

## KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 21st January 2016 at 7.30pm.

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**Present:**

**Chairman**  
Councillor David Burn

**Councillors**

Allan Daniels	Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton
Andrew Lysser	Adam Paxon	Peter Price

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Administration & Finance Officer), 3 members of the press, 13 members of the public/local business representatives, Cllr Ron Munby (ABC), Cllr Mike Heaslip (ABC), Charles Holmes (ABC Officer), Mike Hall (ABC Officer), Mike Glover (Keswick Fairtrade), Bob Bryden (Keswick Fairtrade), Joe Human (Keswick Fairtrade), Jo Alberti (Keswick Fairtrade) and Ian Turnbull (Keswick School).

**144. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jordan (holiday), Lywood (holiday), Miller (holiday), Pugmire (holiday) and Titley (holiday).

**145. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (pages 31-34).

**146. Requests for Dispensations**

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

**147. Declarations of Interests**

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

Councillor Lysser:	item 9 (i) applications nod. 7/2015/2283 and 7/2015/2301 (regular customer)
	item10 (Foundation Governor and Trustee of Keswick School)

**148. Police Attendance**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team for December (no Officer was in attendance). 27 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during December 2015 with 6 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month.

**149. Support for Fair Trade Town Status**

Representatives of Keswick and District Fair Trade Campaign were in attendance to request that the Town Council pass a resolution confirming its continuing support for Fair Trade in Keswick. It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council continue to support Fair Trade in Keswick and the renewal of Fair Trade Town status by

- Using Fair Trade tea and coffee at Council functions
- Appointing a Councillor representative to the local Fair Trade Group
- Continuing to use the Fair Trade logo on the Council's letter headed paper.

A certificate recognising the renewal of the town's Fair Trade status was presented to the Deputy Mayor.

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

Members of the public present spoke in opposition to Allerdale BC's proposals for new car parking charges. Judy Sharp, Chairman of Keswick Tourism Association, read a minute from the Association's recent Board meeting which asked for a common parking policy across the Lake District National Park, pay on exit parking, and free/reduced charges over the next 3 months to help during the flood recovery period. The Association opposed the proposal to increase charges from 9pm to 7 am which would affect theatregoers and overnight guests, the increase in cost of a parking permit, and the proposed 2 hour maximum stay for Bell Close car park.

Maggie Lambert, a Keswick shop owner, outlined the impact on repeat custom and Rachel Swift, of Theatre by the Lake, referred to the 4,000 signature petition which had been presented at the Borough Council offices opposing the proposals. Roy Johnson, of Keswick Retailers Association, said that local businesses did not just rely on tourism but also local trade and he feared that customers would go elsewhere to shop where parking was cheaper. The proprietor of the Card Collection in Packhorse Court advised that her customers complained about the charges currently and that the machines did not give change.

**151. Review of Car Parking Charges - Consultation**

Allerdale Borough Councillor Mike Heaslip, Charles Holmes - Head of Service, and Mike Hall - Parking Services Manager, were in attendance to explain the proposals for changes to car parking charges in Keswick and to receive comments. Councillor Heaslip, as Executive Member responsible for car parking, explained that the Council was looking to operate in a more commercial manner in the current financial climate. Mike Hall stressed that the proposals were for discussion and that feedback from the public, stakeholder groups and others would be taken into consideration in making any decisions. Councillors felt that whilst appreciating the financial constraints on the Borough Council due to cuts in Government funding, any shortfall should not be made up by increasing car parking charges in the manner proposed as this would deter both tourists and locals from spending time and money in Keswick and result in less revenue from car parking, not more. Other ways of saving money needed to be found.

**RESOLVED** that the comments made by Councillors and the proposals put forward in the paper submitted by Councillor Lywood, be endorsed as the Town Council's response to the consultation.

**152. Applications for Development**

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

**7/2015/2211** Variation of condition no 3 of approval ref 7/2004/2368 to widen occupancy condition  
3 Blencathra Street  
*Support – will bring 2004 local occupancy condition up to current definition*  
**SUPPORT**

**7/2015/2283** Allocate section of highway for the placement of tables and chairs  
Market Place  
**NEUTRAL**

**7/2015/2292** Small porch at rear of property  
6 Church Street  
*Neutral – At rear of property and in keeping with other porches on adjoining properties*  
**NEUTRAL**

**7/2015/2297** Replacement sun room  
The Garth, Chestnut Hill  
*Neutral – will match original building much better than existing UPVC conservatory and additional parking/turning area will avoid need to reverse cars onto Chestnut Hill.*  
**NEUTRAL**

- 7/2015/2299** Variation of local occupancy condition imposed on planning approval ref 7/2006/2155 to the north distinctive area of the National Park Cider House, Penrith Road  
*Support – application is to bring 2006 definition of local occupancy in line with current definition*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2015/2301** Use of land for sale of handmade cakes and tiffins and hot and cold beverages (plus tables and chairs in Area B)  
Area of land North West of Moot Hall, Market Place  
**NEUTRAL**
- 7/2015/2302** Replace existing timber doors with composite doors. Replace existing tilt and turn upvc windows with white grained upvc vertical sliding sash windows  
6 Victoria Street  
*Neutral – replacing UPVC windows with more traditional design UPVC windows and replacing doors to improve thermal performance*  
**NEUTRAL**
- 7/2015/2307** 10 Bedroom staff accommodation block  
Keswick Hotel, Station Road  
*Neutral – proposed development is on area currently used as storage yard. Off street parking will be available. Cannot see any overlooking issues*  
**NEUTRAL**
- ii) No National Park planning decisions were received.

**153. Request for Youth Funding**

Ian Turnbull of Keswick School presented a request for funding towards indoor equipment for fitness classes which was necessary as the school playing fields were out of use due to flood damage. He stated that the equipment would be made available for wider community use.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £1,000 be made towards the purchase of a rowing machine and mat to be funded from the budget for youth projects.

**154. Request for Grant**

Consideration was given to a request for a grant of £100 from Keswick & District Community First Responders from the 2016/17 budget allocation. It was noted that the application had been overlooked in error during consideration of grants for 2016 but had been received by the deadline.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £100 be made to Keswick & District Community First Responders to be funded from the grants budget for 2016/17 and that the consequent overspend on this budget be approved.

**155. Payment of Accounts**

**RESOLVED** that the accounts for January 2016 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment):

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 180 – FR10 amounting to £19,627.94 (nineteen thousand six hundred and twenty seven pounds and ninety four pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP109 – FP83 amounting to £1,539.37 (one thousand five hundred and thirty nine pounds and thirty seven pence)

**156. Quarterly Budgets**

**RECEIVED** for information the third quarter budget comparisons.

**157. Mayor's Report**

**RECEIVED** report from the Mayor including details of the Mayor's calendar of duties together with notes from the Allerdale 3 tier meeting held on 11 January 2016 and the meeting of the project group for the reinstatement of the railway line from Penrith to Workington held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

**158. Schedule of Meetings**

**RECEIVED** the Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2016/17.

**159. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representative – Borough Cllr Ron Munby reported on the full Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – County Cllr Andrew Lysser reported on the Allerdale Local Committee meeting held that day. He encouraged the Town Council to apply for £1,500 funding from his County Councillor’s ward allowance for a fundraising event at Keswick School in aid of the flood appeal. Councillors agreed to this suggestion provided that there would be no impact on the workload of the office staff
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority Allerdale Parishes Representative – written report submitted by Geoff Davies.

**160. Reports from representatives on Outside Organisations**

**RECEIVED:** report from Councillor Leighton on Churches Together in Keswick

**161. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

**RECEIVED** for information the minutes of the following Committee meetings:

- i) Staffing Committee 7 January 2016
- ii) Events Committee 12 January 2016

**162. Clerk’s Report**

**RECEIVED** the Clerk’s report.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council become an opted in authority to the new Sector Led Body Audit procurement scheme.

**163. Correspondence**

**RECEIVED** the following correspondence:

- i) Llandudno Town Council – Cumbria Floods
- ii) Stoke St Gregory Parish Council – Flooding
- iii) NALC – HM Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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Chairman

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Date