

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, Keswick, on Thursday 20th June 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Martin Pugmire

Councillors

David Etherden	Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton
Andrew Lysser	Tony Lywood	Lorraine Taylor
Paul Titley		

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Howe (Administration & Finance Officer), Joe Broomfield (Town Centre Manager), 3 members of the press and 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burn (holiday), Jordan (holiday), Miller (holiday) and Taylor (illness)

2. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2013 (pages 1-5).

3. Requests for Dispensations

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

4. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:
Councillor Lywood – item 7(i) application no. 7/2013/2109 (non-pecuniary)

5. Police Attendance

Inspector Dennis Kelly attended to update on crime and detection figures and address current policing issues in Keswick.

6. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters additional to those already on the agenda were raised.

It was agreed to bring forward item 17 as there were a number of members of the public in attendance for this item

7. Proposal for an August Bank Holiday Market

Joe Broomfield, Allerdale Borough Council's Town Centre Manager with responsibility for Keswick, described proposals to hold a market on August Bank Holiday Monday as a pilot to provide an opportunity to gather information regarding the benefits of holding additional markets. The market would be a 'fun day' with fancy dress, face painting and street entertainment and a contribution from profits could be put towards future town events. Representatives of local businesses and market stall holders were given the opportunity to comment. Councillors were not in favour of the idea as the town is already very busy on Bank Holidays and market vehicles would take up valuable car parking spaces. Joe Broomfield promised to take all views into consideration in making a final decision as to whether the market should go ahead.

8. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref:	Description of development Location
7/2013/2094	Wooden gate 8 Skiddaw Street NEUTRAL
7/2013/2102	Erection of two storey extension to the side of the existing dwelling 147a Windebrowe Avenue NEUTRAL
7/2013/2107	Extension and alterations 2 Briar Rigg NEUTRAL
7/2013/2108	One fascia sign and one projecting sign Millets Outdoor Centre, 85 Main Street NEUTRAL
7/2013/2109	Amended proposals to current planning approval to raise section of south side boundary wall in stone in lieu of grass banking and construct section of rear garage wall in stone in lieu of grass banking 1 Shu le Crow Gardens <i>Site visit made – Support this is a good solution to complete the development</i> SUPPORT
7/2013/2111	Change of use from Class A1 to Class A3. Merienda is a local Cumbrian based company with coffee shops in Carlisle and Cockermouth. The premises are currently operating as a Sandwich Bar, but wish to operate as a coffee shop/café. 10 Main Street NEUTRAL
7/2013/2113	Replacement signage Barclays Bank, Market Square <i>Neutral – Subject to projecting sign being non-illuminated as per planning application form and not as stated on plan showing LED bulbs</i> NEUTRAL
7/2013/2115	Erection of single dwelling The Screes, Chestnut Hill <i>Neutral – Subject to Section 106 Local Occupancy clause (CA12 only) being enforced.</i> NEUTRAL
7/2013/2123	Single storey extension Field View, 1 Brow Foot <i>Site visit made</i> NEUTRAL
7/2013/2125	Application to replace extant planning permission ref 7/2010/2144 – demolition of existing garage and erection of new detached garage Dunelm, Eleventrees NEUTRAL

7/2013/2131

Development of a replacement single family dwelling
The Bungalow, The Forge
Support – Innovative and good design. The visual impact is better than the previous application.
Site visit made
SUPPORT

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

9. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 41 – FR2 amounting to £28998.51 (twenty eight thousand nine hundred and ninety eight pounds and fifty one pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP13 – FP24 amounting to £9183.17 (none thousand one hundred and eighty three pounds and seventeen pence)

10. Annual Accounts

The Town Clerk presented the statement of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2013 and suggested that consideration be given to whether any funds should be allocated into earmarked reserves.

RESOLVED that the accounting statements and the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2013 be approved and the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Return for the Audit Commission.

11. Pavement Cafe Licences

In response to a request from Cumbria County Council for the Town Council's views, consideration was given to whether the conditions of Pavement Café licences should be amended to permit the sale of alcohol.

RESOLVED that the County Council be advised that, whilst the Town Council is supportive of the café culture and would have no objection to the sale of alcohol from pavement cafes provided they were properly managed and licensed, there were reservations about how policing of the scheme would operate.

12. Christmas Lights

Consideration was given to a proposal to make a financial contribution to the cost of Christmas lights in the streets outside the Market Square area (currently and historically on the Keswick Christmas lighting plan) to be provided and organised by local businesses.

RESOLVED that a contribution of £250 per street be offered as an incentive to local businesses to organise Christmas lighting in the outer streets not covered by the Council's Christmas lighting contractor, to be funded from the contingency provision in the budget.

Councillor Etherden left the meeting at this point.

13. Clerks Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

14. Town Council Business Plan

RECEIVED the overall summary report following the consultation carried out by Action for Market Towns.

15. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's calendar of duties.

16. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Pugmire reported that he had been appointed to Cumbria Tourism to represent Allerdale and Copeland areas.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – County Councillor Andrew Lysser reported on a number of issues of relevance to Keswick and suggested that the Town Council should give consideration to lobbying

the Borough and County Councils for the New Homes Bonus which they received to be put back into a fund to provide affordable local housing.

17. Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED the rota for reporting to Council.

18. Housing Solutions for Rural Communities in Cumbria

Councillors Lysser, Pugmire and Lorraine Taylor gave a verbal report on the event organised by Cumbria Rural Housing Trust held at Rheged on Friday 14 June. It was suggested that Monica Burns of the National Housing Federation be asked to provide a presentation prior to a future Town Council meeting on the impact of changes to benefit payments.

19. Public Toilet Provision in Keswick

RECEIVED an update report from Councillor Lywood.

20. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Mike Hirst – Greta Court, Keswick
- ii) Great North Air Ambulance – donation
- iii) Enterprise Mouchel – request for feedback

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Chairman

Date