

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 15th January 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Lorraine Taylor

Councillors

David Burn	David Etherden	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Andrew Lysser	Duncan Miller
Martin Pugmire	Keith Taylor	

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Howe (Administration and Finance Officer), Geoff Davies (LDNPA Allerdale Parishes Member) no members of the public and 3 members of the press.

176. Apologies

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

177. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 18th December 2014 (pages 32-35).

178. Requests for Dispensations

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

179. 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 8 i) Planning application 7/2014/2300 (Director of Keswick Bridge adjacent to site). Item 10 Keswick School Competition (School Governor and Trustee)

Councillor Lorraine Taylor – Item 8 i) Planning application 7/2014/2300 (Secretary of KCHT)

Councillor Pugmire – Item 21 a) i) Keswick Museum (Director of KMAG Ltd)

Councillor Lysser – Item 8 i) Planning application 7/2014/2300 (Member of Cumbria County Council - provided grant to KCHT for the development). Item 10 Keswick School Competition (School Trustee)

Councillor Keith Taylor – Item 8 i) Planning application T/2014/0192 (Relative is neighbour of applicant)

180. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team for December (no Officer was in attendance). 20 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during December 2014 with no anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month.

181. Matters received from the Public

No members of the public were present.

182. Mayor's Report

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

183. 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/2014/0192	Prune oak (T1) 19 Latrigg Close NEUTRAL
7/2014/2287	Loft conversion including the erection of a rear dormer and installation of rooflights 4 Low Brigham NEUTRAL
7/2014/2293	Change all windows of room 2 and landing windows from metal to white upvc double glazed (at first floor) and change windows of rooms 3, 4 and 6 and ground floor lounge windows from wood to white upvc double glazed The Paddock Guest House, Wordsworth Street NEUTRAL
<i>Note: the Mayor stood down from the Chair during consideration of the following application and Councillor Pugmire chaired the discussion</i>	
7/2014/2300	Proposed residential development of 55 two storey houses comprised of two, three and four bedroomed dwellings to provide a mixture of affordable and local occupancy houses Sheep Dog Field, Off Brundholme Road <i>Declared interest –Councillor Etherden</i> <i>3 letters of comment received</i> <i>Support – To support the need for local affordable housing in Keswick. We would request that the developer reinstates and resurfaces the footpaths (referred to in letter from Mr Mike Murgatroyd). In addition to this Cumbria Highways should place double yellow lines along the full extent of Brundholme Road i.e. from the joining point at Station Road along to the mini roundabout adjacent to the site entrance.</i> SUPPORT
<i>The Mayor resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting</i>	
7/2014/2301	Demolition of existing detached garage. Development of a three bedroom detached dwelling Lairbeck Hotel, Vicarage Hill NEUTRAL
7/2014/2307	Conversion of outhouse into kitchen/dining room, including the reconfiguration of the existing outhouse roof 24 Skiddaw Street NEUTRAL
7/2014/2309	Proposed local needs dwelling White Craggs, Brundholme Road NEUTRAL

- ii) No update on National Park planning decisions had been received.

184. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for January 2015 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment:

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 160 – FR18 amounting to £18,483.75 (eighteen thousand four hundred and eighty three pounds and seventy five pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP89 – FP81 amounting to £1,660.54 (one thousand six hundred and sixty pounds and fifty four pence)

185. Keswick School Competition

Consideration was given to reports submitted by Councillors Burn and Titley concerning the nature of the proposed competition for Keswick school students, for which funding had been included in the 2015-26 budget.

RESOLVED that the competition be focused on a community project rather than a commercial/entrepreneurial idea with the amount of the award to be agreed at a later date.

186. Penrith Road Bus Shelter

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk concerning a request from Cumbria County Council to site the community flood pump to serve the Penrith Road area behind the bus shelter on Penrith Road, and for the existing bus shelter to be replaced at the Council's expense.

RESOLVED that the item be deferred for consideration at the next meeting and that further information be obtained.

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

Councillor Etherden gave a verbal report on issues of potential concern arising from the consultation document. Geoff Davies responded in his capacity as the Allerdale Parishes representative on the Authority and undertook to put the concerns forward.

188. Allerdale BC Budget Consultation 2015

RECEIVED the Allerdale BC budget consultation document for 2015.

189. Allerdale BC Draft Council Plan 2015-2019 Consultation

RECEIVED the Allerdale BC draft Council Plan setting out priorities for the next four years.

RESOLVED that Councillors L Taylor and Leighton, together with any others interested, study the document and report back to the next meeting with a suggested response.

190. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the third quarter budget comparisons.

191. Schedule of Meetings

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2015/16 as amended be approved.

192. Town Council Business Plan Monitoring

RECEIVED an update on progress in relation to Theme 3 - Town Appearance and Safety.

193. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

194. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representative – Councillor Pugmire
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority Allerdale Parishes Representative – Geoff Davies

195. Liaison Meetings

RECEIVED the minutes of the following meetings:

- i) CALC Allerdale District meeting held 11 December 2014
- ii) Derwent 7 meeting held 15 December 2014

196. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Keswick Museum & Art Gallery – request for reduction in fee for banner display
RESOLVED that a reduction of 20% in the normal charge be agreed in view of the long term nature of the booking, but that this should not set a precedent for any future bookings
- ii) Rotary Club of Keswick – public toilet facilities
RESOLVED that a meeting be arranged with representatives of Allerdale BC, the Town Council and the Rotary Club to progress the issue with a report back to a future meeting
- iii) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter Dec 2014

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

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

197. Contracting – Floral Displays Tender

RECEIVED report of Admin & Finance Officer.

RESOLVED that the recommendation in the report be approved and the contract be awarded accordingly.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chairman

Date