

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 December 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Lorraine Taylor

Councillors

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

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Howe (Administration and Finance Officer) and 2 members of the press.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Carl Sanders (Programme Manager), Steve Knowles (Senior Project Manager), Ronnie Smith (Project Co-ordinator), and Sam Fishburn (Senior Geotechnical Engineer) of United Utilities gave a presentation and answered questions about the West Cumbria Supply Pipeline project.

152. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lysser (holiday).

153. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 20th November 2014 (pages 27 - 31).

154. Requests for Dispensations

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

155. Declarations of Interests

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

All Councillors – item 8 (i) application no. T/2014/0183 (Town Council is applicant)

Councillor Leighton – item 8 (i) application no. 7/2014/2261 (Close neighbour of applicant)

Councillor Lywood – item 8 (i) application no.7/2014/2246 (neighbour of applicant)

156. Police Report

PCSO Megan Jones was in attendance to present the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team for November. 27 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during the previous month plus 16 anti-social behaviour incidents.

157. Matters to be received from the Public

No members of the public were present.

158. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements including a report on meetings attended. Thanks were put on record for the efforts of all the volunteers involved in the Victorian Fayre.

159. 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/2014/0183	Fell 1 beech (T78), crown reduce 1 oak by 20% (C04) and crown raise 1 beech to 5m (T3) Lower Fitz Park, Keswick <i>Unable to comment as this application is on behalf of the Town Council Declared interest – all Keswick Town Councillors</i>
7/2014/2246	Use of dining room as café Fitz House, 47 Station Road LDNPA request to reconsider previous observations <i>Councillors resolved not to change their previous observations i.e. This is a semi-residential street. Approve - the use of the internal dining room as a café. Refuse – the use of the external area as a café due to the impact it would have on the residential amenity</i> APPROVE INTERNAL AREA USE/REFUSE EXTERNAL AREA USE <i>Additional comment: If the LDNPA chooses to approve this application the Town Council would ask for a condition placing a restriction on number of tables and seating allowed e.g. maximum of 6 tables.</i>
7/2014/2261	Replace existing windows with pvcu windows 15 Ratcliffe Place NEUTRAL

- ii) **RECEIVED** an update on Lake District National Park planning decisions.

160. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 145 – 159 amounting to £18336.15 (Eighteen thousand, three hundred and thirty six pounds and fifteen pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP79 – FP77 amounting to £1100.11 (one thousand, one hundred pounds and eleven pence)

161. Budget for 2015/2016

The draft budget for 2015-16 was presented for approval including grant payments and the Staffing Panel's recommendations following the annual review of pay and conditions of service of employees as required by Standing Order no. 7.

RESOLVED

- i) that the draft budget for the financial year 2015-16 be approved with the agreed amendments and the precept be set at the same level as last year i.e. £197,414.
- ii) that the list of recommended grants to local organisations be approved.
- iii) that the grant to Fitz Park Trust be paid in two instalments following receipt of each half year precept payment
- iv) that the recommendations in the Staffing Committee's report following the annual review of pay and conditions of service of employees as required by Standing Order no. 7 be approved.

162. Keswick School Competition

This item was deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

163. Greta Gardens Development

RECEIVED a report from the Housing Working Group following a meeting with representatives of Your Housing held on 12 December 2014 regarding the pricing structure for the new development at Greta Gardens.

RESOLVED that the Chief Executive of the Lake District National Park Authority be requested to attend a meeting with Councillors to clarify the details of the Section 106 agreement relating to the development and to provide an assurance that any future developments for which the authority grants planning approval will provide affordable housing of the type needed in Keswick.

164. Public Toilet Provision in Keswick

RECEIVED an update from Councillor Lywood following a meeting with officers of Allerdale Borough Council on 12 December 2014 regarding the Borough Council's review of public toilets. Councillor Lywood reported that no improvement work would be carried out until winter 2015.

165. Cumbria County Council Public Budget Consultation

Consideration was given to the issues highlighted in the report of the working group set up to examine the County Council's budget consultation document.

RESOLVED that a response be submitted on behalf of the Council to incorporate the comments made by the working group.

166. Lake District National Park Partnership's Plan 2015-2020 Consultation

This item was deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

167. Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation

The response which had been submitted by Keswick Flood Action Group was noted and supported.

168. Town Council Business Plan Monitoring

RECEIVED an update on progress in relation to Theme 2 (Leisure and Community).

169. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED: reports from the following representatives:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority Allerdale Parishes Representative – Geoff Davies

RESOLVED that written reports be provided by all ward representatives in future.

170. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED reports from representatives on the following:

- i) Keswick Flood Action Group – Councillor Paul Titley

171. Liaison Meetings

A report on the CALC Allerdale 3 tier meeting held on 11 December 2014 was included in the Mayor's report.

172. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that the Government's proposals to modernise the arrangements for Parish Polls be supported.

173. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) CALC – copy of letter to Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP re Unitary Local Government in Cumbria

- ii) Cumbria County Council – Connecting Cumbria Phase 2 State Aid Public Consultation
- iii) Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner – Cumbria Independent Custody Visiting Scheme – West Cumbria ICV Panel
- iv) LDNPA – Digest of Partnership meeting held on 1 December 2014

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’

174. Staffing

RECEIVED report of Staffing Committee.

RESOLVED that the recommendations be approved.

175. Contracting

RECEIVED letter from Internal Auditor.

RESOLVED that two internal audit visits be requested for the fee of £400 and that the situation be reviewed annually.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman

Dated