

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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10th December 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Keswick Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on **Thursday 17th December 2015 at 7.30pm.**

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 19th November 2015 (pages 27-30) (enclosed).
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 revised 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. **Flood Response**
To receive an update on the situation following the flooding caused by Storm Desmond and to consider any further action which the Town Council may be able to take to assist.
6. **Police Report**
To receive the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing team (a Police Community Support Officer will attend when on duty and available).

7. 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 10 minutes and the Chairman reserves the right to curtail repetitious matters. Public participation shall not be longer than half an hour throughout the meeting.

8. Applications for Development

- i) To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Lake District National Park Authority (list enclosed – Planning Group report to be circulated at the meeting).
- ii) To receive update on National Park planning decisions (list enclosed).

9. Mayor's Report

To receive a report from the Mayor including details of the Mayor's calendar of duties (enclosed).

10. Payment of Accounts

To confirm the payment of accounts for December 2015 as approved by the Inspection Committee (to be circulated at the meeting):

- i) For the Town Council
- ii) For the Trusts.

11. Budget for 2016/2017

To approve the draft Budget for the financial year 2016/17 (enclosed), to set the precept, and to agree grants to local organisations (list of recommendations enclosed). (Staffing Committee's report on annual review of pay and conditions of service of employees as required by Standing Order no. 7 enclosed for Councillors only – any discussion on this item will take place with the press and public excluded).

12. Consultations

To agree response to the following consultation documents:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Budget Consultation 2016/17
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Consultation on new Council Plan, Budget Savings and new ways of working

Papers circulated with agenda for last meeting - report by Councillor Daniels, who was tasked with advising the Council on responses for submission, enclosed.

13. Reports from Ward Representatives

To receive reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority Allerdale Parishes Representative (enclosed)

14. Clerk's Report

To receive the Clerk's report (enclosed).

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present:

Chairman

Councillor Paul Titley

Councillors

David Burn

Denstone Kemp

Tony Lywood

Allan Daniels

Susan Leighton

Duncan Miller

Martin Pugmire

Martin Jordan

Andrew Lysser

Adam Paxon

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:

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location:
7/2015/2200	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> SUPPORT
7/2015/2203	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> SUPPORT
7/2015/2212	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> SUPPORT
7/2015/2234	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> SUPPORT
7/2015/2236	Alteration and extension to existing dwelling Tall Trees, Lonsties <i>Support - Not overbearing and no overlooking issues</i> SUPPORT
7/2015/2240	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> SUPPORT
7/2015/2247	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> SUPPORT
7/2015/2249	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> NEUTRAL
7/2015/2255	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> OBJECT

(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

Chairman

Date

Planning Applications received between 13/11/2015 - 10/12/2015

Plan ref	Location	Description of Proposed Development
P8/2015/0098	Phone box Low Brigham, Penrith Road, Keswick	Removal of telephone and replace with defibrillator inside kiosk
7/2015/2169	25 Church Street, Keswick. CA12 4DX	Proposed dormer, change windows and internal alterations and associated works
7/2015/2228	Waters Edge, Lake Road, Keswick. CA12 5DJ	Proposed new orangery to replace existing conservatory, external ground works to provide boat launch ramp with vehicle access to Derwentwater, plus a new flood defence system incorporating a level lawn
7/2015/2248	19 Eskin Street, Keswick. CA12 4DQ	Variation of condition no. 2 (occupancy restriction) of planning approval 7/2005/2027 with current local occupancy restriction for the North Distinctive area of the Lake District National Park
7/2015/2254	28 Lake Road, Keswick. CA12 5DQ	Conversion of existing A1 retail unit to A3 restaurant use
7/2015/2268	40 Wordsworth Street, Keswick. CA12 4BZ	Installation of new windows
7/2015/2271	Riverside, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick. CA12 5PG	The construction of a single storey bedroom extension, conservatory, front porch and a first floor extension to accommodate a new stair with access to a first floor seating area.
7/2015/2272	Crosthwaite Conference Centre, Church Lane, Keswick. CA12 5QG	Temporary use of agricultural fields to accommodate campers and caravanners attending the Keswick Convention in Summer 2016
7/2015/2273	6 Church Street, Keswick. CA12 4DT	Replace front porch and repaint previously painted features
7/2015/2279	Walker Park, Crow Park Road, Keswick. CA12 5EN	Site upgrades and improvements including the conversion of 48 no. grass pitches to hardstandings, a new combined motorhome service point and service area, a new service area, regularisation of existing Site Manager's pitches, Site security access and egress barriers in two locations and amended location for reception block (permitted under ref: 7/2006/2048)
7/2015/2277	7 Southey Street, Keswick. CA12 4EG	Window replacement
7/2015/2281	Greta Gardens, Crow Park Road, Keswick. CA12 5EL	Change of use of Greta Gardens from C3 use (Dwellinghouses) to C2 use (Residential institutions)
7/2015/2284	Greta Gardens, Crow Park Road, Keswick. CA12 5EL	Modification of S106 Agreement on approval ref 7/2012/2034 to extend occupancy restriction to Cockermouth and/or local family connection

Decisions Received from LDNPA

Planning Decisions Received between 09/10/2015 & 10/12/2015

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
7/2015/2162	July-15	Greystones, Ambleside Road, Keswick	CA12 4DP	Replacement windows	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2015/2163	August-15	Bakers Yard, 24A St John's Street, Keswick	CA12 5AS	Proposed change of use and alterations from existing printing company to 2 no. fully accessible disabled holiday lets	OBJECT	REFUSED		
7/2015/2170	August-15	Woodside, Penrith Road, Keswick	CA12 4LJ	Demolition of existing owners' accommodation extension and replacement with new extension	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2015/2174	August-15	Stanleys Joiners, Greta Side, Keswick	CA12 5LG	Change of use of joiner's workshop (B1 Use Class) to form 1) live work unit on first floor comprising dwelling and integral workshop and gallery 2) joinery workshop on ground floor (B1 Use Class) 3) small light industrial unit/workshop (B1 Use Class) over ground and first floor (Amendments to planning approval 7/2014/2252)	NEUTRAL	GRANTED		
7/2015/2179	September-15	15 Riverside Lodge, Station Road, Keswick	CA12 4ND	Solar PV Panels	NEUTRAL	GRANTED		
7/2015/2184	August-15	Bristowe Hill, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick	CA12 5PG	Proposed orangery off existing kitchen	NEUTRAL	GRANTED		
7/2015/2188	August-15	Stanwin, 14A Fenton Keswick	CA12 4AZ	Demolition of an existing bungalow to be replaced with 3 no. dwellings: 1 no. detached and 2no. Semi-detached. Outline planning permission for 2 properties on the site has been granted, planning ref. 7/2014/2175	OBJECT	REFUSED		
7/2015/2196	September-15	3 Grange Park, Keswick	CA12 4AY	Conservatory	NEUTRAL	GRANTED		
7/2015/2197	September-15	Woodside, 14 Springs Road, Keswick	CA12 4AQ	Extension to rear of the dwelling to provide additional ground floor living accommodation	NEUTRAL	GRANTED		
7/2015/2205	October-15	1-55 Calvert Way, Keswick	CA12 4LZ	Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2014/2300 - slight repositioning of houses within plots 16-22 and 49-55	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	Revised application received by LDNPA - NON MATERIAL VARIATION GRANTED		
7/2015/2224	September-15	48 Main Street/Bank Street, Keswick	CA12 5JJ	Variation of condition no 2 on approval ref 7/2014/2080 - to allow a small increase in the size of Bank Street retail until extension	NEUTRAL	GRANTED		

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 17 December 2015

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE

For period 13th November 2015 – 10th December 2015

Friday 13 th November	BBC Children in Need – various Open the CIN singathon/musicthon – held at Packhorse Court Taking Pudsey in to Packhorse Court Stage duties
Wednesday 25 th November	Cumbria Outdoor Events Training – held at Cumbria Fire & Rescue Headquarters, Penrith
Monday 30 th November	Keswick Tourism Association AGM – launch of The Keswick Holiday Guide 2016 – held at Rawsley Hall, Keswick
Thursday 3 rd December	Staffing Panel – meeting held in Council Chamber
Sunday 6 th December	Interviews with media, including BBC, Sky News and the Guardian – Keswick Flooding

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016/17

GENERAL FUND

Expenditure:	Actual Spend 13/14	Actual Spend 14/15	AGREED Budget 15/16	Estimated Out Turn 15/16	DRAFT Budget 16/17
General Administration	57604	56740	66835	57238	67773
Grants to outside bodies	15139	15000	15000	15020	15020
Christmas Lights	20690	28298	21000	22000	30000
Mayors Allowance	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
War memorial	822	1326	1500	1297	1500
Townfield	800	800	1300	1300	1300
Open Spaces	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Fitz Park - Grant from KTC (deficit plus add grant 15/16)	88514	82984	88529	88529	88994
Communications including Newsletter	462	0	1200	0	1200
Audit Fee/Accounts Preparation	1100	1310	1400	1600	1600
Contingency Sum	8350	0	16824	2500	10000
Keswick Events	5000	5291	7000	10605	7000
Floral displays	5781	6592	7000	6472	7000
Allotments Expenditure	548	350	600	500	600
Youth Projects	0	500	2000	0	500
Professional Advice - Provision	517	0	1000	1000	1000
Annual Parish Meeting (inc room hire & refreshments)	0	22	100	50	100
Advertising	307	235	200	240	250
Event Banner Expenditure	0	0	250	0	250
Contribution to Local Housing	0	6602	0	0	0
General Reserves Expenditure	0	1398	0	0	0
Scruffs	0	0	0	1051	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	209634	210443	234738	212402	237087

Income:	Actual Income 13/14	Actual income 14/15	AGREED Budget 15/16	Estimated Out Turn 15/16	DRAFT Budget 16/17
Precept	203422	197414	197414	197414	201054
Grant to Fitz Park - ABC	20720	0	20000	20000	20000
Council Tax Support Grant	0	6008	4206	4206	2818
Bank/Investment interest (inc War Memorial)	52	60	8	4	5
Walker Park rent	11000	11000	11000	11000	11000
Allotments Income - Rent	600	507	600	630	600
Events Banners Income	1114	1521	1500	2900	1600
Keswick Events Contributions	0	0	0	4300	0
Christmas Light Contribution	700	8600	0	8000	0
Townfield Interest	22	0	10	10	10
Scruffs	0	0	0	1950	0
TOTAL INCOME:	237630	225210	234738	250414	237087
Estimated Surplus 15/16				38012	

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BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016/17

ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES - ADMINISTRATION & ON COSTS

Expenditure:	Actual Spend 13/14	Actual Spend 14/15	AGREED Budget 15/16	Estimated Out Turn 15/16	DRAFT Budget 16/17
Salaries, Nat ins & Superannuation (17.9%)	71526	71914	82727	70210	86823
Payroll - Outsource Costs	0	223	240	295	300
Rent	7100	7100	7800	7100	7800
Rates	752	955	974	973	995
Building Service Costs	4330	4560	6000	6000	6000
Repairs - Decorating/Carpets/Upgrades	1900	339	1500	1500	500
Insurances	1510	1652	1700	510	600
Subscriptions	762	803	725	701	710
Conferences/Training	672	343	1200	250	1200
Stationery/Printing	1257	920	1000	1000	1000
Postage	280	256	250	250	270
Telephone & Internet	746	598	750	550	700
Photocopier	1695	1833	1800	1910	2100
Computer maintenance/support	1186	858	780	773	800
Office Equipment	102	767	200	250	300
Staff Expenses	457	360	600	100	612
Ex Employee Pension	1556	1284	1300	1300	1300
Health and Safety	0	36	500	400	300
Website (Annual Fee)	300	300	400	400	400
Council Chamber/Meeting Expenditure	121	95	150	170	200
Annual Parish Meeting (inc room hire & refreshments)	114	0	0	0	0
Quality Award	0	0	50	50	150
Election Provision	0	0	1000	1000	0
Total Expenditure:	96368	95256	111646	95692	113060

Income:	Actual Income 13/14	Actual Income 14/15	AGREED Budget 15/16	Estimated Out Turn 15/16	DRAFT Budget 16/17
Photocopies	18	0	5	5	5
Council chambers rental	340	690	250	291	100
Total Income:	358	690	255	296	105

To be allocated:	96008	94566	111391	95396	112955
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Allocation:	13/14	14/15	15/16	15/16	16/17
General Fund - 2013 to 2016 (60%)	57604	56740	66835	57238	67773
Hope Park 2013 to 2016 (20%)	19202	18913	22278	19079	22591
Fitz Park - 2013 to 2016 (20%)	19202	18913	22278	19079	22591
	96008	94566	111391	95396	112955

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - PAYABLE MAY 2016

Grant Given 2015	Name of organisation	Nature of Project	Local Cause?	Grant Recommended to be agreed at December 2015 meeting
500	Citizens Advice Bureau Keswick	To cover costs for volunteer advisors to access specialist advice to help local people resolve money, benefit, employment, housing and other problems providing free, independent, confidential advice. (Costs include - IT services, equipment, telecommunications, postage, stationery and utility bills) <i>Purchase and plant summer bedding for towers, tubs, mangers and 3 or 4 flowers beds throughout the Town (£2300). Purchase and plant spring bulbs for towers, tubs, mangers and some roadsides in the Town (£400). Replace any damaged shrubs in beds under our care (£100). Purchase planting materials, fertiliser etc. (£100) Watering £1500. Organising competitions (£150). Compete in Cumbria in Bloom (£200).</i>	Y	500
3000	Keswick In Bloom	To cover costs required for setting up a Toddler Group, to engage children aged 0-5 and their families with the Museum and its collections and Keswick's local heritage and to contribute to the area's early years engagement officer	Y	3000
1000	Keswick Museum & Art Gallery Management Ltd	To help with costs towards insurance premium	Y	1510
1500	1st Keswick Scout Group	Costs towards development and building pages on existing website to supply interactive walking pages	Y	1500
750	Keswick Tourism Association	Costs towards room hire (£3840), art materials, games equipment small items (£150), minibus hire e.g. trip to Carlisle Youth Zone (£1200) and insurance (£800) = £5990	Y	750
1745	Keswick Youth Centre	Cost towards a new set of sweep oars which will enable crews (adults and juniors) to compete in regattas and head of river races	Y	3840
0	Lakeland Rowing Club	Costs to build up Emergency Reserve after some monies were used to buy a new cattery (as existing one was old and had been flooded twice). Total cost of new cattery £22,500	Out of Parish Boundary	0
0	Pets Lifeline	Purchase of examination couch to improve first aid cover	Y	0
400	St Johns Ambulance	Towards work with young people and support for voluntary organisations in Keswick area	Y	400
3500	Theatre by the Lake		Y	3500
12395			Total Recommended	15000

Contribution towards Room Hire only

Project complete - contribution to reserves not agreed

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
17 DECEMBER 2015

CONSULTATIONS

Suggested responses by Councillor Daniels:

1. Allerdale Budget Consultation

Item 1 Trade Waste Services (Yes)

As it costs more to collect waste than is received when it is sold on, there should be a small charge to Trade Waste customers for this service.

Item 2 Car Parking (No)

Buying new parking ticket machines at a cost of £350,000 seems a bit frivolous.

Item 3 Review of Car Parking (No)

Whilst it is good to review prices from time to time, having seen the proposed increases they will have a negative effect on businesses in Keswick and we should oppose these increases.

Item 4 Non Statutory Services (Yes)

This includes economic development, leisure facilities, festivals and events and these should be continued.

Item 5 Reviewing Outsourced Contracts (Yes)

Re-negotiating current contracts will bring a saving of £450,000. No impact or negligible impact if waste and recycling pick up are on different days.

Item 6 Grants to Parish Councils (No)

How will the shortfall caused by the phasing out of grants be replaced? What are our options?

Item 7 Next Year's Council Tax (Yes)

The proposed increase of 1.9% is in line with Government recommendations, and will only incur a small increase of 6p a week on a Band D property and 4p a week on a Band A property.

2. Cumbria County Council Consultation on new Council plan, Budget Savings and new ways of working

Integrated Risk Management - the proposed closure of some fire stations and transfer of appliances and crew should be reviewed in the light of the recent floods.

Councillor Allan Daniels
9 December 2015

Report from the North DA Parishes Member of the LDNPA - November 2015

The LDNPA's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), which was approved at the full Authority meeting on 18th March, assumes a 2% year-on-year reduction in the National Park Grant (NPG) received from Government. Under that assumption, it was predicted that the Authority would be able to set balanced budgets for 2016/17 and 2017/18. However, there was huge uncertainty at that time about who would form the next Government and what financial decisions it would make that would affect National Parks. That uncertainty has now been largely resolved by the Chancellor's Spending Review, which was announced on November 25th.

The Chancellor announced that the budget for National Parks, AONBs and public forests would be protected during the period up to 2020. At the same time, National Parks would be "granted legal flexibilities to allow them to build sustainable, long-term revenue streams and boost growth in rural areas". In a letter written to staff and members of the LDNPA on 26th November, Richard Leafe (Chief Executive) wrote:

"...It also signals that the Government recognises and values the role of National Parks. Local MP and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for DEFRA, Rory Stewart, contacted me personally yesterday to share the good news."

The amount of NPG received by individual National Parks depends on a number of factors, including the area of the park and the number of people living in it. The following figures, taken from the National Parks UK website, are of interest.

Authority	National Park Grant (£)				Population	Visitors a year (million)	Visitor days a year (million)	Visitor spend a year (million)
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14				
Broads	4,229,502	4,002,149	3,774,799	3,547,447	6,271	8	15.5	£568
Dartmoor	4,739,642	4,484,867	4,230,095	3,975,321	34,000	2.4	3.1	£111
Exmoor	3,978,580	3,764,715	3,550,853	3,336,989	10,600	1.4	2	£85
Lake District	6,921,279	6,549,233	6,177,190	5,805,144	40,800	16.4	24	£1,146
New Forest	4,028,096	3,811,570	3,595,046	3,378,520	34,922	Not available	13.5	£123
North York Moors	5,428,266	5,136,475	4,844,687	4,552,897	23,380	7	10.8	£538
Northumberland	3,311,334	3,133,337	2,955,341	2,777,344	2,200	1.5	1.7	£190
Peak District	8,298,814	7,852,720	7,406,630	6,960,536	37,905	8.75	11.75	£541
South Downs	7,290,000	11,373,133	10,981,271	10,589,405	120,000	Not available	39	£333
Yorkshire Dales	5,398,563	5,108,369	4,818,178	4,527,984	19,654	9.5	12.6	£400

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CLERK'S REPORT

This will be a very brief report for obvious reasons. The office is receiving a large number of extra telephone and e-mail enquiries as a result of the flooding which means that much of the routine workload has been put on hold. Also insurance claims are being processed for the damage to the parks' buildings and equipment and support provided as necessary to the flood control room and members of the public. The Council Chamber has once again been put into use as a flood control room and proved its worth to both the official and community flood response teams. Keswick Volunteers have again been outstanding in their efforts.

The CALC Allerdale meeting due to be held on 10th December was cancelled and has been re-scheduled for Thursday 7th January. This meeting will include budget consultation presentations.

The consultation on the review of car parking charges has been postponed until the January meeting when representatives of Allerdale BC will be present.

The notes of the CALC AGM held at Whitehaven in November have been circulated to all Councillors by e-mail. This also included a paper on Devolution for Cumbria including the role of neighbourhoods.

The offices will officially be closed over Christmas and the New Year from 12 noon on Thursday 24th December until 9.30 am on Monday 4th January. May I wish you all a Merry and above all dry Christmas and a Happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

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