

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 16th July 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman

Councillor Paul Titley

Councillors

David Burn
Susan Leighton
Duncan Miller
Martin Pugmire

Martin Jordan
Andrew Lysser
Adam Paxon

Denstone Kemp
Tony Lywood
Peter Price

Also present were Catherine Howe (Administration & Finance Officer), 2 members of the press and 1 members of the public.

46. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Taylor (Illness).

47. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18th June 2015 (pages 7-11).

48. Requests for Dispensations

The Administration & Finance Officer reported that no requests for dispensations had been received.

49. Declarations of Interests

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

50. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing team. No police officers were present.

Item 18 was moved forward as Lynne Jones, K FAG, was in attendance.

51. Community Pump, Penrith Road

RECEIVED a report from K FAG.

52. Matters to be received from the Public

Councillor Miller, as a member of the public, gave an update following his recent attendance at the Underskiddaw Parish Council meeting at which Karl Melville, Cumbria Highways, was present. The Town Council wrote to Cumbria Highways many months ago regarding the condition of the road from Keswick Museum to Briar Rigg, as yet no finite reply has been received. It became apparent, following a site visit to the area, that Karl Melville was not aware of the dire state of the road especially between Keswick Bridge and the mini roundabout (blocked drains, damaged sandstone kerbs, obscured street lights, covered/missing road markings and leaf build up). Karl Melville advised that CCC would need to close the road to make the necessary repairs and carry out the work required. It was suggested that this work take place at the end of September/beginning October and that it would need to be fully finished before the Calvert Way development was complete.

RESOLVED that the Town Council write to Karl Meville to confirm the schedule of works, as detailed above, and to ask for the possible implications with this coinciding with the proposed Northern Gas work.

53. 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/2015/0067	Reduce size of 1 silver birch Acorn House, Ambleside Road <i>Neutral – This is a very large tree and it does overhang both the neighbouring property's drive and the public highway.</i> NEUTRAL
7/2015/2128	Extensions and alterations to house and new detached garage (revised scheme following approval 7/2012/2272) Shonderhowe, Manor Brow <i>Neutral – Site visit made. No overlooking issues and fits in well.</i> NEUTRAL
7/2015/2130	Replacement of front, old timber sliding sash windows with new timber sliding sash windows. Replacement of rear, old timber sliding sash windows with new upvc sliding sash windows. 70 Blencathra Street <i>Neutral – Replacing like with (double glazed) like at front. Design at both front and back look okay.</i> NEUTRAL
7/2015/2142	Porch and sunroom extension 24 Trinity Way <i>Neutral – Site visit made. No overlooking issues. Neighbours know of and are happy with application.</i> NEUTRAL
7/2015/2144	Construction of a dining room extension, a bedroom extension, alterations to the windows and chimneys, installation of solar pv panels, sunpipes and rooflight Springs End, Ambleside Road <i>Neutral – No overlooking issues, site visit made. Neighbour at Old Court has no objections.</i> NEUTRAL
7/2015/2145	Replace existing wooden sash windows and single glazing with PVCu sash windows and double glazing. Replace wooden door with composite door. 7 Acorn Street <i>Neutral – Do not see much difference in the</i>

appearance of the proposed windows compared to the existing ones.

NEUTRAL

- ii) **RECEIVED** an update on National Park planning decisions.
- iii) **RESOLVED** that an item be placed on the August Town Council agenda to look at the possibility of the Council producing a Business Plan, to include planning issues, and that a report containing notes and ideas be compiled by Councillor Titley.

54. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representative – Tony Lywood
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority – Geoff Davies

55. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the payment of accounts for July 2015 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment:

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 63 – FR3 amounting to £27,614.91 (twenty seven thousand six hundred and fourteen pounds and ninety one pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP28 – FP20 amounting to £7,133.79 (seven thousand one hundred and thirty three pounds and seventy nine pence)

56. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information and approval the quarterly budgets.

57. Public Toilet Provision in Keswick

RECEIVED a report from the FLUSH Committee following the subcommittee meeting that took place on Monday 6th July for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED that:-

- i) the continuation of substantive talks be allowed to progress the offer from Allerdale Borough Council to take over Bell Close and Theatre Car Park toilets via capital asset transfer along with a substantial sum being, to be finalised.
- ii) An initial sum of £1,000.00 be earmarked from the Keswick Town Council 'contingency' budget to cover setup of the CIC and legal fees. This would only be used once Keswick Town Council have agreed the capital asset transfer.
- iii) Further **RESOLVED** that the above resolutions be sent to Andrew Seekings, Allerdale Borough Council.

58. Keswick Town Council Events Committee

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Paul Titley, Chairman of the Events Committee on the Keswick Festival 2015 and preliminary plans for 2016.

RECEIVED that the resolution made at the Charitable Trust meeting held on 9th July 2015 be given as a point of information :-

- The existing policies be left as is (User Group Permits and Fitz Park Terms & Conditions of Use), as both were working well.
- ALL event organisers (including the Keswick Town Council Events Committee) must write to the Trust if they require vehicles to enter the park during their event, these requests will be looked at on their own merit

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Cumbria County Council to ask for the cost of the proposed Derwent Close road closure for the Christmas Lights Event (incorporating fundraising for Children in Need) be waived as a goodwill gesture.

59. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's Calendar of Duties.

60. Administration & Finance Officer's Report

RECEIVED the Administration & Finance Officer's report.

RESOLVED that:-

- i) A working group look at the allocation of the £10,000 Allerdale Borough Council fund for Town Centres and that the proposals are brought to the August Town Council meeting for ratification. The working group to be made up of Councillors Leighton, Lywood, Price, Paxon and Lysser.

Councillor Lysser left the meeting.

61. The Isthmus

RESOLVED that a request for a site visit to the Isthmus be sent to the National Trust (as the lessor of this area) accompanied by Councillor's Lysser and Price to look at the area in general.

62. Northern Gas Networks – Gas Renewal Scheme Victoria Road & Station Street

RECEIVED details of the dates for the above work to be carried out following a meeting in the Town Council Chamber which took place on Tuesday 7th July 2015.

63. Allerdale BC Market Consultation 2015

RESOLVED that Councillors respond individually to the Allerdale Borough Council's market consultation document prior to the consultation end date of 24th July 2015.

64. Correspondence

RECEIVED that details of the following correspondence be received:

a. For consideration and action:

- i) CALC/NALC – Then Commonwealth Flag Day 14 March 2016
RESOLVED that this information be received.
- ii) Hillary Daneen, Sharpe Edge Gallery – Possibility of Italian Twinning
RESOLVED that the request be declined as with other past requests for twinning, due to the cost and workload involved.
- iii) Highways England Scheme Evaluation – A66 Crosthwaite Road Roundabout, Cycleway Improvements
RESOLVED that this information be received.
- iv) EM Highways – A66 East of Burns Junction, Drainage Repairs
RESOLVED that this information be received.

b. For information:

- i) Geoff Davies, LDNPA Member – Local Occupancy Clauses/S106 agreements
- ii) LDNPA – Car Park Fees as from 1st July 2015

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

'That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable/in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw'

65. Staffing

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the report be approved and that a review of this arrangement be made when the Town Clerk returns.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman

Date