

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Councillors

Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Andrew Lysser	Duncan Miller
Adam Paxon	Peter Price	Martin Pugmire

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Administration & Finance Officer), 3 members of the press, 6 members of the public, Geoff Davies (LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Rep.), and Peter Winter (PF&K Planning Consultant).

Prior to the meeting, representatives of United Utilities (Ken Holmshaw, Paul Phillips, John Saunders, John Butcher, Gaynor Murphy and Ian McCoy) gave a presentation on the management of Thirlmere Reservoir and in particular, how it operates during heavy rain/flooding. They also gave information about the new Pipeline project. A question and answer session followed.

164. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Titley (holiday) and Lywood (holiday).

165. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2016 (pages 35 - 38).

166. Requests for Dispensations

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

167. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillor Daniells – item 8 (i) application no. 7/2016/2013 (resident of building)

Councillor Jordan – item 8 (i) application no. 7/2016/2024 (lives nearby).

168. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team for January. 16 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during January 2016 with 17 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month. Inspector Smillie was in attendance and undertook to ensure that the Police report was submitted one week before each meeting and would contain comparative statistics, 'drilled down' for Keswick if possible.

169. Matters to be received from the Public

Councillor Miller raised the issue of the proposed changes to car parking charges in Keswick which were to be considered by the Borough Council's Executive the following Monday. It was agreed that this issue be covered under item 15 (i) with input from the Allerdale Borough Council representative present.

170. United Utilities (UU) Pipeline Project

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick Tourism Association (KTA) to work alongside the Town Council on a joint approach to United Utilities to delay the start of the Pipeline project to avoid an adverse impact on the local tourism economy following on from the flooding. Representatives of UU attending the meeting advised that they would be happy to have discussions with KTA and explained that the scheme was due to start in April 2017, with work in Keswick scheduled for winter 2017/18. They gave a reassurance that the disruption to Keswick would be minimal and roadwork would be controlled by traffic lights, with the possible closure of a sliproad in January 2018. They were also mindful of the impact on approach roads and had identified a 'pinch point' near the Calvert Trust premises. In view of the information supplied, the Town Council agreed to take no further action at this stage.

171. Applications for Development

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

Plan ref.	Description of Development Location:
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7/2015/2284	Modification of S106 Agreement on approval ref 7/2012/2034 to extend occupancy restriction to Cockermouth and/or local family connection Greta Gardens, Crow Park Road <i>This modification will change the whole complexity. The age profile should be reduced to below 55 to accommodate local need.</i>
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*Comments are the same as sent in December 2015, stated below:-
Support the local family connection aspect of this application only*

SUPPORT

Object to Cockermouth aspect as it is not within the National Park.

OBJECT

7/2016/2013	Construct prefabricated canopy to front entrance Lakeland Court, The Headlands <i>Support. Entry to building is by key pad and water pours off roof and soaks people trying to gain entry. Canopy is to 'protect' access door and is a very sympathetic addition</i>
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SUPPORT

7/2016/2014	Installation of shower room window 21 Stanger Street <i>Support. New window is tucked away at rear of property and no overlooking issues, fits in with surrounding properties and is a sensible modification</i>
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SUPPORT

7/2016/2020	Proposed local needs dwelling (revised scheme 7/2014/2309) (change of design to allow for bedrooms and bathroom in roof space)
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White Crag, Brundholme Road

Neutral – similar footprint to previous approved scheme. Use of obscured glass in bathroom in roof space will preserve privacy to both parties

NEUTRAL

7/2016/2021	6 no. awnings (externally illuminated)
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49 Main Street

Neutral – on front awnings on Market Square. Would consider support with the exception of the awnings on Bank Street which may obscure traffic lights and affect turning buses, this has been addressed in the highways report.

NEUTRAL

- 7/2016/2024** Erection of detached dwelling (local needs) on land to rear of 61 The Headlands, Keswick
61 The Headlands
Support – on the proviso that the property meets local occupancy regulations.
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2025** Alterations & extension
8 Fenton
Support. Will give better balance to the bungalow. No overlooking of either 7 or number 9 Fenton (both of which are two storey houses). Most other properties have been changed and it fits in well.
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2028** Replacement windows
15 Eskin Street
Support – fits in well with surrounding properties as mainly upvc in area
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2032** Amend condition no 2 of approval ref 7/2014/2071 – change to design (flue through roof for log burner, and change from timber cladding to UPVC)
33 Millfield Gardens
Support – Others have already done similar with the cladding. Timber on all are in decay therefore this is the best way forward and this is a reasonable replacement
SUPPORT
- 7/2016/2033** Change of use from fully residential to letting out 2 rooms of house as bed and breakfast from 3 bedroom residential.
Heathfield, Crosthwaite Road
Neutral – many properties on Crosthwaite Road are already B & B
NEUTRAL
- ii) **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the Planning Inspectorate with the following observations:
- | Plan ref. | Description of Development
Location: |
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| E/2015/0134 | Change of Use from class 1 (Guest House) to class 3 (Dwelling House). Appeal against Lake District National Park Authorities' Enforcement Notice
2 St Herbert Street (Latrigg House)
<i>The Council believes that all new dwelling houses in the Parish, including change of use buildings, should be subject to a local occupancy clause. We support the Lake District National Park Authorities Policy that the re-use of an existing building for holiday letting accommodation should only be allowed if it is not suitable for local and affordable housing.</i>
Note – agenda item requested for a future meeting to consider policy on conversion of hotels to residential dwellings |
- iii) **RECEIVED** an update on National Park Planning decisions

It was agreed to bring item 15 forward for consideration as Geoff Davies was present.

172. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Geoff Davies advised that - the Local Plan was to be reviewed which would involve a consultation exercise and provide an opportunity to influence future policy. There would also be a consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement.
- a 'Planning Pow Wow' was to take place to which all Parish Councils would be invited and asked to put forward issues for discussion
- a Cumbria Floods Partnership had been established with 3 catchment directors including one for the Derwent
- ii) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representative – Councillor Martin Pugmire reported that a meeting of the Executive was scheduled for 22 February 2016 at which a decision would be made regarding changes to car parking charges in the Borough. Councillor Miller informed the Council of the contents of the report to the Executive and the recommendations which were to go forward which had largely ignored the comments and petition put forward and had failed to make any concessions for locals. The Clerk was asked to reinforce the comments previously made in an urgent e-mail to the Executive Committee
- iii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – Councillor Lysser advised on the amount of Council tax increase for 2016/17

173. Flooding Update

Consideration was given to whether the Town Council should invite the Environment Agency and other relevant organisations to attend a public meeting to provide views on the causes of the recent flooding and measures which might be taken to aid future flood resilience.

RESOLVED that Keswick Flood Action Group be consulted prior to raising the issue with the new Cumbria Floods Partnership Catchment Director.

Note – agenda item requested for next meeting on the Keswick Community Emergency Partnership and the Town Council's role within it.

174. Mayor's Report

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

175. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 180 to FR10 amounting to £19,627.94
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP109 to FP83 amounting to £1,539.37

176. Review of Internal Audit

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report on the annual review of the effectiveness of the Council's system of internal audit.

RESOLVED that Councillors Lysser and Price carry out a review of the effectiveness of the current internal audit systems, and that alternative quotes be sought for the internal audit of the 2016/17 accounts.

177. Review of Risk Assessment

RESOLVED that the revised Risk Assessment as at February 2016 be approved and adopted.

Note – an up to date valuation of the civic regalia was requested by Councillor Lysser.

178. Minutes of Committee Meeting

RECEIVED for information and approval the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held 16th February 2016.

RESOLVED that the Premises Licence for Fitz Park be applied for as outlined in the Minutes and that no changes be made to the existing Premises Licence for Market Square.

Note – agenda item requested by Councillor Lysser for next meeting – to consider arrangements to celebrate HM the Queen's 90th Birthday.

179. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that Councillors Burn and Daniells be authorised to sign the agreements relating to the transfer of public toilets and finance from Allerdale BC and to the Keswick Community Asset Company.

180. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Jamie Reed MP – flooding
- ii) Mayor of Tewkesbury – flooding
- iii) Team Rubicon – flooding
- iv) Co-operative Bank – branch closure

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman

Date