

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 18th September 2014 at 7.30pm.

Chairman
Councillor Lorraine Taylor

Councillors		
David Burn	David Etherden	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), 2 members of the press and 1 member of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting Rachel Chapman, Programme Communications and Engagement Lead for the NHS North Cumbria Programme Board, and her colleague Ann-Marie Grady who works with the GP Practices in Keswick, updated Councillors on progress with 'Together for a Healthier Future' which is a five year plan to transform health services.

87. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

88. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 21st August 2014 (pages 15-18).

89. Requests for Dispensations

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

90. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillor Etherden – item 7 (i) application no. 7/2014/2221 (School Governor)

Councillor Kemp – as above (employed at the School)

Councillor Lysser – as above (School Trustee)

Councillor L Taylor – item 7 (i) application no. 7/2014/2213 (Secretary to Keswick Community Housing Trust)

91. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the Keswick newsletter of Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Team (apologies were received from the Police). 34 crimes were reported in Keswick and surrounding areas during August, with 20 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the same period.

92. Matters to be received from the Public

Mr Sean Crawford raised the issue of vehicles parking on double yellow lines, particularly in the Station Street/St John's Street areas and on High Hill near to Keswick school. He said that the parking prohibitions were being widely disregarded and no enforcement was taking place. He suggested that times of deliveries be limited to ease the situation and asked the Town Council to put pressure on the appropriate authority to enforce the restrictions. Councillor Lysser suggested that a letter be sent to the Borough and County Councils and the Police.



93. Applications for Development

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

- 7/2014/0128** Fell 2 x Cypress Trees
Land to the rear of Golden Hill Chinese Restaurant, 70 Main Street
Site visit made
NEUTRAL
- 7/2014/2185** Amended Plan
Demolition of the existing home and new build of a 50 bedroom Care Home
Ravensfield Residential Home, High Hill
NEUTRAL
- 7/2014/2205** New detached 2 storey dwelling house
1 Briar Rigg
NEUTRAL
- 7/2014/2213** Conversion of the toilets to form 4 one bedroom apartments. Internal stair, walls and first floor removed. Part removal and alteration to existing windows and doors
Former Toilets, Banks Court
Provides much needed rental properties in Keswick and local housing
SUPPORT
- 7/2014/2214** Replacement of windows to front elevation with pre-coloured upvc sliding sash to match existing design
19 St Herbert Street
NEUTRAL
- 7/2014/2220** 1 Fascia sign (surround to an ATM)
Post Office, 48 Main Street
NEUTRAL
- 7/2014/2221** Alteration to the existing car park and extension of the car parking – resubmission of the application 7/2014/2033
Keswick School, Vicarage Hill
Extra parking is needed at the school
SUPPORT

- ii) **RECEIVED** an update on National Park planning decisions.
RESOLVED that the Housing Working Group meet the appropriate officers of the Lake District National Park Authority to discuss local occupancy conditions in relation to applications for small housing developments.
- iii) Consideration was given to involvement of Councillors in preliminary discussions on significant planning applications organised by the Lake District National Park Authority.
RESOLVED that members of the Planning Group be delegated to attend such discussions (with other Councillors to be included if no Planning Group representative is available) and report back to the Town Council, subject to clarification from the Planning Authority regarding the confidentiality of such discussions and guidance from CALC.

94. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 95-112 amounting to £15701.16 (fifteen thousand, seven hundred and one pounds and sixteen pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP47-FP51 amounting to £5439.81 (five thousand, four hundred and thirty nine pounds and eight one pence)

95. Keswick Town Council Christmas Lights Switch On 2015 – Market Square

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk concerning the date of the Christmas Lights switch on in 2015.

RESOLVED that the Christmas Lights switch on remain a separate event to take place on Friday 20th November 2015 and that a report on the Town Council's involvement in organising the event be considered at the January 2015 Town Council meeting.

96. Town Council Business Plan

RECEIVED a report from the working group following an annual review of the Town Council's five year Business Plan.

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Working Group be approved and the Business Plan be revised accordingly.

97. Provision of Assistive Listening System in the Council Chamber

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk giving details of a suggested Assistive Listening system for the Council Chamber.

RESOLVED that alternative systems and suppliers be sought and provision be made in the 2015-16 budget.

It was agreed to bring item 15 (ii) on the agenda forward for consideration

98. Reports from Ward Representatives

- i) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lysser gave a verbal report on progress with a number of highways issues, Broadband, and the National Grid North West Coast Connections project consultation. He asked for an item to be placed on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting to consider a joint project with St Johns, Castlerigg & Wythburn Parish Council to provide a footway from Low Briery to Storms to avoid the A66.

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'

99. Contracting/Staffing - Review of Service Provision and Office Accommodation

RECEIVED report of Councillor Titley.

RESOLVED that authority be granted for preliminary discussions to take place with the relevant authorities concerning the issues raised in the report.

100. Contracting – Public Toilets

RECEIVED report of Councillor Lywood.

RESOLVED that the proposal be referred to the Public Toilets Working Group for further investigation and preliminary discussions take place with Allerdale Borough Council.

The press and public were re-admitted to the meeting.

101. Communications Update

RECEIVED a verbal update from Councillors Titley and Lysser on Broadband and Mobile phone connectivity.

102. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED the following reports:

- i) Allerdale Parishes Member of Lake District National Park Authority

103. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED the following reports:

- i) Keswick In Bloom – Councillor Susan Leighton reported that Keswick had won the Cumbria in Bloom Town Centre award and had been placed second in the Small Town category
- ii) Keswick Flood Recovery & Emergency Group – it was agreed that this report be deferred until the next meeting following the meeting of the Group scheduled to take place on 7th October 2014.

104. Chairman's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Chairman's calendar of duties.

105. Clerk's Report


RECEIVED the Clerk's report

106. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Summer Parcs Activity Scheme 2015 – request for funding for Keswick session
RESOLVED that further information be sought and a decision be made at the next meeting
- ii) Environment Agency – Regulators complete initial GDA assessment step for UK Advanced Boiling Water Reactor

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm



Chairman

Dated 16.10.14