

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm.

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Present:

Chairman  
Councillor Lorraine Taylor

Councillors

David Burn	David Etherden	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Andrew Lysser	Duncan Miller
Paul Titley		

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Patric Gilchrist (Theatre by the Lake), 3 members of the press and 2 members of the public.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jordan (holiday), Lywood (holiday), Pugmire (illness) and Keith Taylor (illness). Karl Melville of Cumbria Highways had also submitted an apology due to illness.

The Chairman congratulated Patric Gilchrist on receiving a well-deserved MBE in the New Year Honours. She also wished Councillors Pugmire and Keith Taylor a speedy recovery.

### 2. Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013 (pages 31-33).

### 3. Requests for Dispensations

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

### 4. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillor Burn	Item 8 (i) planning application no. 2013/2306 (friend of applicant)
	Item 8 (i) planning application no. 2013/2318 (friend of applicant)
Councillor Etherden	Item 8 (i) planning application no. 2013/2322 (commercial interest)
	Item 8 (i) planning application no. 2013/2324 (commercial interest)
Councillor Kemp	Item 8 (i) planning application no. 2013/2307 (representative on Theatre Board)
	Item 8 (i) planning application no. 2013/2322 (friend of applicant)
Councillor Leighton	Item 8 (i) planning application no. 2013/2316 (friend of applicant)
Councillor L Taylor	Item 8 (i) planning application no. 2013/2306 (family connection)

### 5. Police Report

**RECEIVED** the Keswick Neighbourhood Policing Team report including an update on crime and anti-social behaviour in Keswick during December 2013. No officers were in attendance.

### 6. Matters to be received from the Public

Helen Lewin raised concerns regarding the potential impact of Cumbria County Council's proposal to introduce a charge for on street parking, particularly on the residents of areas such as Blencathra Street. County Councillor Lysser explained that this was one of a number of proposals on which the County Council was seeking views and encouraged Ms Lewin to respond to the consultation before the closing date.

### 7. Cumbria Highways Update

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting in view of Karl Melville's absence due to illness.

## 8. Applications for Development

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

<b>Plan Ref:</b>	<b>Description of Development Location</b>
<b>7/2013/2306</b>	Demolition of existing lean-to rear extensions. New pitched roof extension to rear. Cranford, High Hill <b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>7/2013/2307</b>	Replacement of existing café/garden buildings with a new pavilion café building and associated landscape works Theatre by the Lake, Lake Road <i>Support – Tasteful development which fulfils the needs of the Theatre by the Lake and the community</i> <i>Site visit made</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2013/2313</b>	Replacement of existing aluminium and timber windows with white grained upvc windows Greystones, Ambleside Road <i>Site visit made</i> <i>Congratulate applicant on efforts made</i> <b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>7/2013/2316</b>	Construction of one dwelling and associated site works Ash Tree House, Penrith Road <i>Site visit made</i> <b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>7/2013/2318</b>	Proposed extension of garden room at rear of existing house River Cottage, Crosthwaite Road <i>Site visit made</i> <b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>7/2013/2322</b>	2 no. local needs dwellings Markholme <i>Site visit made</i> <i>Concerned that it is overdevelopment of the site, buildings very close to boundary.</i> <b>OBJECT</b>
<b>7/2013/2324</b>	Installation of a fire escape staircase to the rear elevation of the building and re-location of existing street lamp Barclays Bank Plc, Market Square <i>Site visit made</i> <i>Object – Detrimental impact on the surrounding dwellings in conservation area</i> <b>OBJECT</b>

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

*It was agreed to bring item 11 forward for consideration as there were members of the public present for this item.*

**9. Cumbria County Council Budget Consultation**

Further consideration was given to Cumbria County Council's consultation document on service priorities for 2014/15 and proposed budget savings, in particular the suggestion of introducing a charge for on street parking and residents parking permits.

**RESOLVED** that representations be made against the proposals which could have a disastrous effect on the commerce of the town, and would require consultation with residents on a street by street basis.

**10. Payment of Accounts**

**RESOLVED** that the accounts for January 2014 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment:

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 160 – FR10 amounting to £39984.75 (thirty nine thousand nine hundred and eighty four pounds and seventy five pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP87 – FP74 amounting to £36500.42 (thirty six thousand five hundred and forty two pence)

**11. Quarterly Budgets**

**RECEIVED** for information the third quarter budget comparisons.

**12. Schedule of Meetings**

**RESOLVED** that the Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2014/15 be approved.

**13. Clerk's Report**

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) that the Winter Gritting Working Group (Councillors Pugmire and L Taylor plus two others) be asked to liaise with the County Councillor regarding provision of grit bins in the town
- ii) that the current Mayor (Councillor Martin Pugmire) be nominated for attendance at one of the Royal Garden Parties via CALC.

**14. Town Council Business Plan Monitoring**

**RECEIVED** an update on progress in relation to Theme 4 - Transport Access & Highways.

**15. Chairman's Announcements**

**RECEIVED** details of the Chairman's calendar of duties.

Councillor Lysser asked that the Council's thanks and congratulations to Keswick Community Housing Trust be put on record for their achievement in developing The Hopes local housing scheme.

**16. Reports from Ward Representatives**

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – nothing to report
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – County Councillor Lysser reported on the budget consultation event at Keswick Library which had been well received. He had expressed concerns regarding the night time closure of the Minor Injuries unit at Keswick Hospital due to staffing levels. He reported that an additional £10m had been made available to the Connecting Cumbria broadband initiative and updated on a number of highways issues. Councillor Miller expressed concerns about blocked road drains in heavily wooded areas and road safety hazards at the mini roundabout at Tithebarn Street.

**17. Correspondence**

**RECEIVED** the following correspondence:

- i) Department for Transport – Proposed stopping up of highway at unclassified road off Crow Park Road – request for comments/objections
- ii) Allerdale Borough Council – draft 2014-15 Council Plan refresh – request for views on key projects and actions identified
- iii) Environment Agency – Generic Design Assessment on new nuclear reactor
- iv) Lake District National Park Authority – Housing Provision Supplementary Planning Document – report of Consultation Responses

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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Chairman

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Date