

## KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm.

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**Present:**

**Chairman**  
Councillor Paul Titley

**Councillors**

David Burn	Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton	Andrew Lysser
Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller	Adam Paxon
	Martin Pugmire	

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Administration & Finance Officer), 3 members of the press, 26 members of the public and Keswick PCSO's Adele Lyall and Catherine Smith.

Prior to the meeting, James Devenish of Keswick Ministries made a presentation on plans for the Derwent Project (former Keswick Pencil Factory site) and answered questions from members of the public. Mrs Devenish and Simon Overend of Keswick Ministries were also present.

**109. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Price (work).

**110. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 15 October 2015 (pages 23-26).

**111. Requests for Dispensations**

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

**112. Declarations of Interest**

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

Councillor Leighton – item 7 (member of Churches Together in Keswick)

Councillors Lywood, Pugmire and Titley – item 9 (Board members Keswick Museum)

**113. Police Attendance**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team. PCSO Adele Lyall introduced PCSO Catherine Smith who had recently joined the Keswick team. An undertaking was given that comparative monthly crime figures would be included in future police reports.

**114. Matters to be received from the Public**

A number of the public present spoke in relation to item 7 on the agenda concerning a proposal to list the former Pencil Factory building. Jeronime Palmer quoted from a letter received from the Twentieth Century Society strongly objecting to any proposals to demolish the building and suggesting that it should be considered a non-designated heritage asset.

**115. Former Pencil Factory Building – Proposed Listing**

As the decision by English Heritage not to list the building had been notified prior to the meeting, an amendment was put forward that the Town Council support the listing of the former Pencil Factory building as a non-designated heritage asset. However, the amendment failed to gain the support of the Town Council.

## 116. Applications for Development

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

<b>Plan Ref.</b>	<b>Description of Development Location:</b>
<b>7/2015/2200</b>	To replace 3 timber sliding sash windows on front elevation 7 Church Street <i>Support – Will match existing windows ,improve heat loss and fit in well</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2015/2203</b>	Replace existing wooden casement windows with upvc casement windows 12 Poplar Street <i>Support - These are on back of property and several other properties in street already have UPVC. Will use similar profile windows and they are in keeping with adjacent and fit in with surroundings</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2015/2212</b>	Replace existing timber framed windows with new timber framed windows Berkley House, The Heads <i>Support - Like for like replacement, although would have liked to have known the reason for change.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2015/2234</b>	Proposed revised new build dwelling Garden House, 38 Southey Street <i>Support – No overlooking issues and in keeping and in balance with rest of property</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2015/2236</b>	Alteration and extension to existing dwelling Tall Trees, Lonsties <i>Support - Not overbearing and no overlooking issues</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2015/2240</b>	Proposed rear dormer roof Rowan Tree Guest House, 37 Eskin Street <i>Support – Subject to the dormer roof line matching existing dormer on next door property. Adjacent properties already have dormers and they will not be visible from front of property</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2015/2247</b>	Ancillary accommodation to replace static caravan Beechings Folly, Brundholme Road <i>Support - No overlooking issues, replaces unsightly caravan and with permanent family dwelling and is a vast improvement.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2015/2249</b>	New temporary access/egress off Penrith Road (A5271) Keswick Land off the A5271 <i>Neutral –Part of Thirlmere pipeline project, safety of access to be considered.</i> <b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>7/2015/2255</b>	Variation of condition 2 of permission 7/2011/2155 – occupancy 4 Greta Side <i>Object – On the grounds that the effect would be to produce an unfettered property</i> <b>OBJECT</b>

*(The Deputy Mayor took the chair for consideration of the next item)*

**117. Keswick Museum – Request to Waive Banner Site Fee**

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick Museum for the Council to waive charges for banner advertising in the Market Square for 21 weeks during 2016 on the basis that the Museum is a local charity with a social remit for Keswick and a self-financed heritage facility (Sue McKay and Dave Roberts representing Keswick Museum were in attendance for this item).

**RESOLVED:** that the request be approved and one banner site be provided free of charge for Keswick Museum for 21 weeks during 2016.

*(The Mayor resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting)*

**118. Mayor's Report**

**RECEIVED** report from the Mayor including details of the Mayor's calendar of duties.

Note: Councillor Lysser raised the issue of the role of the Council's Events Committee and the Clerk undertook to circulate a copy of the Terms of Reference of the Committee to all Councillors.

**119. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i. Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – Councillor Pugmire gave an oral report
- ii. Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – County Councillor Lysser gave an oral report and advised that the County Council had decided not to continue with its licensing scheme for A boards and Pavement Cafes in Keswick. An item was requested for the agenda for the Town Council meeting in January 2016 to consider the future policing of A Boards (Councillors Burn and Kemp to submit details).
- iii. Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative (Geoff Davies was present for this item).

**120. Payment of Accounts**

**RESOLVED** that the accounts for November 2015 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment:

- i. For the Town Council , vouchers 144 - 162 amounting to £29636.78 (twenty nine thousand six hundred and thirty six pounds and seventy eight pence)
- ii. For the Trusts, vouchers HP83 – FP70 amounting to £3192.11 (three thousand one hundred and ninety two pounds and eleven pence)

**121. Bank Mandate Amendments**

**RESOLVED** that the current bank mandate be amended to reflect the changes to Councillors in 2015 following elections and co-option.

**122. Interim Audit Report**

**RECEIVED** the interim report from the Internal Auditor for the period 1 April 2015 – 30 September 2015.

**123. A-Board Survey**

**RECEIVED** a response from the Lake District National Park Authority setting out comments and questions about A boards identified in the recent survey, and clarifying the situation regarding further action by the Authority and Cumbria County Council.

**124. Keswick – status as a 'Fair Wage Town'**

Consideration was given to the motion proposed by Councillor Paxon 'that the Town Council support in principle Fair Cumbria's intention of making Keswick a 'Living Wage' or 'Fair Wage' town. The motion was carried.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council support in principle Fair Cumbria's intention of making Keswick a 'Living Wage' town.

**125. Consultations**

**RESOLVED** That Councillors Daniels and Kemp consider the following consultation documents and advise on responses for submission by the Town Council at the next meeting:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council's draft budget (closing date 14 January 2016)
- ii) Cumbria County Council's new Council Plan, Budget Savings and new ways of working (closing date 22 January 2016)

**126. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i. Keswick Tourism Association – Councillor Duncan Miller

**127. Clerk's Report**

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

**RESOLVED** that an amendment to Standing Orders be drafted for approval to give the Clerk delegated powers to deal with urgent items of business.

**128. Correspondence**

**RECEIVED** the following correspondence:

- i. Cumbria Constabulary – response to letter concerning proposed funding cuts
- ii. Dept for Communities and Local Government – response to letter regarding extension of Right to Buy to housing association tenants
- iii. Lake District National Park Authority via CALC – Business Plan for April 2015 to March 2018
- iv. DEFRA – copy documents concerning Extensions to the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks
- v. Cumbria County Council – Allerdale Speed Limit Review – copy of notice of intention to make Speed Limit Order relating to High Hill Keswick and Main Street, Great Broughton

**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'

**129. Public Toilets (contracting)**

**RESOLVED:** That a community asset transfer of the public toilets at Bell Close and Lakeside car parks from Allerdale Borough Council to the Town Council be approved on the terms outlined in the report.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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Chairman

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