

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick on **Thursday 15th November 2012 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Andrew Lysser

Councillors

David Burn	David Etherden	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton	Tony Lywood
Martin Pugmire	Keith Taylor	Lorraine Taylor

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Howe (Administration & Finance Officer), 2 members of the press and 1 member of the public.

128. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miller (holiday) and Titley (holiday).

129. Police Attendance (15 minutes allowed)

PC Alan Taylor attended to present the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team for Keswick for November.

130. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 18th October 2012 (pages 22-25).

131. Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

132. Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Susan Leighton – item 7 (i) application no. T/2012/0100 (member of Carlisle Diocese) and item 13 (Council representative on Keswick Fair Trade Committee)

133. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were received from the public.

134. 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/2012/0100	Prune 1 oak (W2) Bishop's House, Ambleside Road <i>Site visit made – Support – The work is protecting the tree and will encourage growth on balanced scale</i> SUPPORT

7/2012/2237	Proposed single dwelling Bristowe Hill <i>Object – This area is designated amenity land. The revised scheme reduces the local occupancy provision. Our previous reasons for objection, that absolute undertakings are made that local occupancy are met, have not been addressed or answered.</i> OBJECT
7/2012/2238	Construct a timber building in rear garden for use as home office Amberley, Crosthwaite Road NEUTRAL
7/2012/2243	Installation of a 1035m long zip wire, in two lengths, starting at Honister Craggs and landing at Honister Slate Mine car park for a temporary period of 18 months for the completion of a visitor assessment study Honister Slate Mine, Honister Pass <i>Site visit attended by Councillor Lorraine Taylor</i> <i>Support – Will bring economic activity to the Town, increase employment in the area and enhance visitor experience</i> SUPPORT
7/2012/2246	Variation of condition no.2 of planning approval 7/1987/2310 to amended elevation details Former Cars of the Stars Museum, Standish Street NEUTRAL
7/2012/2249	Temporary use of agricultural fields to accommodate campers and caravanners attending the Keswick Convention in summer 2013 Crosthwaite Conference Centre, Church Lane NEUTRAL
7/2012/2251	Proposed new build Church Street NEUTRAL
7/2012/2253	2 fascia signs and 1 hanging sign 15-17 Main Street NEUTRAL

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

135. Applications for A Board Licences

RESOLVED that the following observations be submitted to Cumbria County Council:

Business Name & Address	Proposed Description Observation
Wild Strawberry, 52 Main Street	Placing of a single A-board, during business hours only, at a point abutting the finger post/direction sign which is located within the pedestrianised area opposite the Post Office at 48 Main Street, to advertise businesses on Lower Main Street SUPPORT – Subject to the design being the same as the A-board for St Johns Street businesses to keep uniformity within the town.

136. Monitoring Local Occupancy

Councillor David Etherden submitted a report on proposals for the Town Council to have a role in the monitoring of compliance with local occupancy conditions on houses in Keswick.

RESOLVED that the proposals be approved in principle and that the Planning and Housing Groups consider how they can best be implemented and report back to a future meeting.

137. Payment of Accounts

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

- i. For the Town Council, vouchers 125 – FR11 amounting to £31285.52 (thirty one thousand two hundred and eighty five pounds and fifty two pence)
- ii. For the Trusts, vouchers HP77 – FP57 amounting to £20169.31 (twenty thousand one hundred and sixty nine pounds and thirty one pence)

138. Amendments to Bank Mandate

RESOLVED that amendments to the bank mandate to remove Ian Hall and to add Councillor Lorraine Taylor in his place be approved.

139. Town Council Strategy

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk on options for level of support available in producing a Town Council Strategy.

RESOLVED that a Working Group comprising Councillors Leighton, K Taylor, L Taylor and Pugmire be formed to consider proposals received and make a recommendation to the next meeting.

140. Keswick & District Fair Trade Committee – Request for Signage

The Clerk reported on a request from Keswick Fair Trade Committee to place road signs at the entrances to the town stating that Keswick is ‘a Fair Trade Town’. Advice from Cumbria Highways concerning the suitability of the existing town boundary signs was also considered.

RESOLVED that the request from the Fair Trade Committee be approved in principle and that the design of the signs be agreed with the Clerk in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

141. Elections to National Association of Local Councils’ Smaller Councils Committee

No nominations were submitted.

142. Chairman’s Announcements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor’s calendar of duties.

143. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following:

- i. Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representative – Councillor Denstone Kemp
(No report was available from Cumbria County Council Ward Representative)

144. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED report from the following representative on outside bodies:

- i. Keswick Youth Centre – Councillor David Etherden

145. Town Team Initiative Workshop

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Susan Leighton on the workshop organised by Action for Market Towns which she attended on 25th October 2012. Councillor Leighton was thanked for her comprehensive report.

146. Clerk’s Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk’s report.

RESOLVED

- i) that further information on prices for a ‘Roll of Honour’ board be obtained before a decision is taken to provide one

- ii) That a response be made to the Government's consultation on Data Transparency as outlined in the report.

147. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) LDNPA Local Development Framework – Public consultation on Minerals Safeguarding Areas (Local Plan Part 3)
- ii) Allerdale BC – road closure for Christmas Fayre
- iii) CALC – copy of correspondence with Baroness Verma concerning MRWS
- iv) Allerdale BC – October edition of 'In Touch'
- v) Lakes Local – November 2012

Prior to the following business, the Chairman moved the following resolution:

'That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was advisable/in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded' and they were instructed to withdraw

148. Contracting – Office Accommodation

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that no offer be made at the present time but that the Borough Council be requested to place the building on the list of Community Assets.

149. Correspondence

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that further information be sought regarding possible changes from the NHS Cumbria GP Commissioning Authority.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Chairman

Date