August 2016 (pages 16-20).
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. Police Attendance**
To receive the report of the Allerdale Rural Policing team (an officer may attend to update on crime and detection figures and address relevant matters of local concern).
- 6. 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.

Mr Greg Savage will attend to raise the issue of problems caused by car parking in the Blencathra Street area.
- 7. Applications for Development**
 - i) To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Lake District National Park Authority.
 - ii) To receive update on National Park planning decisions.
 - iii) To receive an update on Listed Building Consent application ref. 7/2016/2172 Forge Bridge.
- 8. Derwentwater Foreshore**
To receive an update from Nik Hardy of Allerdale BC on issues raised at the meeting held in July at which he was present.
- 9. Reports from Ward Representatives**
To receive reports from the following representatives:
 - i) Lake District National Park Authority – Geoff Davies
 - ii) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – Councillor Lywood
 - iii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative
- 10. Neighbourhood Plan for Keswick**
In the light of the information provided prior to the start of the meeting, to consider whether to proceed with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Keswick.
- 11. Mayor's Report**
To receive details of the Mayor's engagements and meetings attendance for the period 12th August – 8th September 2016.
- 12. Flooding Update**
To consider what further action can be taken to secure urgent improvements to flood defences in the Derwent catchment area.
- 13. Management of A Boards**
To receive an update from the Mayor and Councillor Daniels on progress with developing a possible street furniture and A Board scheme for Keswick.
- 14. Events Banner Policy**
To consider the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.
- 15. Payment of Accounts**
To confirm the payment of accounts for September 2016 as approved by the Inspection Committee (to be circulated at the meeting):
 - i) For the Town Council
 - ii) For the Trusts
- 16. Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2016**
To approve and accept the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2016 including the certificate of conclusion of the External Audit and to report that no matters were arising.

17. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

18. Clerk's Report

To consider the Clerk's report.

19. Correspondence

To receive 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 will move 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'

20. Staffing

To receive the report of the Clerk.

To: All Councillors, Police, Press, Library

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 18th August 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Councillors

Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Adam Paxon	Peter Price	Martin Pugmire
Paul Titley		

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), 2 members of the press and 12 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, Keswick Flood Action Group (KFAG) delivered a presentation on the future management of Thirlmere Reservoir including the Group's concerns regarding the condition of the "wave wall" along the road side on the crest of the dam that this structure was acting as a reservoir retaining wall at times. The presentation also explained KFAG's concerns over the way the bridges along the River Greta performed during the winter storms of 2015/16.

75. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andrew Lysser (work), Geoff Davies (LDNPA), Borough Councillor Ron Munby and PCSO Catherine Smith.

76. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21st July 2016 (pages 12-15).

77. Requests for Dispensations

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

78. Declarations of Interests

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

All Councillors – item 8 (i) application no. 7/2016/2181 (members of Fitz Park Trust)
Councillor Kemp – item 7 – employed at Keswick School

79. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Policing team for July. No Police representative was available to attend for this item. 19 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during July 2016 with 7 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month.

80. Matters received from the Public

- i) Councillor Leighton raised the issue of the current visitor/resident experience of Keswick in the light of roadworks, high parking charges, parking in side streets partly as a result of this causing damage to vehicles, high charges for the toilet facilities, threats to Keswick Hospital posed by the review of the 'Success Regime' and flooding problems. She stated that all

relevant organisations needed to work together in the future to secure improvements for the benefit of Keswick.

- ii) Mr Stuart Cresswell of Threlkeld presented his views on flood alleviation in Keswick, in particular his assertion that removal of debris from the River Greta, as requested by the Town Council, would have a detrimental effect on flooding as it would ensure that flood water reached the town more quickly and place all bridges and buildings near the rivers at risk. Mr Cresswell was thanked for his presentation.

It was agreed to bring forward item no. 8 on the agenda

81. 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/2016/0095	Fell 2 x silver birch trees located in the guest house car park Cumbria House, 1 Derwentwater Place <i>Support – some management of these trees. There is very little green in this area and it does benefit from some greenery. Retain smaller tree and fell larger one and replace with new young tree</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0097	Remove 1 x Silver Birch 13 Church Street <i>Support – Site visit made. The tree is damaging walls and this could be undermining the foundations and it should be removed</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0102	Fell 1 cypress (T1) and 1 spruce (T2) 19 Hewetson Court, Main Street <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0105	Prune 1 mature oak tree 19 Latrigg Close <i>Support – large healthy tree but needs managing (branches touching roof of house)</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0109	T1 Thorn - reduce height; T2 Sycamore - crown lift; T3 Rowan - reduce height; T4 Sycamore - pollard down to first union; T5 Ash - pollard; T6 Sycamore - pollard; T7 Oak - reduce overhanging branches Claremont House, Chestnut Hill <i>Support – trees overhanging neighbours garden reducing light and it is good to see neighbours working in a sensible way</i> SUPPORT
T/2016/0110	T1 Sycamore - crown lift; T2 Sycamore - cut back lowest limb to boundary; T3 Oak - cut back lowest limb to boundary Claremont House, Chestnut Hill <i>Support – Good to see neighbours working in a sensible way</i> SUPPORT

- 7/2016/2027** Development of a water supply connection from Thirlmere to West Cumbria comprising of (within the Lake District National Park) - a) a twin underground pipeline from Bridge End Water Treatment Works, Thirlmere to land off the A595 near Blindcrake; b) a single underground pipeline to the north of Blindcrake between Williamsgate and Quarry Hill; c) the slip-lining (renewal of existing pipeline) of a section of existing water pipeline from Southwaite Farm, Cockermouth and Cornhow Water Treatment Works, Loweswater; d) the decommissioning of Cornhow WTW and Ennerdale incorporating the development of associated kiosks, valve chambers, excavation and landscaping, temporary vehicular accesses, working areas, compounds, hard standing and other associated development along the route
 Bridge End Water Treatment Works
Support – the comment in the application that UU will assist by emphasising ‘Keswick is still open for business’ needs to be done carefully. Many visitors will have no idea that any works are taking place at all. (The restoration of the A591 is a case in point, it was huge news here but ‘no news’ elsewhere as many had no idea it was blocked)
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2152** New roof lights into existing roof structure both front & rear
 1 Myers Street
Support – (conservation area) surprised that the conversion of kitchen space needs 3 roof lights
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2169** Change of use of part of existing commercial storage building (Use Class B8) to residential use (Use Class C3). Replacement of porch on enlarged footprint
 23 Station Street
Support – application has a Section 106 clause attached. This is an empty building, the plan looks sympathetic and the building seems appropriate for residential use (local needs)
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2172** Repair bridge following partial collapse in December 2015 floods
 Forge Bridge, The Forge
 Site visit made
Object – On the grounds of unsafe structure and reinstating bridge to its original state. Concerns over flood risk to adjacent properties (some of which are listed) if the bridge was reinstated as was. Now the millrace has gone the threat is greater than in the past. We would like to request that the Lake District National Park Authority look at the stability of the abutments and take urgent action if the structure is unsafe. The application also needs to have an up-to-date Flood Risk Assessment and Access Statement.
Objection letters received by the Town Council from:
 Mike & Sally Stubbs
 Peter & Chloe Johnson
OBJECT
- 7/2016/2174** Rear kitchen extension
 48 Wordsworth Street
Support – There has been a lot of kitchen extensions on this street and it fits in. Visually this will improve appearance of the rear of this property
SUPPORT

7/2016/2181 New 'Knightsbridge' across River Greta to replace existing lost in floods and associated site works
Lower Fitz Park, Station Road
Keswick Town Council application - Declared Interest

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

82. Request for Funding

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick School for financial support towards providing activities for German exchange students visiting in September.

RESOLVED that match funding be offered up to a maximum of £300 from the Youth Projects budget for 2016/17.

83. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority – Geoff Davies
- ii) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – Councillor Pugmire
- iii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – none received.

84. Mayor's Engagements

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

85. A Boards

Consideration was given to a report of the Mayor outlining the current situation with regard to management and policing of A boards in the town centre by Cumbria County Council and proposing that a working group be set up to devise a street furniture and A board policy for Keswick.

RESOLVED that the Mayor and Councillor Daniels liaise with the Borough Council and the local Retailers Association to develop a possible scheme for Keswick and report back to a future meeting.

86. Neighbourhood Plan for Keswick

Consideration was given to the report of the Working Group following exploratory work and discussions regarding the potential benefits of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Keswick.

RESOLVED that Tom Woof of Prospus be approached to provide a presentation prior to the next Town Council meeting before a formal decision to proceed is considered.

87. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 97 – FR5 amounting to £15,971.27 (fifteen thousand nine hundred and seventy one pounds and twenty seven pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP64 – FP79 amounting to £26,625.88 (twenty six thousand six hundred and twenty five pounds and eighty eight pence)

Item 14 (Review of Keswick Conservation Area) was withdrawn from the agenda for lack of information from the Strategy and Partnership Adviser for the Lake District National Park Authority.

88. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report. The Mayor reported on the meeting which had now taken place with Karl Melville of Cumbria Highways who had agreed to avoid roadworks in Keswick during the main holiday periods wherever possible.

89. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Joanne Horsburgh - Town Council logo
- ii) Glenn Savage – parking in Blencathra Street area
- iii) Allerdale BC – Tour of Britain Handy Guide

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chairman

Date

Planning Applications received between 12/08/2016 - 08/09/2016

Plan ref	Location	Description of Proposed Development
T/2016/0111	Antara, Stanger Street	T1: Cherry - fell; T2 Cherry - fell; T3: Cherry - fell; T4: Apple - fell; T5 Cherry - fell
T/2016/0118	Grounds of St. Johns Old School, Church Lane	Fell 4 fir trees, 1 dead tree and 1 silver birch. Top 1 silver birch and 1 lime. Cut back 2 laurel
7/2016/2135	Stanwin, 14A Fenton	Approval for size, siting, materials and appearance of 2 detached properties
7/2016/2137	Stanwin, 14A Fenton	Demolition of an existing bungalow to be replaced with 3 no. dwellings; 1 no detached and 2no. Semi-detached - resubmission of 7/2015/2188
7/2016/2190	Beech Bank, Borrowdale Road	Alterations & extensions to dwelling and construction of detached garage
7/2016/2200	Church Lane, Crosthwaite	Construction of multi use games area
7/2016/2204	Whiteleas, Blencathra Street	Single storey kitchen diner extension to side of semi detached house, freeing existing ground floor space for bathroom
7/2016/2213	Lakeland Store, Lake Road	Replacement of shop fascia signs to the front and side of the store
7/2016/2215	Rannerdale, The Heads	Demolition of existing detached garage and store and construction of new attached garage and rear entrance lobby

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Interested parties are invited to let the Town Clerk have their comments, in writing, prior to the meeting regarding any of the planning applications on this sheet.

Decisions Received from LDNPA

Planning Decisions Received between 12/08/2016 & 08/09/2016

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal Decision
7/2016/2058	March-16	Isthmus Cottage, Crow Park Road	CA12 5DJ	The demolition of the existing lake front cottage and residential facilities and the redevelopment of the existing outdoor pursuits centre at Isthmus Cottage	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2096	May-16	Hospital Field and Archery Field		Spreading of silt on area, then grass seed	DECLARED INTEREST	GRANTED	
7/2016/2109	April-16	18 Stanger Street	CA12 5JU	Use as a single, permanent, unfettered dwellinghouse (Use Class C3)	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT GRANTED	
7/2016/2112	April-16	32 Lakeland Park	CA12 4AT	Alterations and extensions for family room and utility & boot room	NEUTRAL on initial application - amended application received - Decision already made by LDNPA therefore no comment made	REFUSED	
7/2016/2113	April-16	135 Main Street	CA12 5NJ	Change of use from a shop (Class A1) to a café (Class A3)	No comments made - Notice of Intention provided for Information only	GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT - in this instance prior approval will not be required - may proceed with the development	
7/2016/2119	May-16	5 Lakeland Park	CA12 4AT	Two storey side extension	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2129	May-16	32 Lake Road	CA12 5DQ	Change of use to office	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2131	June-16	Café by the Lake, Lakeside	CA12 5DJ	Erection of storage shed on hard standings alongside café	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2138	June-16	25 Church Street	CA12 4DX	Proposed dormer, change windows and internal alterations and associated works (resubmission of 7/2015/2169)	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2145	June-16	Riverdale, Topthorpe Road	CA12 5PG	Single storey rear extension with internal alterations	NEUTRAL	GRANTED	

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal Decision
7/2016/2146	June-16	Café by the Lake, Lakeside	CA12 5DJ	Variation of condition no. 3 of planning approval ref. 7/2013/2307 relating to extending opening hours to 8:00 - 0:00 each day (outside area to close at 22:30)	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2016/2166	June-16	20 Riverside Court, Elliott Park	CA12 5NS	Demolition of car port	No comments made - Notice of Intention provided for information only	GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT - in this instance prior approval will not be required - may proceed with the development	



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Our ref: DMST/7/2016/2172

Date: 7 September 2016



Mrs L Walker,
Keswick Town Council
50 Main Street
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CA12 5JP

Dear Sirs

Reference: 7/2016/2172
Proposal: Repair bridge following partial collapse in December 2015 floods
Location: Forge Bridge, The Forge, Keswick, CA12 4NX

Please find enclosed an update on the above Listed Building Consent application for your information.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Richards
Area Planner

Enc

Richard Leafe, Chief Executive



A member of the
Association of National Park Authorities
A member of the Federation of Nature and

We have received a considerable amount of correspondence about this application.

This information letter sets out some important matters, tells you how we are currently dealing with the application and what will happen next.

What is the application for?

An application for listed building consent has been made to us for the repair of Forge Bridge.

Several of the letters we have received suggest that we (the National Park Authority) propose to carry out repair of the bridge. We have not made the planning application and we do not own the bridge. We are the local planning authority and it is our responsibility to determine the application which has been made.

You can find details of the application including the applicant's details by using the following reference on our website: 7/2016/2172

http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/planning/applicationsanddecisions/planning_recent_applications

What is listed building consent?

Listed building consent is different to planning permission.

The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 sets out that listed building consent is required for the alteration or extension to a listed building which would affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest in any manner.

The current proposals for the bridge constitute an act of repair and maintenance and therefore planning permission is not required.

Can we consider flood risk in the determination of an application for listed building consent?

The majority of the representations received regard the flood risk posed by the bridge. We cannot take account of these matters when we decide an application for listed building consent.

Because of the level of public interest we have received in the application we consulted the Environment Agency. They have replied stating that they have no objection and they have approved the in-river works.

What happens next?

We do not consider that the concrete and cement repairs are appropriate for this listed building. If the proposals can be modified in such a way that makes them acceptable there is no good reason to withhold listed building consent and we must therefore grant it.

Subject: FORESHORE REPORT TO THE END OF AUGUST 2016

The foreshore project covered the area from the subway on Lake Road to the end of Friar's Crag.

Three lights have been out in the subway for a few weeks.

The drain at the end of the path from Hope Park Green has been blocked for a similar time.

Brambles are overhanging the path from above the wall. I spoke to ABC on site, and said that they should be dug out rather than just pruned, as they are at head height in places.

There is now no barrier, hedge or fence separating the Lakeside Car Park from Lake Road.

After the last inspection, work was done to remove vegetation from between the stone flags.

The paved area of the foreshore has seen a considerable improvement to its maintenance, and the last four seats have been jet cleaned.

Litter bins are emptied daily.

Time now for weedkiller to finish it off.

The Barrowman informed me that that area is swept daily.

The actual Fore **SHORE** is rather better now all the 40 or so posts which were lying about there have been removed.

However the tidemark is not cleaned, there are nettles growing, and the pile of debris at the end by the old Boathouse is still there.

The severely damaged stonework on the pier has not been repaired, but the huge hole now has a temporary barrier against it.

The Gabion structure further on, which supports the path by the slate sign continues to deteriorate. This is the responsibility of the National Trust.

But the main problem now is TRAFFIC.

There are usually 6 to 8 vehicles parked. There are 4 agreed parking spaces.

Coaches don't park on the shore as much as they used to, but they do park in the turning circle, I have seen coaches from both Bournemouth and Cornwall, and coach parking was available in the car park.

But Mini-buses are the most frequent vehicles parked in this area. They use it for the hour or so it takes for their passengers to take a trip round the lake.

Vehicles often drive down and turn in the turning circle, because the driver was not aware of the restrictions, which are not made clear by the signs.

I believe sorting out this problem should be **TOP PRIORITY**.

I thought that these observations, made over the time since the last inspection, are better than "Snapshot" visits, which don't show changes which have been made since then.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Report from the North DA Parishes Member of the LDNPA - August 2016

A major item on the agenda of the meeting of Park Strategy and Vision Committee on 11th August was affordable housing thresholds, to which I have referred in several earlier reports. Specifically we considered proposed changes to the Housing Provision Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to reflect recent changes in government policy.

On 28th November 2014 the Minister for Housing and Planning issued a written parliamentary statement to the effect that no affordable housing contribution should be required from developments of 10 or fewer units. A concession was made that, in National Parks, a lower threshold of 5 units could be adopted. Even in National parks, there should be no requirement for on-site affordable housing in developments of 10 or fewer units. For example, in a development of exactly 10 units, an NPA could choose to require a financial contribution towards affordable housing on units 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, but no affordable units need be provided on the site.

This statement conflicted with the LDNPA's adopted policy CS18, which allows a maximum of 3 local need units on a windfall site: beyond that, only affordable units are allowed by the policy. In March 2015, a full Authority meeting of the LDNPA agreed to adopt the new threshold of 5 units.

There was then some legal wrangling. On 31st July 2015 the High Court ruled that the Ministerial Statement had been unlawful and, as a result, the LDNPA reverted to the provisions set out in the development plan. The government appealed against the High court's ruling and the Appeal Court allowed the appeal on 19th May 2016. This means that the Ministerial Statement is again a material consideration in the determination of planning applications and that it carries significant weight. Our meeting agreed amendments to the SPD and to put the document out for consultation.

The approach proposed in the revised SPD is to start with the development plan, give significant weight to the Ministerial Statement, and inform planning decisions with current data (on housing need) as appropriate. On windfall sites, proposals for 4 or 5 local need units, if otherwise acceptable in planning terms, "can reasonably expect a recommendation permission will be granted on the basis of this significant material consideration", despite the fact that they would not comply with the current Policy CS18.

For developments of up to 10 units, a financial contribution towards affordable housing may be required on units 6-10. In this case, a fixed sum of £5,000 per unit is proposed. It was explained that this figure was arrived at following consultations with housing associations and private developers, who had indicated that it "would not conflict with the viability of delivering housing schemes".

You will be able to have your say about the modifications to the Housing Provision SPD: a 6-week period of consultation begins on 12th September. Details will be sent to Clerks.

Geoff Davies

Geoff.Davies@lakedistrict.gov.uk

Allerdale Borough Council Report Sept 2016

1

Moot Hall. Allerdale Borough Council and Battersby Hall Charity are in the very final stages of concluding the sale of the Moot Hall. The lease with the National Park remains unchanged at present and only the ownership of the freehold is affected. Repairs are on-going to the roof and tower and these should be finished by end Sept.

2

Car Parking. Plans to have a free period of car parking for Keswick residents are still being discussed within Allerdale and as yet I am still pressing for movement on this.

3

Swimming pool. Plans to renovate or replace the Keswick Spa swimming pool are ongoing and no decisions have been made yet. What is certain is that the building is coming to the end of its working life as is in need of investment in the short to medium term. Rumours that a new swimming pool may be built somewhere in Keswick are wildly premature but I am asking for, and pressing, for exactly that.

4

Allerdale Local Flood Recovery Group. Paul Titley, our clerk and I went to this meeting on Tue 6th. This is an Allerdale wide meeting of councillors, officials, recovery groups, flood action groups and reps from UU, EA and others. It is chaired by Allerdale and rotates its meeting place across the borough. The next meeting is likely to be in Keswick.

A lot of the meeting was to do with specific local plans and actions but the tone of the meeting was moving towards wanting more action by the EA and an overall plan for the entire water catchment area. The EA did not attend the meeting despite assurance that they would do so.

I made the point that the EA does not really have a plan other than localised remedial actions that are useful and good but really do not solve flooding if another storm Desmond hits us again.

The work of K FAG in trying to control the flow of water from Thirlmere is to be lauded and also so should measures to slow the water down before it hits the plain with the planting of trees, using designated flood areas and specific choking methods. Dredging must also be widespread especially in built up areas. However, all these measures on their own are not nearly enough. A much more costly, dramatic and immediate plan is needed to solve the flooding issue in the Derwent valley that does not merely pass on the flood down to the next town. Much of Keswick's flooding was the result of the two lakes of Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite effectively becoming one. Given the volume of rain falling no amount of slowing water down or speeding it up would stop that and there are seemingly no plans to address the level of Bassenthwaite.

It is my view that the EA's plans thus far can be likened to a herbalist dealing with a car crash! They seem to be out of their depth and don't really know what to do. We need a much more radical far reaching plan for the whole of the Derwent valley not palliative and inadequate localised measures.

Tony Lywood (Allerdale Borough Councillor) 08/09/16

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 15th September 2016

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE

For period 12th August – 8th September 2016

Tuesday 16 th August	Convention donations for Fitz Park thank you meeting with James Devenish, Business Director, Keswick Ministries – meeting held at Convention Centre, Keswick
Tuesday 16 th August	Relaunch of Herdy shop – held at The Herdy Shop, Tithebarn Street, Keswick
Wednesday 17 th August	Meeting with County Council regarding scheduling of road works – held in Council Chamber, Keswick
Thursday 18 th August	Planning Inspectorate Hearing – change of use Greta Gardens – held at Skiddaw Hotel, Keswick
Saturday 20 th August	Keswick Cricket Club celebratory event - held at Cricket Club, Fitz Park, Keswick
Tuesday 23 rd August	Staffing Panel - Shortlisting for Parks Manager position – held in Council Chamber, Keswick
Monday 29 th August	Judging and presentation of prizes of Keswick Rotary Club's Childrens Art Competition – held at Fitz Park, Keswick
Monday 29 th August	Announcement of winners of Keswick Rotary Club's Duck Race
Wednesday 31 st August	Staffing Panel - Interviewing for Parks Manager position – held in Council Chamber, Keswick
Thursday 1 st September	Events Committee - meeting held in Council Chamber, Keswick
Sunday 4 th September **	Cockermouth Civic Service – held at Christ Church, South Street, Cockermouth

**Attended by Deputy Mayor



Environment
Agency

Working with the Cumbria Floods Partnership

Reducing flood risk from source to sea

First steps toward an integrated catchment plan
for Cumbria



Foreword

The floods in Cumbria were truly terrible. They were horrendous in their extent: three complete river systems – the Eden, the Derwent and the Kent – flooded simultaneously.



They were horrendous in their intensity – we now know that the Eden experienced the highest flow levels, recorded on any river in England; following the highest day of rainfall recorded. They were horrendous in their human impact – one and a half thousand homes flooded in Kendal alone; a similar number in Carlisle, and hundreds in Appleby, Keswick and Cockermouth – and, while the media attention was on the larger areas, dozens of outlying villages were suffering terribly. A hundred bridges were damaged some – like Pooley Bridge – which had stood for more than a hundred years were swept away; others – like Eamont Bridge – which had stood for six hundred years were undermined. The slopes of Helvellyn collapsed, spilling rubble into the river, and flooding Glenridding, three times in a week – and on the other side, destroying the A591.

In recognition of these terrible events the Secretary of State appointed me, as Minister for Flooding, to establish and chair this Cumbria Floods Partnership. Our first responsibility as a government was the emergency response to protect lives. We owe a huge thanks to mountain and bay rescue teams, police, military, councils, churches, volunteers, the Environment Agency, and dozens more organisations – and particularly to the communities themselves – for responding so calmly and professionally to something so extreme and unprecedented.

The second stage has been recovery. Collectively the government has spent over £150 million to support recovery in Cumbria, over the last six months. This has extended from emergency funds for households, and businesses, to repairing Cumbrian roads and bridges allowing, among many other projects, Eamont Bridge to be reopened, and Pooley Bridge to be replaced, and the A591 to be rebuilt.

The third stage is now to prepare Cumbria for flooding in the future. I'm pleased that we have been able to provide affordable flood insurance for households across Cumbria through FloodRe. We must also make individual homes more resilient, so we have provided a £5,000 grant for every flooded home, to protect that home better in the future.

I have asked the Environment Agency to appoint a Director for each main river catchment - one for the Eden, one for the Derwent, and one for the Kent and Leven. This document records their initial work to make communities safer for this winter, from repairing damaged flood defences, to building new defences, and establishing new warning areas. But this is just the beginning.

Now the most important task is to improve our flood defences for the long-term. So I have asked the Catchment Directors, as their next task, to re-examine the river systems in Cumbria, from the source to the sea, and to make sure that the money we spend on the environment, farming, and water supply continues to contribute to flood protection,

rather than ignoring it. The plans will rely on state-of-the-art engineering, and scientific modelling of water movement. But it will also rely on listening to communities, and farmers – who live alongside these rivers, know the most detailed local problems, and have seen the behaviour of the rivers at first hand.

By the time these plans are completed, we should be able to analyse all the ways in which you can control a flood - holding water back on the hills, through tree-planting and bogs; working closely with water companies (to use their reservoirs), and with farmers in their fields. In some places we may have to slow the water down, through weirs, and in other places – such as under bridges – we will have to speed it up through dredging. We have to connect all these actions ultimately to individual houses, flood walls, and pumping systems.

And finally, we have to fund all this work. So we have already allocated up to £72 million to invest in flood defence across Cumbria. This is a considerable sum of money.

We owe an enormous thanks to Cumbrian communities for their resilience through this terrible period. I would like to add my thanks to all the partners who have worked so hard and so patiently with the Environment Agency to bring these plans together, which will be vital over the coming years for our businesses, for our homes, and our families.

Rory Stewart OBE MP
June 2016

Cumbria better prepared for winter – about this plan

Flooding is devastating. The 6,300 householders and businesses across Cumbria flooded in December 2015 have spent much of the last 6 months dealing with its effects.

The Environment Agency and our partners have worked hard, and continue to do so, to repair damaged infrastructure and help ensure Cumbria is better protected and prepared for the coming winter, and for the future.

Since December 2015, we have:

- Secured an additional £58 million, including up to £25 million for Carlisle.
- Inspected over 3,300 raised defences and repaired 75% of the 159 flood defences damaged by Storm Desmond. All will be repaired by autumn 2016.
- Completed new flood protection schemes in Appleby, Keswick and Threlkeld on the Gategill Beck.
- Started the construction of flood protection schemes in Kendal, Ulverston, Braithwaite, Ennerdale Bridge, Keswick, Maryport and Egremont.
- Created 7 new flood warning areas taking the total to 72 areas and providing warnings to over 6,500 properties across Cumbria.
- Improved 91 drains, rebuilt 7 walls, repaired 3 bridges and used 2,500 tonnes of concrete to rebuild and resurface 44,000 square metres of the A591 (Highways England).

By winter 2016, with our partners we will:

- Remove 70,000 tonnes of gravel and debris from local rivers in communities such as Glenridding and Kendal.
- Spend over £1 million to make sure that our existing flood defences are well-maintained and are fit for purpose, including over 50km of walls and embankments across Cumbria.
- Make available national supplies of up to 250 water pumps, 500,000 additional sand bags and additional temporary defences.
- Establish a network for the 48 flood action groups so that they can better help communities to prepare, respond and recover. Create a further 6 new flood warning areas to provide better warning to communities – taking the total to 78 in Cumbria.
- Hold a flood risk modelling competition to kick-start changes to the way we manage and plan for water.

Looking further ahead we will work together to:

- Invest a total of up to £72 million in Cumbria to provide better protection from flooding to at least 4,300 homes by 2021.
- Restore 350 hectares of peatland to hold water upstream for longer at several sites in the headwaters of the Eden, Derwent and Kent and Leven catchments.
- Make changes to the way that United Utilities operates its Thirlmere reservoir to provide flood protection without compromising the security of water supply for its customers.
- Work with 4 small communities to test what integrated flood and land management looks like in practice.
- Implement measures to slow the flow where feasible, including woody debris dams and floodplain storage upstream of Gamblesby, Cumrew and Stockdalewath in the Eden catchment, and channel meandering on the Whit Beck in the Derwent catchment.
- All Local Planning Authorities in Cumbria will update key spatial planning documents in light of learning from Storm Desmond to ensure that new development is safe and resilient by summer 2017.

You can find a comprehensive list of actions online by visiting www.gov.uk and searching for 'Cumbria Flood Action Plan'. We will also produce a series of Community Action Tables; some are already available on the same web page.

As well as the actions in the 3 catchments most severely impacted by Storm Desmond, the government continues to invest in flood resilience and water management across the whole county. Over £11.6 million of government funding has been allocated to projects over the next 5 years in Ulverston, Dalton-in-Furness, Barrow-in-Furness, Whitehaven, Ennerdale and Egremont to better protect over 1,600 homes.

Cumbria better prepared – timeline of action

December 2015

Storm Desmond.
Wettest calendar month on record.
Record rainfall hits Cumbria resulting in record river levels and devastating flooding.

2016

January

First meeting of the Cumbria
Floods Partnership.
Flood defence repairs started.
30,000 tonnes of gravel
and debris removed.

February

Catchment Directors appointed.
100% of assets inspected.
9% of flood defence repairs complete.
New flood gates installed in Appleby.

March

An additional £58 million for
flood defences announced.
Work on Ulverston flood
protection scheme started.
Temporary bridge
at Pooley Bridge opened.

April

33% of flood defence repairs complete.
Further 25,000 tonnes of gravel
and debris removed.
7 new flood warning areas went live.
Appleby flood defence scheme completed.
Work started on new flood defence
wall at Glenridding.

May

A591 repaired and reopened.
Grasmere flood recovery
repairs completed.
Keswick flood defence repairs started.

June

Create a network for the
48 flood action groups.
Elliot Park flood protection
scheme for Keswick complete.

July

Flood risk management and
modelling competition launched.
75% of flood defence repairs complete.

August

United Utilities confirm scope and
timing of changes to operation
of Thirlmere reservoir.
Work on Ennerdale Bridge flood
protection scheme starts.

September

Further 25,000 tonnes of gravel
and debris removed bringing the
total to 70,000 tonnes.
National supplies of more pumps, sand
bags and temporary defences available.

October

All flood defence repairs complete
and ready for the winter.
Gategill Beck, Threlkheld
scheme complete.

November

Publish interactive version
of the Cumbria Flood Action Plan.
Confirmation of how up to £25 million
on new flood defences in Carlisle
will be spent.

December

Cumbria will be operationally
prepared for winter.

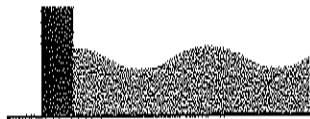
January 2017 and beyond

Invest a total of £72 million to better protect at least 4,300 homes by 2021.
Implement 'slow the flow' projects across Cumbria.
Take an integrated catchment approach to water management.

Cumbria better prepared

– a summary of actions

In order to respond to the enormity of the flooding, we are taking a comprehensive and detailed approach to protecting Cumbria with more than 100 separate actions. We have grouped these into 5 themes:



Strengthening Defences

We took immediate action to repair and strengthen infrastructure, such as flood defences, roads, bridges, water and sewage works, so that they are operational for the winter and can reduce the impact as flood water travels through towns and villages. We have constructed over 30 new flood defence projects in communities such as Carlisle, Kendal, Ulverston, Pooley Bridge, Braithwaite and Grasmere. By the winter, we will also have more mobile flood defences and portable pumps available for use in Cumbria.

We will continue to work with partners and review the flood risk of roads, railways, water and power supplies that are locally critical, and we will take action to protect them. We are also looking at the role played by bridges to see what we can do to reduce flood risk and plan to replace Staveley Bridge with a single span bridge. We will take coordinated action on the flood management of reservoirs, water courses and drains with United Utilities and other local partners.



Upstream Management

We are working with farmers, landowners, communities and organisations, such as United Utilities and The Rivers Trust to identify how to use and manage the landscape to slow the flow of water and reduce peak river levels. We will use land-management techniques such as soil aeration, bunds, leaky dams, woodland creation and river restoration to absorb water and slow the flow in locations across Cumbria including Whit Beck, Kentmere, River Gowan and Longsleddale.

We are restoring at least 350 hectares of high priority peatland to absorb water upstream of communities, and we are creating natural flood storage areas upstream of Gamblesby, Cumrew and Stockdalewath. Agri-environmental schemes will help support flood management, and we are exploring the opportunities for upstream engineered water storage. United Utilities is currently reviewing the operation of existing reservoirs such as Thirlmere and Birds Park to manage flood flows.

We are piloting this integrated approach to flood and land management in specific sub-catchments in Patterdale, Glenridding, Stockdalewath, Braithwaite and Staveley. We will share what we find out from these pilots with farmers, landowners and communities across Cumbria, and the lessons we learn will help us in our work in the rest of England.



Maintenance

The Environment Agency is updating its routine maintenance activities in light of Storm Desmond. Along with partners, we have repaired and maintained flood defences, rivers, bridges, roads and other infrastructure, so that they remain in good working order and can hold as much flood water as possible. We have repaired over 150 damaged flood and coastal defences and pumping stations. Damaged highways and bridges have been repaired and reopened, and across the Lake District National Park footpaths have been restored.

United Utilities have made sure that reservoirs and water treatment works returned to full operation, and we removed over 70,000 tonnes of gravel and debris from local rivers and streams. We will remove the further build-up of gravel in Kendal, Carlisle and Workington. We are also making it easier for communities to find out what maintenance we are planning to do and supporting local communities to carry out their own maintenance work.



Resilience

We are ensuring that people and property are as prepared for and resilient to flooding as possible and that action is taken beforehand so that life can get back to normal as quickly as possible after a flood. We will establish a network for community flood action groups to share learning and ideas, and local flood action groups are recruiting more flood volunteers, particularly those who live outside flood risk areas. We are also working with children and young people affected.

Multi-agency flood plans are ready for the winter, and we have provided support and grants to make homes and businesses more prepared and resilient. Warning is essential, and we are providing more flood warnings to over 6,500 properties across Cumbria as well as using new methods to warn communities in areas where river levels rise quickly. Local authorities are updating local spatial plans so that inappropriate development can be avoided. The insurance sector are also trialling a new approach to the availability of business insurance in flood risk areas.



Water Level Management Boards

Water Level Management Boards are locally run, public bodies that manage areas of special drainage need. They manage water levels for the benefit of the local economy, environment and the community. We continue to develop proposals and consult on the setting up of new Water Level Management Boards in the Lyth Valley and Waver Wampool.

Cumbria better protected and prepared – investment

In the immediate aftermath of Storm Desmond and the December 2015 floods, the Secretary of State announced the formation of the Cumbria Floods Partnership, and government agreed to invest more money in flood risk management across Cumbria.

We have worked with partners to ensure that we spend this money where it can add the most benefit to the preparedness and protection of the communities of Cumbria. This will pave the way for a new approach to protecting homes, businesses, and the local economy against flooding. The evidence from Cumbria County Council's flood investigation reports will be used to identify where additional investment may be required in the future.

Government and partners have committed:

- A total of up to £72 million of government funding allocated to Cumbria to better protect at least 4,300 homes from flooding by 2021. Up to £58 million of this is new funding agreed since December 2015. This includes:
 - £4.7 million of government funding for projects within the Derwent catchment to better protect at least 525 homes in Flimby, Maryport, Braithwaite and Keswick. Projects totalling £1.15 million were completed in March 2016 at Threlkeld and Elliot Park, Keswick.
 - £6.5 million of government funding for projects in the Eden catchment to better protect at least 503 homes in Appleby, Eamont Bridge, Wigton, Pooley Bridge, Rickerby Park and Gamblesby.
- Up to £25 million for projects in Carlisle. We will confirm how this will be spent by November 2016.
- £24.3 million of government funding for projects in the Kent and Leven catchments to better protect at least 1,217 homes in Grasmere, Grange-over-Sands and Kendal.
- Over £11.6 million of government funding has also been allocated to projects over the next 5 years in Ulverston, Dalton-in-Furness, Barrow-in-Furness, Whitehaven and Egremont to better protect over 1,600 homes.
- To help Cumbria's households and businesses recover from the December floods, government has provided a total of over £150 million. This includes:
 - £9.7 million of government funding is being invested in 159 recovery projects to be complete by autumn 2016 including repairs to walls, embankments, pumping stations, gauges, removal of large trees and over 70,000 tonnes of gravel and checking the safety of 1,600 bridges.
 - £117 million of government funding has been allocated to Cumbria County Council for investment in critical highways and bridges.
 - £10 million has been invested in repairing and improving the A591.
- £20.6 million for Cumbria County Council to distribute through its Community and Business Recovery Scheme, as payments to flooded households, businesses and resilience measures in flooded properties.
- £5.5 million for district councils in Cumbria to provide council tax and business rate relief for flooded properties.
- £3 million government investment to repair and improve pathways within the Lake District National Park and £500,000 for paths in Cumbria outside the National Park.
- Cumbria County Council is investing £3.5 million from capital reserves for repairs across the county to ensure that communities remain connected.
- There have been over £10 million in charitable donations to the Cumbria Community Foundation's flood recovery appeal to support people and families in hardship and vital community organisations. This includes £4.7 million funding from government.

Catchment management in Cumbria – long-term vision

In the future, we will increasingly work at a catchment scale to integrate land management, development and resilience in areas at risk, from the tops of the fells down to the coast.

Achieving this will require:

Catchment-level leadership: we have trialled new ways of working with Catchment Directors leading engagement with partners and communities.

Next steps: we will now consider how to evolve these roles to support innovation and coordinate planning not just across water and flood risk, but also forestry, land management, biodiversity and other functions.

A strong evidence base: we have commissioned research to understand the impact of soil condition on run-off and worked with partners to pinpoint locations for measures to slow the flow, such as tree planting.

Next steps: we have launched a hydrological modelling competition for the Eden to generate more sophisticated river modelling and kick-start changes to how we manage and plan for water. The competition will support development of an interactive tool to bring the actions in this plan to life.

Collaborative working: working collaboratively allows us all to understand others' views, experiences and expertise, and to collate local knowledge. It will help us to make more informed decisions about what is right for Cumbria and to deal with issues such as what integrated land management means in practice, and who has the authority to take decisions.

Next steps: we will work in partnership to co-produce solutions – beginning with the 4 pilot areas – to deliver innovative solutions and understand long-term governance needs.

Operate public water supply reservoirs so that they help to manage flood risk and provide secure water supplies.

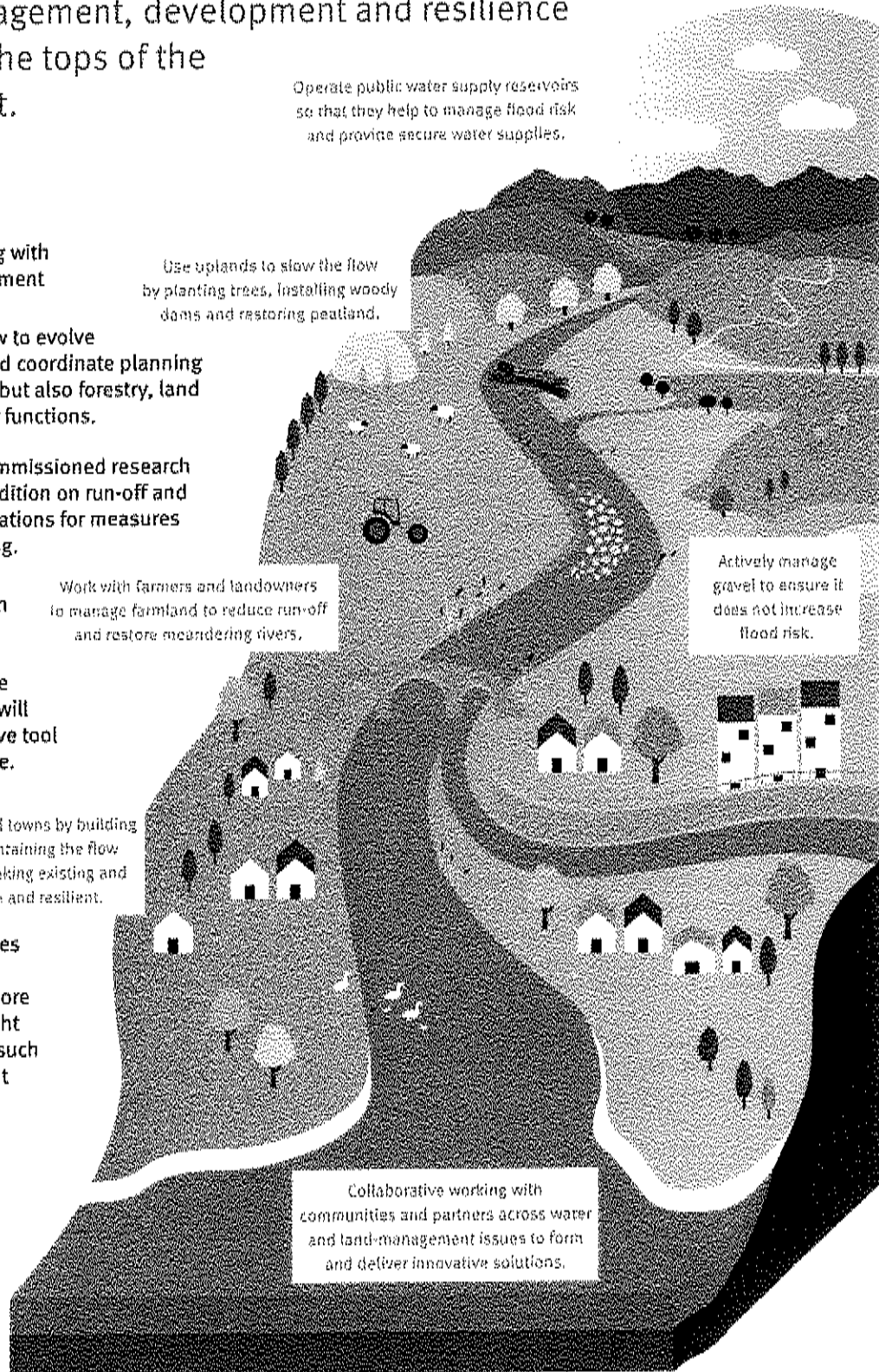
Use uplands to slow the flow by planting trees, installing woody dams and restoring peatland.

Work with farmers and landowners to manage farmland to reduce run-off and restore meandering rivers.

Actively manage gravel to ensure it does not increase flood risk.

Protect our villages and towns by building flood defences, maintaining the flow under bridges and making existing and new buildings safe and resilient.

Collaborative working with communities and partners across water and land-management issues to form and deliver innovative solutions.



Cumbria Floods Partnership – working together for a better prepared Cumbria

This document has focused on the actions we and partners have taken over the last 6 months since the storms of December 2015. Many were about recovering damaged infrastructure. They were complemented by communities and organisations implementing their own actions. Together, these actions will make sure that Cumbria is better prepared and protected against flooding for winter 2016 to 2017 and beyond.

At the same time we have formed the Cumbria Floods Partnership. This has created a framework for communities, public, private and third sector organisations to work together. It has focused on doing more with the money that is invested by doing things differently. Its aim is to work collaboratively to create one vision through shared meetings, shared ownership and joint planning. Its initial work has focused primarily on the 3 most affected catchments – the Derwent, the Eden and the Kent and Leven. The Cumbria Floods Partnership is looking, for the first time, at how we manage flood risk across the length of these river catchments, rather than looking at communities in isolation.

It is early days for the Cumbria Floods Partnership. The catchment actions on pages 9 to 11 represent the first step towards developing a plan to reduce risk and improve resilience. Its aim is to form an action plan that inspires communities, and all involved in flood risk management, to work together and combine their knowledge and resources to reduce flood risk along river catchments from source to sea.

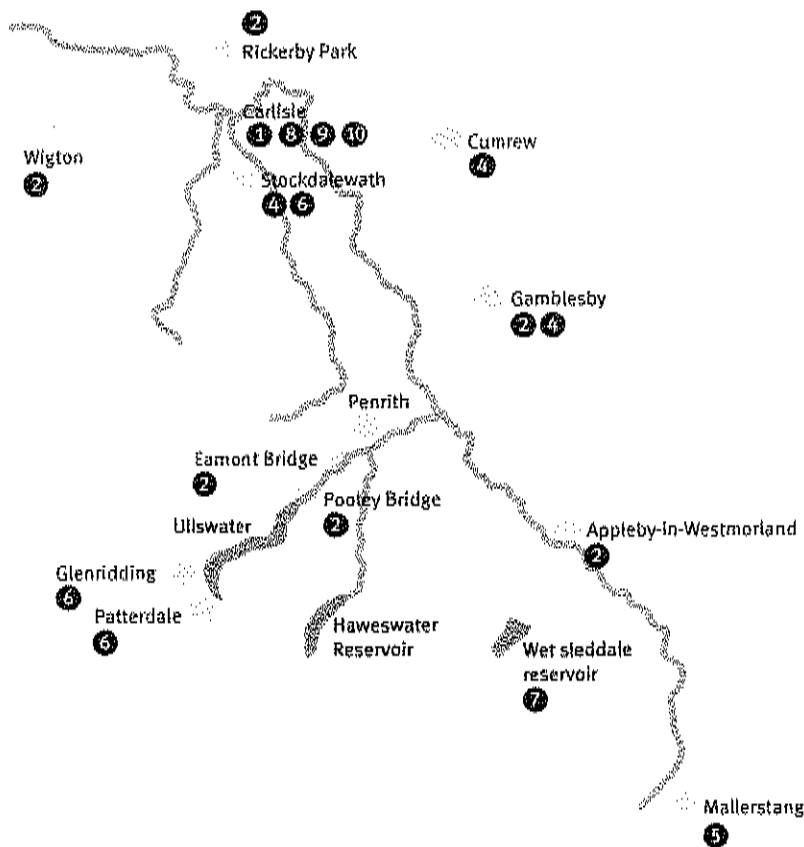
The way in which the Cumbria Floods Partnership works will be crucial to its success. It wants to encourage:

- 1 Collaborative working – working together to share information, coordinate funding and provide communities with a single point of contact.
- 2 Catchment approach – improving what we know about river catchments and taking actions that manage risk from source to sea.
- 3 Integrated solutions – ensuring that actions reduce flood risk but also deliver wider benefits for people and wildlife.
- 4 Community-focussed decision-making – sharing information and data with communities, groups and organisations so they can help us to best protect our communities from flooding.
- 5 Evolution and learning – using learning from Storm Desmond and the best information available to work closely with communities and identify actions.

It will trial this approach in 4 pilot areas: Stockdalewath, Patterdale and Glenridding, Staveley and Braithwaite. Organisations such as the Environment Agency and The Rivers Trusts will trial community-led projects to reduce local flood risk.

Across Cumbria there are 48 flood action groups bringing together communities and organisations to make sure they are better protected and prepared for flooding. By June 2016, the Cumbria Floods Partnership will form a network for these flood action groups so they can support one another, share best practice and help communities better respond to, and recover from flooding. The Cumbria Floods Partnership will also help to identify single points of contact into the various organisations who can work with them.

Initial key actions across the Eden catchment



- Town
- River
- Lake/Reservoir



Strengthening defences

- 1 Up to £25 million for new flood defences and flood storage in and upstream of Carlisle. Full business case completed by September 2017.
- 2 £6.5 million of investment allocated to Appleby, Eamont Bridge, Wigton, Pooley Bridge, Rickerby Park and Gamblesby providing protection to over 500 homes.



Upstream management

- 3 Hold a flood risk modelling competition by autumn 2016 to encourage development of integrated solutions to managing risk from source to sea.
- 4 Install woody debris dams, reduce soil compactions and identify locations for additional storage of floodwater upstream of the villages of Gamblesby, Cumrew and Stockdalewath.
- 5 Complete planting of trees in ghylls and wet areas at Mallerstang, upstream of Appleby.
- 6 Launch community-led flood and land management pilot projects in Patterdale, Glenridding and Stockdalewath by summer of 2016.
- 7 Scope an investigation by end of July 2016 into using Haweswater and Wet Sleddale reservoirs to reduce flooding downstream.



Maintenance

- 8 Remove gravel and debris in Carlisle by the end of August 2016.



Resilience

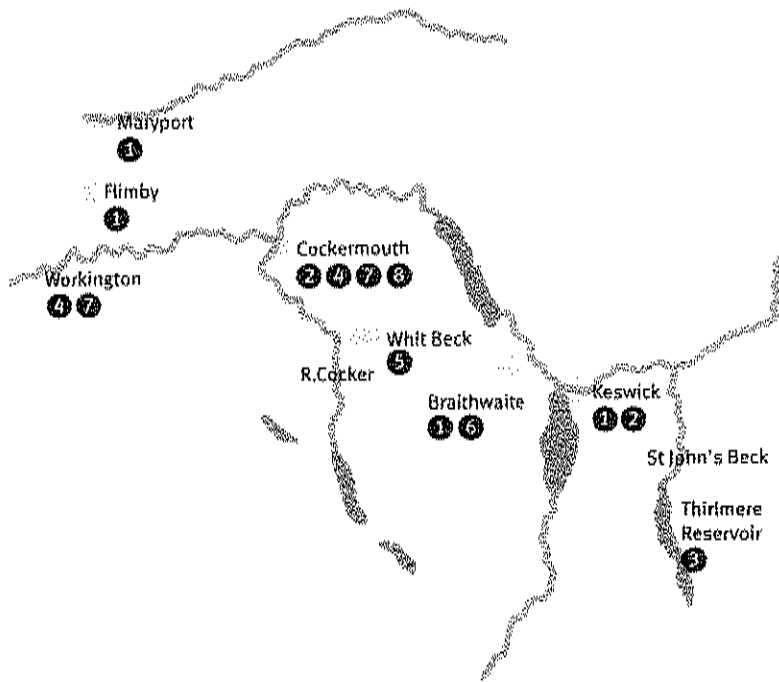
- 9 Carlisle City Council and local flood action groups to develop a Carlisle flood plan.
- 10 Produce a strategic flood risk assessment for the development area of Carlisle South by early 2017.






Water Level Management Boards

- 11 Continue work to develop proposals and re-consult on a new Waver Warmpool WLMB by spring 2017.

Initial key actions across the Derwent catchment



-  Town
-  River
-  Lake/Reservoir



Strengthening defences

- 1 £4.6 million of investment allocated to increase flood protection in Flimby, Maryport, Braithwaite and Keswick.
- 2 Complete the works at Penrith Road in Keswick by March 2020 and review the Keswick and Cockermouth flood investigation reports to help identify any additional new needs.



Upstream management

- 3 Make changes to the way United Utilities operates its Thirlmere reservoir to provide flood protection without compromising the security of supply for its customers.
- 4 Restore rivers and floodplains above Cockermouth and Workington to slow the flow by 2021.
- 5 Modify the channel on Whit Beck to slow the flow by 2017.
- 6 Launch community-led flood and land management pilot project in Braithwaite by summer 2016.



Maintenance

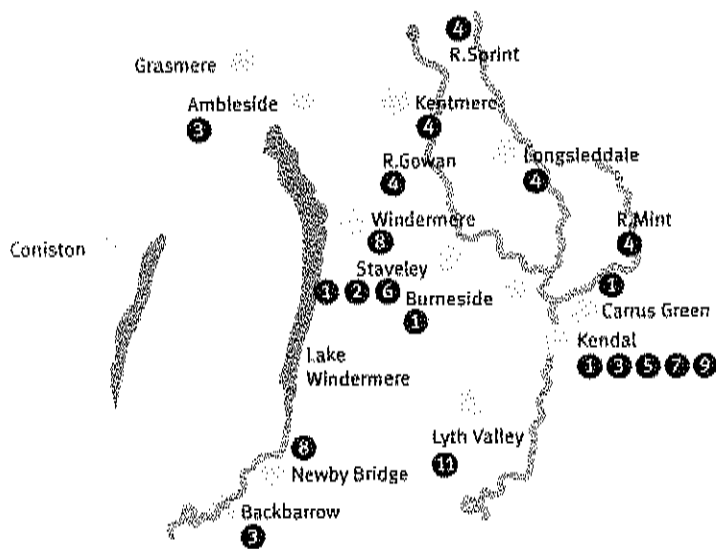
- 7 Remove build-up of gravel from the Derwent in Workington and Cockermouth by the end of September.



Resilience

- 8 Long-term options for the Gate Road area of Cockermouth developed by Allerdale District Council.
- 9 Update the Allerdale Strategic Flood Risk Assessment by summer 2017.

Initial key actions across the Kent and Leven catchment



- Town
- River
- Lake/Reservoir



Strengthening defences

- 1 £24.3 million of investment in Kendal, Burneside, Staveley and Carrus Green.
- 2 Replace bridge at Staveley with a single span bridge by June 2017.
- 3 Review the effect of bridges on flooding in Kendal, Ambleside and Backbarrow.



Upstream management

- 4 Develop proposals for river and peat restoration to slow the flow in the Kentmere, River Gowan, Longsleddale, River Mint and River Sprint catchments by summer 2017.
- 5 Investigate the use of redundant Birds Park reservoir to reduce flood risk downstream in Kendal by March 2017.
- 6 Launch community-led flood and land management pilot project in Staveley by summer 2016.



Maintenance

- 7 Remove further gravel in Kendal by autumn 2016.
- 8 Improve understanding of impact of water levels in Windermere and the operation of sluices at Newby Bridge by autumn 2016.



Resilience

- 9 Develop the Kendal town centre development masterplan by November 2016.
- 10 Work with children and young people affected by flooding to help them cope and build resilience by winter 2017.



Water Level Management Boards

- 11 Continue work to develop proposals and re-consult on a new Lyth Valley WLMB by spring 2017.

Next steps – for the plan

This plan is our first response to the December 2015 floods. It sets out the key actions that we have taken and intend to take to prepare for next winter and reduce flood risk across the 3 catchments most affected: the Eden, Derwent, and Kent and Leven.

The Cumbria Flood Action Plan is a living document. We want to continue working with local partners and communities to develop it further, including an interactive version in the autumn. This will also provide an opportunity for an update on progress. We need you, your community and your organisation to help us do this by providing specific, localised information on catchment management and taking actions to make homes, communities and businesses more resilient to flooding.

Here are 3 key things you can do now:

1. Sign up for flood warnings – call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or log on to www.gov.uk/flood
2. Make your home more resilient to flooding – advice is available via www.gov.uk/flood
3. Share your local knowledge, suggestions and ideas for catchment management with Cumbria Floods Partnership at CumbriaFloodsPartner@environment-agency.gov.uk



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KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
15 SEPTEMBER 2016

Topic: Democratic deficit and early planning to reduce risk of future flooding in the short term in the Upper Derwent catchment.

Note. In what follows Choke Points simply refer to points, natural or constructed, when constrictions have no effect on water flow except at very high flow levels, at which time they will act automatically as partial dams, or chokes. Sluices, in contrast, require human intervention, often to open sluice gates and so divert flow.

Clearly, we must get through this winter with very incomplete work on the issue. But reduction in the likelihood of flooding is THE major issue affecting the town, since flooding ruins homes, hopes and lives.

- 1) Councillor Lywood is completely right. There needs to be a sheet of paper which offers a DRAFT of the way we can quickly lessen the risk of flooding in the Upper Derwent catchment area, preferably at low cost since this increases the chance of early action. (By Upper Derwent I mean the Derwent catchment above Ouse Bridge, including the Greta and its feeder watercourses. Cockermouth Council would undoubtedly wish to be involved.) The limited scope is vital, in both area and cost. Such a brief document to be discussed, so tested, and then adopted.
- 2) Surely a major effort is needed to slow the entry of flood water down streams into Bass Lake, to aid Braithwaite, but also Keswick, and of course Cockermouth. There need to be chokes in Coledale above Braithwaite, and chokes and sluices in the Newlands valley etc. This is not a complete list. The sill on Derwentwater, demonstrably damaged in the past, (cf low water markers on Friar's Crag) needs fixing. This would act as a choke.
- 3) There needs to be major activity on the Greta and its feeders, chiefly the Glenderaterra, Glenderamackin, and perhaps the Naddle. Why are there no chokes in the Glenderamackin gorge? Mr Stuart Cresswell has presented a paper on aspects of this low cost issue, to the EA.
- 4) All the above, or alternative low cost high effect strategies, need to be outlined on a single A4 sheet, a literal White Paper, which can then go through a swift process of discussion and agreement, after which swift implementation can be begun.
- 5) But no such document exists, so discussion/agreement is impossible*. Yet cost implications are not large, AT LEAST FOR SOME ELEMENTS,
- 6) The drawing up of such a sheet would involve, at a minimum, the EA, UU, LDNPA, all obvious parish/town councils, and Allerdale. But it must be a public document, publicly discussed and agreed, and available after agreement for those wishing to read it. And the process of pulling things together into a public document must begin NOW.

* IMPORTANT NOTE: The EA has just published 'Reducing flood risk from source to sea: first steps towards an integrated catchment plan for Cumbria'. A copy of this document has been circulated to all Councillors and I believe we should consider holding a subsequent dedicated meeting to decide our best action on this topic.

Councillor Martin Pugmire
6-09-16

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

EVENTS BANNER POLICY

September 2016

A recent structural survey took place at Moot Hall as part of the recent acquisition of the building. As a result of this the Town Council has been asked to remove the catenary wires belonging to them currently in place on the Moot Hall tower. The wires are used for one of the Event banner sites and a cross street Christmas light site.

The Christmas lights contractors have been made aware of this and this will not impact the remaining displays planned to be installed on Moot Hall. A local contractor has been asked to supply a cost for the removal of the wires and I am awaiting a response.

The removal of these wires will result in the loss of one of the Town Councils existing event banner sites, for which planning permission was gained and a policy put in place for a number of years ago.

Please find attached the revised Event Banner Policy taking into account the removal of the location between Moot Hall and Cotswold Outdoors, this still leaves the following locations for use:-

- i. Between the Moot Hall and Mountain Warehouse, Market Square*
- ii. Between Keswick Reminder (GW McKanes) and Lakes Bar, Station Street*

Area between the Moot Hall and Ye Olde Friars not be used under any circumstances

Summary

The Town Council is therefore asked to adopt the revised policy.

Catherine Parker
Responsible Finance Officer



Events Banner Policy - Terms, Conditions & Agreement

1. Location of Banners

The only locations in the Market Square area permitted for events banners, relating to this policy, are the following areas: -

- i. Between the Moot Hall and Mountain Warehouse, Market Square
- ii. Between Keswick Reminder (GW McKanes) and Lakes Bar, Station Street

Area between the Moot Hall and Ye Olde Friars not be used under any circumstances

The events banners must be displayed by using the existing catenary wires owned by Keswick Town Council.

2. Type of Advertising

The types of banners permitted are to advertise Keswick events **only** and under no circumstances be allowed to advertise private sector or commercial businesses (profit making companies).

Note: Private sector or commercial businesses (profit making companies), name, company logo or symbols cannot appear on the banners under any circumstances. A website address however could be placed on the banner.

The event's organisers are responsible for purchasing the events banners which must comply with the prohibitions and regulations stated in this policy.

3. Prohibitions

Event's organisers must recognise that public sector organisations cannot permit advertising which is sexual in nature, which features partial or complete nudity or which appears to promote or give undue publicity to illegal or just 'inappropriate' behaviour or lifestyles.

Humour in advertising is also to be approached with caution since humour can often mock specific groups of citizens or poke fun at particular types of behaviour or situations. Even if kindly and affectionately done, such mockery would not be acceptable in an area provided by a public sector organisation.

If there is any doubt at all that the style or content of the creative may be unsuitable for display please contact Keswick Town Council before making arrangements to have the banner made and displayed.

The banners must not include the specific categories of organisations, products or services as mentioned below: -

- i. Advertising associated with firearms or ammunition
- ii. Pornography, nudity or adult content
- iii. Direct advertising of Tobacco, gambling or alcohol
- iv. Political organisations

Keswick Town Council reserves the right to reject, or remove any advertising events banner without first giving notice to the affected event's organiser. The event's organiser will be informed and given the reasons for removal when such a decision is taken.

Advertisers must comply with the rules and regulations of the Advertising Standards Authority.

4. Booking the Space

Requests for booking a space for an events banner must be made in writing, by the event's organisers, to Keswick Town Council, 50 Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5JS. The requests will be accepted on a first come first served basis and annual events must not presume that a booking will be automatically made each year, event's organisers must make an annual request.

The booking request must include the name of the event, brief details of the event, the date the banner will be both installed and dismantled and a contact name, address and daytime telephone number for the event organiser.

Please note: A maximum of 2 banner spaces per event can be booked by event organisers.

5. Installation & Dismantling of Banners

Event organisers are responsible for organising the installation and dismantling of the events banners, including all associated costs involved (including any additional/contingency costs involved when the banner(s) are in situ). The competent contractor using a 'cherry picker' must carry out the works and under no circumstances must ladders be used.

Organisations must use Keswick Town Council's approved contractor, licenced by Cumbria County Council. The details for the contractors are as follows:-

Mike Graham
ArborTec Tree Care
Johns Cottage
St Johns Street
Keswick
CA12 5AP
Tel: 017687 80789
Mobile: 0791 9386737
Email: info@arbortectreecare.co.uk

6. Regulations

Event organisers are responsible for abiding by all regulations relating to advertising temporary events.

Keswick Town Council has been granted Advertisement Consent for the three banner spaces noted in this policy, the application stated the following details relating to the banners:-

- The dimensions of the proposed advertisement (H x W x D) – 1.4m x 7m x 5mm
- The maximum height of any of the individual letters and symbols – 50cm
- The colour of the text and background – this will vary with each event
- Materials of the proposed banners – PVC or polytextile
- All banners must have air vents/wind slits in them to reduce any damage to either the banners and wires in periods of adverse weather

Legally you can display your advertisement 28 days before the event. But to minimise visual clutter in the Lake District we ask that you only put it up 16 days before and take it down within two days of the event finishing. Event banners cannot be illuminated in anyway.

7. Advertising Rates

The rate for displaying an events banner is as follows: -

£50 per banner space per week + VAT

This amount will be invoiced directly to the event organisers and must be paid at least one week prior to the banner being displayed. A maximum of 1 banner space per event can be booked by event organisers.

HIRER OF BANNER SPACE:

I agree to abide by the above Terms & Conditions and will indemnify Keswick Town Council against all claims arising.

Name of Organisation	
Address	
Contact Name	
Daytime Contact Number	
Authorised Signatory	
Print	
Date	
Date of Banner Installation	
Date of Banner Dismantle	
Banner Location (see Section 1)	

The following documentation must be returned with the completed and signed agreement:-

- A copy of your public liability insurance

Copy

NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

(LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015)

FOR

Keswick Town Council

NOTICE is hereby given that the audit for the year ended 31 March 2016 was completed on

05 August 2016

and the accounts are now available for inspection by local electors in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The requisite information as defined by Section 13(1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 ~~is~~/is not* displayed alongside this notice

(* Please delete as necessary)

If the requisite information is not displayed alongside this notice, it is available for inspection by appointment.

To arrange a viewing please contact
CATHERINE PARKER
KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
50 MAIN STREET
KESWICK

between the hours of 0930 and 1200
(MONDAY TO THURSDAY)

Dated: 20

Signed: C Parker

(Responsible Financial Officer)

Section 1 – Annual governance statement 2015/16

We acknowledge as the members of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2016, that:

	Agreed		‘Yes’ means that this smaller authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors’ rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority’s accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this smaller authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this smaller authority and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	✓		has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by this smaller authority and recorded as minute reference:

dated **16/06/16**

Signed by:

Chair

dated

Signed by:

Clerk

dated

*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each ‘No’ response. Describe how this smaller authority will address the weaknesses identified.

Section 2 – Accounting statements 2015/16 for

Enter name of smaller authority here:

KEESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2015 £	31 March 2016 £	
1. Balances brought forward	197,801	212,828	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	197,114	197,114	Total amount of precept or (for IDBs) rates and levies received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	27,796	44,892	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	44,557	50,994	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the smaller authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	167,626	126,985	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	212,828	217,915	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6)
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	218,250	220,186	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	28,716	24,284	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the smaller authority as at 31 March
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including FWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets. N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2016 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of this smaller authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

[Signature]

Date

16/06/16

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by this smaller authority on this date:

16/06/16

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.

[Signature]

Date

16/06/16

Copy Section 3 – External auditor certificate and report 2015/16 Certificate

We certify that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2016 in respect of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

RESURICE TOWN COUNCIL

Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This smaller authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The smaller authority prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2016; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

External auditor report

(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate).

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the smaller authority:

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

External auditor signature

BDO UK

External auditor name

BDO LLP Southampton
United Kingdom

Date

5/9/16

Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2015/16 accounts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Keswick Town Council (KTC) Events Committee meeting held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 1 September 2016 at 10.00am.

Present:

Chair: Paul Titley (PT) – KTC Councillor (Cllr)

Heather Askew (HA) – KTC Events Co-ordinator	Ian Hope – Fluid Productions
Joe Broomfield (JB) – Allerdale Borough Council	Tony Lywood (TL) – KTC & ABC Cllr
David Burn (DB) – KTC Cllr	Maggie Lambert (ML) - Keswick Retail Association
Phil Byers (PB) - Geraud Markets	Vanessa Metcalfe (VM) - Keswick Tourism Association
Allan Daniels (AD) – KTC Cllr	Mike Murgatroyd (MM) – Rotary Club
Bernadette Dunn (BD) -Packhorse Court	David Quainton (DQ) – Rotary Club
Pauline Ferrier (PF) - Keswick Retail Association	Lynda Walker (LW) – KTC Town Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Gillian Atkinson (Cumbria Police), Leanne Pettit (Cumbria Police), Dave Roberts (Keswick Lions). Christine Sheldon (Rotary Club).

2. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on the 14 June 2016 (pages 1 – 3) be agreed as a correct record.

3. Events Co-ordinator

LW introduced Heather Askew who has been contracted on a free-lance basis to provide support as the Events Co-ordinator for the Town Council. This is due to capacity issues within the Town Council.

4. Christmas Lights Switch On

Overall Update

Date of event: Friday 18th November

Cllr PT gave the following update:

Not having BBC on site this year, the purpose is a local event, expect to have a stage with performances, Packhorse Court to have own switch on earlier in the evening, important to ensure that lights will work in advance of the event.

Stage

Ian from Fluid Productions confirmed they would be able to provide staging and book performers. Cllr PT believes Committed to Rock Choir are aware of the date. Stage to be positioned in front of Moot Hall.

Packhorse Court

BD Confirmed that Packhorse Court would be having a light switch on at 5.30pm, with performances from Keswick School Jazz Band from 4.45 to 5.15 and St Herberts School Choir from 5.15 to 5.45pm.

Switch On

Switch on of main display at 7pm.

Discussion about who would turn the lights on this year – two options, ask Theatre by The Lake if their Christmas cast would like to switch on the lights (in costume) or alternatively whether it could be a duty for the Mayor's cadet.

Action: HA

Lighting Contractor

LW and HA gave an update, there is a new contractor this year, Lite Ltd, who will do all the displays for the Market Square and the outlying streets (except Packhorse Court). New fixings are required in much of the outlying streets, due to degradation of fittings and new height restriction regulations. There will be lights on Tithebarn Street, Main Street, Market Square, Lake Road, Bank Street, St Johns Street and Station Street. There may be an issue with the cross displays from the Moot Hall, the fixings maybe causing movement in the corner stones of the building, if this is the case it will not be possible to have the cross displays from the Moot Hall, it may be possible to reposition them elsewhere in the town depending on height/other restrictions.

There was a question on whether it would be possible to move the Welcome to Keswick light from the Market Square further along Main Street.

Action: LW to check

Note: Following the meeting LW confirmed that it is not possible to have a cross display in this area of town due to objections from residents and building height issues

Action: HA will ensure that there is a light switch on practice and will have contact details of Lite Ltd for the event.

Market Stalls

PB will arrange Market stalls for food stalls, these can be used by local shops and charity organisations as well. Stalls could also be used for shelter in the event of wet (but not windy weather)

Action: PB

Lantern Parade and Tree of Light

DQ said that Rotary hope to use the lanterns that were unused last year. Has provisionally booked function room at Skiddaw for holding area. Plan to parade from back of Skiddaw Hotel along Derwent Close and a circuit around the Tree of Light on the Square, this would follow the switch on of the tree of light at 6.30pm. DQ would like contact details of The lighting contractor to discuss the lights on this tree (this is not included in the Town Council contract). Would it be possible for the Town Cryer to lead this parade?

Action: DQ to co-ordinate Lantern parade

Action: HA to contact Town Cryer

Action: HA to provide contractor details

Premises Licence

This event is covered by the standing Premises Licence held by Keswick Town Council.

Action: HA to ensure Licence is upto date

Car Parking

JB confirmed that Allerdale do not intend to provide free parking for any more events/days.

Collecting Licence

Rotary have applied for a collecting licence, intend to collect for Air Ambulance and local Children's Charities

Barriers

Marshalls will be required for the day and barriers will be required for around the stage and for Lantern parade area.

Posters

Bernadette Dunn to look at poster costs and production in conjunction with VM

Action: BD, VM

Lost Children

Agreed to have a lost children area by stage

Wishing Well Area

LW asked whether there were any plans to decorate the Wishing Well area on the corner of Tithebarn Street. DQ to investigate.

Action: DQ

5. **Town Council - Updates**

No further updates

6. **Other Events in Keswick**

Victorian Fayre

Independent organisation, who have not asked for help from this committee. Event is on Sunday 4th December and it is reported that organisation is under way.

Charitable Bike Ride 8th October

AD reported on a Charity Bike ride and hike being undertaken by a Muslim Youth Group (they had provided some support after the flooding), they need somewhere to stay.

Action: Cllr PT to contact Convention Centre

New Years Eve

Not an organised event, but believe that Skiddaw Hotel will put up a countdown clock.

Action: VM to check with Skiddaw

June Festival

Cllr TL reported that John Green would be unable to organise the Prom next year. It was agreed that the June Festival would be discussed further at later meetings.

Tour of Britain 5th September

VM reported that organisation is well under way with large screen being provided in market square. Riders are expected from approx. 1.40pm through town.

Duck Race 29th August

DQ reported Rotary Duck Race went well, weather was good, river was a good level. Probably will have a debrief. LW asked whether the Duck race could be part of the June Festival next year.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 6th October 10am

The meeting closed at 11.30am

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
15 SEPTEMBER 2016

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Request to reproduce image of 'Womens Suffrage' Banner

I have received a request from Alison Lloyd Williams, a Global Education Worker at Global Link, Lancaster, for permission to reproduce the image of a banner (photo attached) which is headed 'Keswick Urban District Council' and was created for a march to campaign for women's suffrage at some point prior to the First World War. The banner is held in the Catherine Marshall collection at Carlisle Archives. Catherine Marshall was a prominent suffragist (and pacifist) from Keswick at that time. Carlisle Archives have advised that the copyright for this image lies with the present Town Council, as the 'inheritors' of the banner.

Permission has been requested to reproduce this photo of the banner to accompany an article about Catherine Marshall written by one of the volunteers involved in a Heritage Lottery community history project, *Women, War and Peace*. This project is researching and documenting the contribution of North West women and girls to the war effort and in peace activism during the First World War. The articles written by volunteers will appear on the project website: documentingdissent.org.uk. The project is reaching its final stages and the work the volunteers have done will be launched at an event on 27th September.

The project is run by the organisation, Global Link (www.globallink.org.uk), a registered charity, based in Lancaster, which has been working with local volunteers (adults and young people) to uncover less well-known stories of what women and girls did during WW1.

If the Town Council agrees to grant permission to reproduce the image, a word of thanks/acknowledgement will be included.

2. Christmas Lights – New Eyebolts

At the site visit with the new Christmas Lights contractor, Lite Ltd of Burnley, it became apparent that the existing infrastructure i.e. eyebolts, were not in line with current regulations or safe – these need replacing prior to any displays/string lighting being attached to them. These fixings have been in place for many years and an order has been issued to Lite Ltd to replace 70 eye bolts at a cost of £4,500, which is an addition to their contract. An amount of £5,000 is included in the budget to cover this necessary expenditure. Financial Regulations provide for an addition to an existing contract without the need to seek other quotations. This action will also eliminate any possible conflict between separate contractors if one were to install the bolts and a different contractor to install the displays.

3. Review of Keswick Community Emergency Plan

Following a period of consultation, a first draft of a report on recommendations for improvements to the Community Emergency Plan has been produced which was reviewed by the Keswick Emergency Recovery Partnership at a session held on 7 September attended by volunteers and representatives

from Cumbria Fire and Rescue, the Environment Agency, and Cumbria County Council. 'The report 'Community Response to the Flooding in December 2015' is now being finalised.

A series of recommendations for changes to the Plan have been agreed and there will be a recruitment drive for new volunteers in the near future. If any Councillor is able to help and willing to be involved, please let me or Heather Askew, the Administration Support Officer for the Partnership, know.

A request has been made by the Group for the small store room adjacent to the Council Chamber to be made available during an emergency as a separate communication room for radio usage. I am in discussion with Allerdale BC about an alternative store room for our use in the building so that this room can be freed up.

4. Allerdale Flood Resilience Group

Formerly the Allerdale Flood Recovery Group, the focus of this Group has now been shifted from recovery to resilience. Meetings are held monthly in different locations across Allerdale and the next one is to be held in the Council Chamber at 4.00 pm on Thursday 6th October. Councillors Lywood, Titley and I attended the last meeting on 6th September (see Allerdale BC representative's report).

5. New Legal Topic Note from NALC

NALC has issued a revised Legal Topic Note to reflect recent planning legislative changes. Minor amendments have been made which set out the rights of parish councils to be notified about planning authority decisions, including the rights of local councils to be notified of 'permissions in principle' applications as introduced by the Housing and Planning Act 2016. A copy can be obtained from the office and will be available on the CALC website shortly.

LW
090916



Working on behalf of



Customer Contact Centre: 0300 1235 000
www.highways.gov.uk

As per E-Mail Contact
Completion of Roadworks

30 August 2016

Our Ref: 1110244/AM/EM-O-6834

Following Completion of Road Works

Dear Sir/Madam,

A66 Bass Lake Eastbound Resurfacing

Kier Highways Ltd, as agents for Highways England have recently completed a resurfacing scheme on the A66 at Bass Lake on the Eastbound carriageway, which involved full overnight closures of the A66 in this location.

We are pleased to report that this scheme was finished ahead of schedule, but would still like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding during this scheme and apologise for any inconvenience we may have caused.

As part of an on-going commitment to delivering high standards of customer service on behalf of Highways England, we are keen to obtain the views of residents/customers, and others affected by the scheme, in connection with these works. I would be grateful if you could spend a few moments to send any comments you have about the scheme, good or bad, via email to area13.enquiries@kier.co.uk, alternatively please direct any written correspondence to the address below. Please quote the above reference on all correspondence.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated co-operation. Your feedback is extremely valuable and will assist us with future plans and operations to ensure a continuing, high quality delivery of service.

Yours faithfully

Angela Moffet
Customer Manager



