

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 16th April 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman

Councillor Lorraine Taylor

Councillors

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

Also present were Catherine Howe (Administration & Finance Officer), Geoff Davies (LDNPA Parishes Member), 3 members of the press and 3 members of the public.

229. Apologies

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

230. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 19th March 2015 (pages 43 – 47).

231. Requests for Dispensations

The Administration & Finance reported that no request for dispensations had been received.

232. Declarations of Interests

No declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

233. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team for April. There was no Police Officer present as apologies had been received. **RESOLVED** that a request be sent to the Policing Team asking that they include details of the outcome of crimes stated in the monthly newsletter.

234. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public present raised concerns relating to planning application 7/2015/2050 – 5 Lake Road, these included the application not fulfilling any benefit to the Town's diversity as there were already 15 food outlets on Lake Road. The change of use would also harm existing food outlet businesses which could in turn put local jobs at risk.

235. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref:	Description of Development Location:
7/2015/2042	New dormer window to rear elevation Naddle Nook, 19a Blencathra Street NEUTRAL

7/2015/2044	Form a dormer window to the rear - alteration to approval ref 7/2014/2166 2 Millbank Cottages NEUTRAL
7/2015/2047	Internal refurbishment of Derwent Island House. Restoration of the cellars to bring them into use. Addition of bathroom facilities. Restoration of the original kitchen Derwent Island House NEUTRAL
7/2015/2048	Replacement of 14 wooden slide and sash windows with white woodgrain Heritage Rose PVC-u slide and sash double glazed windows with run through horns 12 Leonard Street NEUTRAL
7/2015/2050	Change of use from A1 (shops) to A3 (restaurants and cafes) including alteration to the shop frontage 5 Lake Road Object – On the grounds of the interest in diversity of businesses in the area <i>1 Letter of objection received</i> OBJECT
7/2015/2053	Single storey kitchen/utility extension and porch 1 Fenton NEUTRAL
7/2015/2054	Rock sign with surface mounted lettering Greta Gardens, Crow Park Road NEUTRAL

- ii) **RECEIVED** an update on National Park Planning Decisions.

236. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 202 – FR21 amounting to £22,867.10 (twenty two thousand eight hundred and sixty seven pounds and ten pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP118 – FP2 amounting to £12,535.59 (twelve thousand five hundred and thirty five pounds and fifty nine pence)

237. Budget Summary Comparisons as at 31st March 2015

RECEIVED for information budget comparisons for the 4th Quarter.

238. Assets Register

RESOLVED that the updated Assets Register be approved and adopted.

239. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's calendar of duties.

240. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

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

241. Administration & Finance Officers Report

RECEIVED the Administration & Finance Officers report.

RESOLVED that:-

- Zurich's quotation for insurance renewal, amounting to £8,651.29 on a 3 year Long Term Agreement be accepted and that WPS be contacted to cancel our agreement with them as from 13th May 2015.
- Councillors Titley, Miller, Lywood, Jordan and L Taylor would form the group to carry out cleaning work at the Subway, Lake Road and agree between themselves a suitable date for this work to be carried out.
- The Scruffs 2014 profit of £2474.00 be added to the 2015 existing 'Events Fund' as contingency.

242. Election of Parish Member to Lake District National Park Authority

RECEIVED nomination details to stand in the election for an Allerdale parish member on the Lake District National Park Authority. **RESOLVED** that no nomination be sent for this election.

243. A Boards

RECEIVED a reply from Lake District national Park Authority regarding A-board guidance and rules. *For information - No reply received from Cumbria Highways following correspondence sent after the March Council meeting.*

RESOLVED that a list of A-boards of concern be compiled by Councillors Burn and K Taylor and be sent to LDNPA for help and possible action. Cumbria Highways should also be copied into this correspondence.

RESOLVED that CALC be asked for advice concerning the powers the Town Council would have in taking over the A-board scheme in Keswick currently operated by Cumbria County Council.

Further **RESOLVED** that a copy of both the LDNPA and CALC correspondence to be sent Cumbria Highway.

244. Keswick Sign Audit

RESOLVED that an article be placed in the press, along with Councillor Titley's signage audit report, asking for resident and business assistance to add to initial signage audit, responses to be emailed to office@keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk. Councillor Titley to then produce a more comprehensive report to send to the relevant responsible authorities for action to be taken.

245. Connecting Cumbria – Superfast Broadband

RECEIVED an update from Councillor Lorraine Taylor following a meeting held with a BT representative. Councillor Taylor advised that an event, organised by Connecting Cumbria, is to be held at the Skiddaw Hotel on the 22nd April regarding Superfast Broadband.

246. Correspondence

RESOLVED that the following correspondence be received:

a) For consideration and action:

- i) Your Derwent & Solway – Invitation to celebrate the completion of Greta Gardens, Friday 8th May 2015 (*stakeholder invitation only – prospective residents will be invited to another event*) – **RESOLVED** that a reply be sent to Your Derwent & Solway confirming that Councillors L Taylor, Pugmire, Jordan, Kemp, Leighton and Miller will be attending the event.

b) For information:

- i) Rural Housing Policy – A Fair Deal for Rural communities – Report summary (*deferred from March meeting*) – **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the Rural Housing Policy Review Chairman strongly agreeing with the recommendations contained in the policy review.
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority – Property sales update – Long Bridge, Portinscale

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’

247. Staffing

RESOLVED that the staffing panel’s recommendations to acknowledge the Head Gardeners resignation be approved. Further **RESOLVED** that the advert (as circulated) to advertise the vacancy for a Parks Manager in the local press and relevant websites (using the Hope Park advertising budget and contingency budget for any overspend), be approved.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman

Dated