

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 18th July 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Martin Pugmire

Councillors

David Burn	David Etherden	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton	Andrew Lysser
Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller	Lorraine Taylor
Paul Titley		

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Howe (Administration & Finance Officer), 2 members of the press and no members of the public.

47. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Keith Taylor (illness).

48. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20th June 2013 (pages 6-9).

49. Requests for Dispensations

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

50. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillor Titley – item 19 (iii) – member of Keswick Film Club (non pecuniary)

51. Police Attendance

Inspector Dennis Kelly and PCSO Megan Jones attended to give an update on crime and detection figures for June. A number of issues were raised by Councillors including speeding in the town, particularly the High Hill area and Booths car park and indistinct junction and yellow line markings.

52. Matters to be received from the Public

No members of the public were present.

53. 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/2013/0069	Fell 1 poplar 24 Poplar Street NEUTRAL
T/2013/0081	Fell 1 cypress (T1) and 1 beech (T2). Remove lower 2 limbs from scots pine (T3) Stapen Hill, Millbank <i>Site visit made</i> NEUTRAL

- T/2013/0085** Prune branches – ash
1 Vendace Court, Borrowdale Road
Site visit made
NEUTRAL
- 7/2012/2272** Extensions and alterations and detached garage
Shonderhowe, Manor Brow
Site visit made
NEUTRAL
- 7/2013/2140** Demolish existing single storey extension and rebuild
36 Blencathra Street
NEUTRAL
- 7/2013/2141** Extension and alterations
Sandown, Halls Mead
Site visit made
NEUTRAL
- 7/2013/2147** Extension and conversion of a semi-detached dwelling into two self-contained dwelling units at ground floor and first floor levels
43 Latrigg Close
Site visit made
Object – Due to overdevelopment in a very restricted area and lack of parking.
A vote was taken in the Town Council meeting resulting in a unanimous decision to object as above.
1 letter of objection received
OBJECT
- 7/2013/2160** 1 no. timber fascia sign and 1 no. timber projecting sign
49-51 Main Street
NEUTRAL
- 7/2013/2161** Replacement of door and windows in porch using double glazed uPVC units to match neighbouring properties
Greta Cottage, Greta Side
Site visit made
NEUTRAL

- ii) **RECEIVED** an update on National Park planning decisions.
RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Lake District National Park Authority relating to planning application 7/2013/2040 (Crosthwaite Road Retail Unit, Remove condition 4 (opening hours) on planning permission 7/2011/2090 to allow opening of café until 11pm) to the effect that:
- the Town Council strongly objects to the decision made by the LDNPA in refusing the application and not taking into account the views of the Council on this matter
 - the Town Council is of the opinion that the decision was fundamentally flawed as a site visit was not conducted
 - The Town Council would like the Lake District National Park Authority to revisit this decision.

54. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for July 2013 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment:

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 61 – FR3 amounting to £28810.05 (twenty eight thousand eight hundred and ten pounds and five pence)

- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP25 – FP34 amounting to £4551.37 (four thousand five hundred and fifty one pounds and thirty seven pence)

55. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED the quarterly budgets.

56. Derwentwater Foreshore Management and Maintenance

Consideration was given to a paper prepared by Councillor Jordan about how the Town Council could best influence the future management and maintenance of Derwentwater Foreshore (i.e. the area from the subway to Friars Crag).

RESOLVED that a working group comprising Councillors Jordan, Leighton, Lywood, and L Taylor be set up to monitor the maintenance of the foreshore area against the requirements of the agreed Management and Maintenance Plan and to report back to the Council on a quarterly basis.

57. Keswick Midsummer Festival

RECEIVED a report on the Midsummer Festival event held on 30th June 2013.

RESOLVED that the Town Council act as the accountable body for a Keswick Midsummer Festival event to be held in June 2014 and that a provision of £5,000 be made in next year's budget.

58. Town Council Website

A discussion took place on the current Town Council website and improvements which were required following feedback from the recent Business Plan consultation exercise.

RESOLVED that £3,000 be allocated from the current year's contingency budget to provide a new Town Council website.

(Councillor Etherden left the meeting at this point)

59. Town Council Business Plan 2014-2019

RECEIVED an update from the Clerk.

60. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's Calendar of Duties.

61. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from Ward representatives on the following bodies:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Kemp submitted a report outlining the Borough Council's revised acquisitions and disposals policy and possible implications for Keswick.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – County Councillor Lysser gave a verbal report covering a number of issues which he had recently drawn to the attention of County Council officers.

62. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Councillor Martin Pugmire - Cumbria Theatre Trust
- ii) Councillor Tony Lywood - The Battersby Charity

63. Report on CALC Allerdale Meeting

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Lorraine Taylor on the meeting held at Embleton on 25th June 2013 which had included a presentation from Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner and a discussion on removal of street lighting on electricity poles as a result of health and safety concerns.

64. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

65. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority – Consultation on Schedules of Proposed Modifications – Allocations of Land and Minerals Safeguarding Areas

- ii) Mr J Robinson – road safety issues on the Headlands
- iii) Keswick Film Club – funding request
RESOLVED that a contribution of £200 be made from the contingency amount in the grants budget for the current year.
- iv) Cumbria Association of Local Councils – Response to call for evidence in relation to MRWS siting process
- v) Cumbria County Council – notification of Tour of Britain Cycle Event 16th September 2013
- vi) Cumbria Farmer Network – notification of ‘Fell Gather’ Roadshow
- vii) CALC – Cumbria Police Commissioner newsletter

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

66. Contracting – Land at Portinscale

RESOLVED that the Lake District National Park Authority be advised that the Town Council considers that no development is possible on the land, however it may be of interest to local angling clubs.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Chairman

Date