

## KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 21st April 2016 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 and 2 members of the public.

**196. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Price (work) and Geoff Davies (Lake District National Park Authority NDA representative).

**197. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (pages 44 – 47).

**198. Requests for Dispensations**

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

**199. Declarations of Interests**

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

Councillor Paxon – Item 22 (Lives adjacent to area in question)

**200. Police Attendance**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team for March. 17 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during March 2016 with 6 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month. PCSO Catherine Smith was in attendance.

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

*It was agreed to bring Item 10 on the agenda forward as there were members of the public present for this item.*

No other items were received from the public

**202. Success Regime – Future of Keswick (Mary Hewetson) Hospital**

Mike Bulman spoke on behalf of the Friends of Mary Hewetson Hospital in relation to the proposal to remove in-patient beds which was included in the February 2016 Public Progress report of the NHS West, North and East Cumbria Success Regime. He advised that 'The Friends' had held a number of meetings and were trying to rally support for members of the public to attend the meeting being organised by the 'Success Regime' in the Skiddaw Hotel on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 between 12.30pm & 2.30pm. Councillors agreed that it was vital to resist the proposal and that a public meeting should be held at a time when more people would be able to attend i.e. during the evening, and that the local GPs and MP should be present. It was

also pointed out that the hospital served many visitors to the town as well as locals and that this fact should be recognised.

Following a proposal from Councillor Lywood, seconded by Councillor Leighton, it was **RESOLVED** that Keswick Town Council should resist any cuts to healthcare provision within the town, no matter in what guise they might appear. It was further **RESOLVED** that an evening public meeting be organised with representation from the Success Regime, the local MP and GP's, should it be felt necessary following the public consultation meeting at the Skiddaw Hotel on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### 203. Mayor's Report

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

### 204. 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>7/2016/2057</b>	Demolition of existing single storey side extension and replacement with 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension 6 Fenton <i>Support - Subject to the neighbour from 7 Fenton concerns being addressed as per the letter received by LDNPA and copied to Keswick Town Council.</i> <i>Site visit made</i> <i>Letter from 7 Fenton received</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2016/2058</b>	The demolition of the existing lake front cottage and residential facilities and the redevelopment of the existing outdoor pursuits centre at Isthmus Cottage Isthmus Cottage, Crow Park Road <i>Support –The previous application made in 2012 was approved. This is a similar scheme using cheaper materials to make more cost effective. Very little change to visual impact from the lake side and would make the property more appropriate and usable by the target groups.</i> <i>Site visit made.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2016/2069</b>	Proposed change of use to 2 no. one bedroom dwellings for local social affordable housing and 1 no. fully accessible wheelchair (disabled) holiday let Bakers Yard, 24A, St Johns Street <i>Object - The partial use as holiday letting accommodation, albeit for disabled people, would be a lost opportunity to meet local housing needs</i> <b>OBJECT</b>
<b>7/2016/2073</b>	Remove and block up door opening, change window opening to door opening and fit new roof window Oakden, Ambleside Road <i>Neutral – No overlooking or other issues</i> <b>NEUTRAL</b>

- 7/2016/2074** New ground floor lean to extension and layout to integrate a new kitchen, dining and living space. Conservation rooflights to be added to make four in total  
6 High Street  
*Support – Proposed development is at rear of property in a small (shared) cobbled yard. It cannot be seen from the front of the property. There will be no overlooking or other issues. Neighbour at number 5 has seen the plans and is perfectly happy with proposals. Will improve living arrangements*  
*Site visit made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2016/2082** Removal of concrete garage. Build new garage/utility attached to bungalow by glass porch (linked)  
17 Grizedale Close  
*Support – Will tidy up area to side of bungalow and result in improved facilities (extra WC). No overlooking that could be seen.*  
*Site visit made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2016/2087** Rear and side extension to 13 Manor Park and movement of existing garage  
13 Manor Park  
*Neutral – May be some slight overlooking of number 11 - into a utility room/conservatory – but no other issues could be seen. Shadow diagrams do not show any problems to the attached property at number 15*  
*Site visit made*  
**NEUTRAL**
- 7/2016/2091** Proposed single storey rear extension  
Aysgarth, Crosthwaite Road  
*Neutral – No unacceptable overlooking or other issues.*  
*Site visit made.*  
**NEUTRAL**

- ii) **RECEIVED** an update on National Park Planning Decisions.  
**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the LDNPA regarding enforcement of their policy on the use of uPvc in conservation areas, and inviting a representative of the organisation to a future meeting to discuss this.

## 205. Reports from Ward Representatives

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – nothing to add to the report given at the Annual Parish meeting held earlier
- ii) Cumbria County Council - as above
- iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes representative – no report received and apologies given.

## 206. Town Signage

- i) Consideration was given to a report from the Mayor recommending that signage for the 'Derwentwater Walk' be funded from the £5,000 allocated for signage improvements from the market town grant provided by Allerdale BC. This use of the funding had been approved by the Town Centre Manager for the Borough Council.  
**RESOLVED** that the remaining funds in the £10,000 grant for 2015/16 from Allerdale Borough Council be used for the Derwentwater Walk signage, with any surplus being allocated to Keswick Parks.
- ii) Consideration was given to a request from the Borough Council's Town Centre Manager for Keswick for suggested projects/initiatives for a further £10,000 of funding to be provided by Allerdale BC as per the previous two years.

**RESOLVED** that £5,000 be used towards funding for Christmas lights in the shopping streets outside the Market Square, and £5,000 be provided towards signage which could include Keswick parks.

**207. Banner Sites – request for reduced charge**

Consideration was given to a request from the Borough Council's Town Centre Manager for Keswick for display of a banner promoting Keswick events at a free/reduced rate (normal fee £50 per site per week). **RESOLVED** that the request be declined and that the standard rate be charged with no reduction.

**208. Parking on Heads Road**

At the request of Councillor Lysser, Councillors discussed problems caused by double parking on the B5289 Heads Road between the two roundabouts when the prohibition of waiting order was not in force (currently applies between Good Friday and the end of October only).

**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to Cumbria County Council supporting Councillor Lysser's proposal that double yellow lines be placed in the area between the two roundabouts on the B5289, prohibiting waiting in this area at all times of year.

**209. Flooding Causes/Mitigation suggestions – local knowledge**

Consideration was given to a request from the Derwent 7 cluster group for local knowledge to be passed onto the Cumbria Floods Partnership, the Catchment Alliance and any other bodies regarding the specific causes and possible mitigation measures related to the increasing frequency and severity of flooding in the area.

**RESOLVED** that Amy Heyes, the Derwent Catchment Director appointed by the Environment Agency, and Doug Coyle of Cumbria County Council, be asked to attend a public meeting following the publication of the flood investigation report currently being compiled.

**210. Payment of Accounts**

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 226 – FR21 amounting to £36,518.04 (thirty six thousand five hundred and eighteen pounds and four pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP134 – FP5 amounting to £43,219.87 (forty three thousand two hundred and nineteen pounds and eighty seven pence)

**211. Budget Summary Comparisons as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

**RECEIVED** budget comparisons for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

**212. Revised Financial Regulations**

**RECEIVED** report of the Administration and Finance Officer recommending revisions to the Financial Regulations to reflect recent changes in legislation.

**RESOLVED** that the revised Financial Regulations be approved and adopted.

**213. Assets Register**

**RESOLVED** that the updated Assets Register be approved and adopted.

**214. Clerk's Report**

**RECEIVED** the Clerk's report.

**215. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

**RECEIVED** for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016, the Mayor's report and the report of the Admin & Finance Officer on matters arising.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- i) The use of a Bouncy Castle at the Scruffs event to be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June be agreed
- ii) A statement be sent to CN Events to support the Lakesman Event to be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June but advising that the Town Council disagrees with the closure of Lakeside Car Park and provision of a market which will take away trade from other town businesses

- iii) Keswick Tourism Association (KTA) be advised that the Town Council supports the Tour of Britain Event to be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, but that if KTA wishes to proceed with organising the event they should be aware that they are liable for the event as a whole including all necessary permissions/licences/insurance/volunteers etc. and that this cannot be added to the Keswick Town Council premises licence.

**216. Correspondence**

**RECEIVED** the following correspondence:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority – land at Long Bridge SW, Portinscale
- ii) Kier (Highways England) – A66 Burns to High Briery Footway
- iii) Paul McGreal – Keswick Mountain Festival 2016 – Triathlon events

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Lysser, in his role as County Councillor for the area, investigate further the decision made by Cumbria County Council in relation to the Road Closure for this event.

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

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

**217. Legal – the Hollow, Penrith Road**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that Cumbria County Council be asked to send a letter as offered in their email and that the situation be kept under review.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

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Chairman

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Date