

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 19th September 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Martin Pugmire

Councillors

David Etherden	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Andrew Lysser	Duncan Miller	Lorraine Taylor
Paul Titley		

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Howe (Administration & Finance Officer), Doug Lowther (Battersby Trust), and 3 members of the press.

84. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burn (holiday), Leighton (holiday), Lywood (funeral) and Taylor (illness).

85. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 15th August 2013 (pages 14-16).

86. Requests for Dispensations

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

87. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillor D Kemp – item 11 (employed at Keswick School - personal)

Councillor D Etherden – item 11 (personal)

Councillor D Etherden – item 7 (i) application no. 7/2013/2199 (personal)

88. Police Attendance

PCSO Megan Jones presented the Keswick Neighbourhood Policing Team newsletter and updated on crime and detection figures.

89. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were received.

It was agreed to bring item 12 on the agenda forward for consideration.

90. Proposed Keswick Community Centre

Doug Lowther of the Battersby Trust provided further information concerning the project to convert the Methodist Church in Southey Street into a new community centre to be called Keswick Community Centre. He explained that the Charity Commissioners required confirmation that the project had the backing of the bodies represented on the Trust, of which the Town Council was one.

RESOLVED that a letter of support for the project be sent to the Charity Commissioners.

91. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref:	Description of Development Location
T2013/0111	Fell – 1 no. Yew Bishops House, Ambleside Road <i>Object - Unhappy about felling a native yew tree – if there is a conflict with the beech tree, the yew tree should take precedence</i> OBJECT
T/2013/0119	Fell 1 silver birch tree (T1) and thin mixed plantation (T2) 5 Coleridge Court NEUTRAL
7/2013/2176	Demolition of existing redundant single storey building and attached garage. Construction of new single storey garden courtyard extension to provide additional bedroom. Millfield Residential Home, 28 Penrith Road NEUTRAL
7/2013/2196	Installation of new fire escape stair and security enclosure. Removal of existing drop down ladder solution. Relocation of existing street lamp. Barclays Bank, Market Square NEUTRAL
7/2013/2199	Temporary siting of a mobile climbing tower in a designated area of Keswick Market Square during school holidays and on special promotional events Market Square <i>Support – Enhances visitor experience. Contributes to Adventure Capital claim</i> SUPPORT
7/2013/2201	1 no. fascia sign illuminated via 1 no. trough light Spar, Derwent Service Station, Penrith Road NEUTRAL
7/2013/2202	1 no. fascia sign illuminated via 1 no. trough light Spar, High Hill Service Station, High Hill NEUTRAL
7/2013/2204	Demolition of the existing care home and new build of a 49 bedroom care home Ravensfield Residential Home, High Hill <i>Neutral – however, should consider issues of height and importance of architectural styling bearing in mind its proximity to the former Keswick School of Industrial Art building, particularly as this area of the town is to be within the revised Conservation Area boundary.</i> NEUTRAL
7/2013/2205	Change of use to dog grooming salon and dog day care 1 Southey Hill, Industrial Estate, Main Street <i>Support – Provides needed service and fills empty property</i> SUPPORT
7/2013/2214	1 fascia sign and 1 projecting sign Skipton Building Society, 4 Station Street NEUTRAL

- 7/2013/2215** New metal fence and access gates to replace existing timber fence
St Herberts Social Centre, High Hill
NEUTRAL
- 7/2013/2217** Extension and conversion of a semi-detached dwelling into two self-contained dwelling units at ground and first floor levels (resubmission)
43 Latrigg Close
Object – Object due to overdevelopment in a very restricted area and lack of parking.
OBJECT
- 7/2013/2220** Construction of 3 no. houses and associated parking
Vendace Court (formerly Castlehead Hotel site), Borrowdale Road
Object – requires change of use approval as existing use is for hotel; does not fit in with LDNPA policy to maximise housing (previous proposal for this site was for lower cost housing at a greater density); does not address the whole site; benefits for local housing not demonstrated
OBJECT

ii) No update on National Park planning decisions was received.

92. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 94 – 109 amounting to £17,459.66 (seventeen thousand four hundred and fifty nine pounds and sixty six pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP37 – FP44, amounting to £4,949.73 (four thousand nine hundred and forty nine pounds and seventy three pence).

93. Town Council Business Plan

The Clerk presented the final draft of the Town Council's Business Plan for the next five years for approval and adoption, including proposed monitoring arrangements.

RESOLVED that the Town Council Business Plan for 2013-2018 be approved and adopted together with the proposed monitoring arrangements, and that a letter of thanks and commendation be sent to Action for Market Towns for the professional and thorough work carried out by Debbie McGrath.

94. Keswick Festival

Consideration was given to a proposal from Councillor Titley for a week-long Keswick Festival from 22 – 29 June 2014 to be organised by a small team and funded from the Town Council's budget provision for 2014-15 of £5,000.

RESOLVED that the proposal be approved and that a working group comprising Councillors Titley, Lywood, Pugmire and Lorraine Taylor together with community volunteers be given delegated authority to organise the event and allocate the budget provision as necessary.

95. Keswick School Astro Turf Facility

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick School to support a proposal to install an astro turf facility on an area of land currently used as a rugby pitch adjacent to Crosthwaite Church, to further develop community links and to improve facilities for students at Keswick School.

RESOLVED that the Town Council's support be given to the project but that the School be advised that the Council has no funding to offer at this time.

96. Consultation on new Leisure Centre for Workington

RECEIVED an invitation to submit views to Allerdale Borough Council on the site options for a new Leisure Centre for Workington.

97. Consultation on Housing Provision Supplementary Planning Document

RECEIVED a consultation document from the Lake District National Park Authority on proposed changes to the Housing Provision Supplementary Planning Document.

RESOLVED that the Housing Working Group review the document and formulate a response for approval at the next Town Council meeting.

98. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that the remaining free car parking day be taken on Saturday 21st December 2013

Councillor Etherden left the meeting.

99. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED the following reports:

- i) County Councillor Andrew Lysser gave a detailed report covering the County Council's fostering drive, locality working arrangements, funding for streetlighting, a number of highways issues, and a review of the County Council's assets.

100. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED: a report on Keswick in Bloom from Councillor Susan Leighton.

RESOLVED that a letter of thanks and congratulation be sent to the Keswick in Bloom volunteers.

101. Chairman's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Chairman's calendar of duties.

102. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Mrs M Jones – cyclists on footbridge at Portinscale
RESOLVED that consideration be given to providing a bollard on each side of the bridge in conjunction with Above Derwent Parish Council.

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'

103. Staffing

RECEIVED a letter from Your Pension Service concerning transfer of personal pensions.

RESOLVED that the request be regrettably declined in view of possible future financial implications.

104. Contracting – Public Toilets

RECEIVED an update from the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman

Date