

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 21st August 2014 at 7.30pm.

Members Present:

Chairman
Councillor Lorraine Taylor

Councillors		
David Burn	Denstone Kemp	Martin Jordan
Susan Leighton	Andrew Lysser	Tony Lywood
Duncan Miller	Martin Pugmire	Keith Taylor
Paul Titley		

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Howe (Administration & Finance Officer), PCSO Adele Lyall, Inspector Dennis Kelly, 1 member of the public and 3 members of the press.

69. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

70. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 17th July 2014 (pages 11-14) (enclosed)

71. Requests for Dispensations

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

72. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillor S Leighton – item 8 (i) application no. 7/2014/2185 (employed at the former Ravensfield Home)

Councillor L Taylor – item 8 (i) application no. 7/2014/2179 (Secretary to Keswick Community Housing Trust)

73. Police Report

Inspector Dennis Kelly gave an update on crime and detection figures for July for the Keswick area. He also advised that he was due to retire in September and thanked the Council for all the support he had received. The Mayor thanked Inspector Kelly for all his work for the town and wished him well for the future.

74. Speed Indication Devices

Consideration was given to a report prepared by Councillors Burn and Leighton on a meeting with Kevin Cosgrove, Cumbria Highways, on 21st July 2014 regarding provision of Speed Indication Devices (SIDs). Inspector Kelly advised that the Police were in possession of two SIDs and may be able to help provide '30' stickers for householders' bins.

RESOLVED that the provision by Cumbria Highways of two SIDs at High Hill/Vicarage Hill and Chestnut Hill in 2015/16 be welcomed and that obtaining a supply of '30' stickers be pursued in the meantime.

75. Matters to be received from the Public

Mr Sean Crawford expressed dissatisfaction with the state of grass verges in the area around Borrowdale Road and in the vicinity of the Theatre by the Lake. He felt that these provided a poor impression for visitors and had implications for road safety. County Councillor Lysser offered to take the matter up with County Highways and report back to the next meeting.

76. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref:	Description of Development Location
T/2014/0112	Fell 1 Silver birch Birch How, 41 Station Road NEUTRAL
T/2014/0115	Reduce side branches 1 yew (G3): prune branch overhanging car park 1 branch (T4) Bishop's House, Ambleside Road NEUTRAL
7/2014/2166	Form a dormer window to the rear 2 Millbank Cottages NEUTRAL
7/2014/2169 & 2170	4 Facia signs, 1 projecting sign, 3 hoardings and 2 other signs. Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to exterior of the building – revised proposals Cumbria Constabulary, Police Station, Bank Street NEUTRAL
7/2014/2175	Demolition of existing bungalow. Replacement with 2 detached houses. The houses will each be 2 storey and have 3 bedrooms Stanwin, 14a Fenton NEUTRAL
7/2014/2179	Erect a communal bike shed and area for storing communal recycle bins The Hopes, Keswick NEUTRAL
7/2014/2180	Three new roof lights and addition of bay window on North elevation at upper ground floor level Melyn Howe, Southey Hill NEUTRAL
7/2014/2183	Replacement of existing extension and conservatory with new extensions housing an entrance hall, kitchen, bedroom, bath, WC and workshop High Seat, Lonsties NEUTRAL
7/2014/2185	Demolition of existing home and new build of a 50 bedroom Care Home Ravensfield Residential Home, High Hill Object - Unsympathetic to the surrounding environment due to design and height. There are insufficient parking places for staff, visitors and health workers in proportion to the size of the home OBJECT

- 7/2014/2186** Change of use of five industrial units to a single unit supplying general building materials to the trade (approx. 85%) and a small amount of retail to the general public (approx. 15%) and erection of boundary fence
Atkinson Joinery Ltd, Dalestone Court, Main Street
NEUTRAL
- 7/2014/2199** Proposed addition of balancing stacks constructed within an exterior chimney stack forming an addition to the existing United Utilities screens building at Elliot Park, Keswick
Existing screens building at Greta Grove, Off Elliott Park
Retrospective application; work already complete
NEUTRAL
- 7/2014/2200** Variation of conditions 2, 8 and 10 of planning permission 7/2008/2181 – revised conservatory arrangement and change of slate
Nether Place Nursing Home, Chestnut Hill
NEUTRAL

ii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park planning decisions.

77. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for August 2014 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment:

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 77 – 94 amounting to £25,864.65 (twenty five thousand, eight hundred and sixty four pounds and sixty five pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP37 – FP43 amounting £6,193.96 (six thousand one hundred and ninety three pounds and ninety six pence)

78. Traffic Management – Brundholme Road

Councillor Miller expressed concerns regarding road safety issues along Brundholme Road due to the number of parked cars and the damage being caused to sandstone kerbs by vehicles mounting the pavement. Proposals were currently under discussion for a housing development in this area which would exacerbate the situation should planning approval be granted.

RESOLVED that Cumbria Highways be asked to carry out a review of the area prior to any development taking place with a view to securing improvements to road safety.

79. Department for Energy and Climate Change's Geological Disposal Siting Review

RECEIVED the Government's response to the Geological Disposal Facility siting review together with the renewed siting policy. The Clerk reported that CALC would be circulating a summary of the new policy in due course.

80. Communications

RECEIVED an update on the introduction of Superfast Broadband to Keswick and attempts to improve the mobile phone signal in the area.

RESOLVED that a further update be brought to the next meeting.

81. Town Council Business Plan Monitoring

The Clerk gave an update on progress in relation to Theme 5 of the Business Plan – Economy and Development - and consideration was given to how the annual review of the plan should be carried out.

RESOLVED that a working group comprising the Mayor and Councillors Leighton, Lywood, Pugmire and Titley be set up to review the Plan and report back to the next meeting.

82. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report

RESOLVED:

- i) that the Environment Agency be requested to reconsider carrying out gravel removal in the River Greta in the High Hill/Crosthwaite Road area in view of the noticeable change in gravel levels
- ii) that membership of the Planning Group revert to four Councillors following Councillor Lysser's withdrawal from the group
- iii) that the National Park Authority be requested to provide training for Councillors on planning matters
- iv) that one place be booked at the NALC 'Future Local' Conference on 3 December 2014
- v) that the draft Protocol on Recording and Filming of Council and Committee meetings be approved and adopted

83. Mayoral Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's calendar of duties

84. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following Ward representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – no issues were raised
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lysser provided an update on a number of highways issues and asked for the Town Council's support in securing improvements to road safety at the junction of the B5289 and the A66 by replacing the 'Give Way' sign with a 'Stop' sign. It was agreed to make representations to Cumbria Highways and the Highways Agency.

85. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED reports from representatives on the following:

- i) Fitz Park Sports Pavilion (Councillor Keith Taylor)
- ii) TIC Joint Management Advisory Group – Councillor Jordan raised concerns regarding the future operation of the TIC following the National Park Authority's staffing review. Following a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the National Park Authority expressing concerns regarding the staffing changes and the importance of retaining a Tourist Information facility in Keswick, and that the support of the Town Council be offered to Keswick Tourism Association in efforts to secure future information provision in the town.

86. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) St John's Castlerigg & Wythburn PC – Allerdale Speed Limit Review
RESOLVED that a letter of support be sent for the retention of the 40mph speed limit on the B5322 at St John's in the Vale and the B5289 Keswick to Seatoller section.
- ii) CALC – HGV Speed Limits
- iii) Programme Officer UU Draft Water Resources Management Plan, West Cumbria Resource Zone – Examination in Public
- iv) CALC – National Grid North West Coast Connections Project
- v) Jill Chambers – Access and safety issues

The meeting closed at 10.00pm


Chairman

18th Sept 2014
Dated