

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, Keswick, on Thursday 21st June 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Andrew Lysser

Councillors

David Burn	Ian Hall	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton	Tony Lywood
Martin Pugmire	Keith Taylor	

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Howe (Administration & Finance Officer), 2 members of the press and 6 members of the public.

26. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Etherden, Miller (Holiday) and Titley (other).

27. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2012 (pages 1-6).

28. Declarations of interest

No declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from members.

It was agreed to bring item 5 forward pending the arrival of Inspector Kelly.

29. Matters to be received from the Public

Mr Sean Crawford raised two issues of concern relating to upgrading the appearance of the town, namely the fixing of advertising signs on lampposts and other uprights in and around the town centre and the appearance of some retail and business frontages. He requested that the Town Council form its own watchdog/advisory group to be watchful for potential problems and difficulties, and adopt a clear and recognised policy on these and similar issues.

RESOLVED that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to consider the Town Council's role in relation to such issues.

30. Police Attendance

Inspector Dennis Kelly attended to updated on crime and detection figures and provided reassurance concerning current levels of policing in Keswick. The issue of speeding on Station Road was drawn to Inspector Kelly's attention, who outlined ways of tackling the problem.

31. 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/2012/0049	T1 – fell 1 spruce; T2 – fell 1 willow 1 Church Street NEUTRAL

7/2012/2030	Repair and alteration of rear dormer windows to allow installation of 2 balconies, including new door at ground floor 23 & 25 Blencathra Street <i>Site visit</i> NEUTRAL
7/2012/2034	Demolition of existing flats and erection of 69 extra care apartments and associated communal areas and facilities (amended plans) Greta Court, Crow Park Road <i>The amended plans still do not answer our original objections therefore we still object for the following reasons:- Object reflecting the many views expressed, on the grounds of 1) Overdevelopment and massing, 2) Lack of provision of parking, 3) Wrong target age range. We need flats for younger residents</i> OBJECT
7/2012/2111	Single storey extension to form ground floor bedroom and formation of wet room in existing outbuildings 100 Windebrowe Avenue NEUTRAL
7/2012/2112	Seven two storey homes Brigham Farm, Low Brigham <i>Site visit made</i> NEUTRAL
7/2012/2127	Allocate a section of highway for the placement of tables and chairs Market Place Support - We are in favour of café culture in the Town and feel the area is acceptable SUPPORT
7/2012/2129	Replacement of 8 no. windows to rear with upvc units 22 Poplar Street NEUTRAL
7/2012/2133	1 X externally illuminated fascia sign, 1 x externally illuminated hanging sign, 3 x other signs Harpers Newsagents, 35 Main Street NEUTRAL
7/2012/2135	Proposed local needs dwelling 129 Windebrowe Avenue NEUTRAL

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

32. Applications for A Board/Pavement Cafe Licences

RESOLVED that the following observations to be submitted to Cumbria Highways:-

Business Name & Address	Proposed Description Observation
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Star Beauty, 6A St John's Street Permit the placing of a single 'A' board during business hours only on the pedestrianized area adjacent to Paraffin Alley
No objections

33. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's calendar of duties.

34. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Kemp reported that the Borough Council's Executive had approved the default position in relation to legislation for cuts in housing benefit.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Munby sent his apologies.

35. Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED the rota for reporting to Council.

36. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for June 2012 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment:

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 41 – FR2 amounting to £21272.99 (twenty one thousand two hundred and seventy two pounds and ninety nine pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP15 to PA1 amounting to £35436.48 thirty five thousand four hundred and thirty six pounds and forty eight pence)

37. Annual Accounts

The Town Clerk presented the statement of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2012 and suggested that consideration be given at the next meeting 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 2012 be approved and the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Return for the Audit Commission.

38. Keswick Traffic Regulation Order Review

RECEIVED details of proposals for Keswick and surrounding area Traffic Regulation Order.

RESOLVED that the following issues be raised with Cumbria Highways:

- i) clarification of the difference between no waiting and no parking
- ii) inclusion of no waiting at Vicarage Hill (Keswick School)
- iii) timetable for carrying out work to create raised pedestrian area at Station St/St John St junction

39. CCTV Monitoring – Request for financial contribution

A letter from Allerdale BC requesting a financial contribution towards CCTV monitoring was considered.

RESOLVED that in view of the relatively low crime rate in Keswick no contribution could be justified towards the monitoring of CCTV cameras.

40. Provision of Affordable Housing

RECEIVED an update report from the Housing Working Group.

41. The Town Field

RECEIVED report of Clerk.

RESOLVED that Minute no.24 2011/12 be rescinded and the Town Field remain in the ownership of the Town Council. Further **RESOLVED** that future maintenance costs be reimbursed from the Town Field trust funds.

42. Clerks Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report

RESOLVED

- i) that the Jubilee working group consider the proposal for an annual music event in the Market Square and report back to the next meeting
- ii) That details of future Town Council meetings be advertised in the Keswick Reminder for a three month trial period
- iii) That representations be made to the Leader of Cumbria County Council regarding the proposed £500 licence fee for a licence to occupy land at Keswick underpass

43. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Allerdale BC – Core Strategy and Development Management Plan Consultation
- ii) Allerdale BC - Road closure order – Keswick Show 27 August 2012
- iii) Cumbria Playing Fields Association – request for affiliation
- iv) Return to Keswick update no. 51

The meeting closed at 10 pm

Chairman

Date