

**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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7.00pm.

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Present:

Chairman  
Councillor Andrew Lysser

Councillors

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| David Burn      | David Etherden | Martin Jordan |
| Denstone Kemp   | Susan Leighton | Tony Lywood   |
| Duncan Miller   | Martin Pugmire | Keith Taylor  |
| Lorraine Taylor | Paul Titley    |               |

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Howe (Administration & Finance Officer), 2 members of the press and 4 members of the public.

**150. Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received.

*It was agreed to defer item 2 on the agenda pending the arrival of Inspector Kelly*

**151. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012 (pages 26 - 29).

**152. Requests for Dispensations**

The Clerk reported that no requests had been received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member had a disclosable pecuniary interest.

**153. Declarations of Interests**

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

Councillor D Etherden – item 16 (Member - Keswick Rugby Club) and item 13 (Grants)  
(Member – Keswick Rugby Club and Keswick Youth Club and Keswick School Governor)

Councillor M Pugmire and Councillor D Kemp – item 13 (Grants) – representatives on Theatre by the Lake Trust

**154. Matters to be received from the Public**

Mr Phil Roberts raised the issue of the sale of community assets in Keswick with reference to the Magistrates Court and Police Station buildings which had recently been advertised. He advised that the Town Council should undertake an audit to identify buildings which were of importance to the town. It was agreed to place an item on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting.

**155. Applications for Development**

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

| Plan Ref: | Description of Development<br>Location |
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| <b>7/2012/2230</b> | Extension and alterations to existing National Trust Shop and Information Centre. Footpath access improvements including development of boardwalks and play equipment – amended plans Land adjacent to Derwent Foreshore, Lake Road<br><b>NEUTRAL</b> |
| <b>7/2012/2258</b> | Replacement side extension to form side entrance and reception room<br>Hazeldene Hotel, The Heads<br><b>NEUTRAL</b>   |
| <b>7/2012/2271</b> | Proposed conversion of Battersby Hall to form residential dwellings<br>Battersby Hall, Church Street<br><i>Support – Provided confirmation that Section 106 is in place and subject to conservation officer's views</i><br><b>SUPPORT</b>             |
| <b>7/2012/2278</b> | 1 interpretation board<br>Springs Wood<br><b>NEUTRAL</b>  |

- ii) No National Park planning decisions were received.

**156. Mayor's Engagements**

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

**157. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Pugmire reported on the recently announced financial settlement for 2013-14
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – apologies were received from County Councillor Munby

**158. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives on outside bodies:

- i) Keswick Fair Trade Committee – Councillor Susan Leighton  
Councillor Miller reported that Keswick Tourism Association were disappointed that there had been no consultation regarding the decision to allow Fair Trade Town signs to be placed on the town boundaries as the Association felt that an opportunity could be missed to promote the town for other reasons e.g. as the Adventure Capital.
- ii) Keswick Flood Action Group – Councillor Martin Pugmire

**159. Appointment of Representative on Keswick Flood Action Group**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Keith Taylor be appointed as the Town Council representative on Keswick Flood Action Group to replace Councillor M Pugmire.

**160. Payment of Accounts**

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 146 – 161 amounting to £21512.03 (twenty one thousand five hundred and twelve pounds and three pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP94 – FP74 amounting to £2790.52 (two thousand seven hundred and ninety pounds and fifty two pence)

**161. Police Report**

Inspector Dennis Kelly arrived to present the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing team for Keswick for the previous month. Inspector Kelly was given a round of applause in recognition of his recent award for bravery.

**162. Budget 2013/2014**

The Clerk presented a report recommending that final approval of the Budget for the next financial year be deferred to the next meeting, with the exception of the grant payments.

**RESOLVED** that the grants recommended in the report be approved for payment and an amount of £15,000 be provided in the 2013-14 budget which should be deferred for final approval until the January meeting.

**163. Reduction in Grant from Allerdale Borough Council for Fitz Park**

Consideration was given to the letter received from the Chief Executive of Allerdale BC advising of cuts in the concurrent grant for maintenance of Fitz Park for the next two financial years.

**RESOLVED** that a meeting be sought with the Chief Executive of Allerdale BC to discuss the impact of the cut in grant and its implications for double taxation, to be attended by the Mayor, Clerk and Councillors Etherden and Miller (as Chair of Fitz Park Trust).

**164. Town Council Strategy**

The report of the Working Group following an examination of options for the development of a Town Council Strategy was considered.

**RESOLVED** that the proposal submitted by Action for Market Towns be accepted provided that external funding could be obtained to meet the costs involved.

**165. Keswick Rugby Club**

Councillor Etherden submitted a request for the Town Council to nominate a Trustee to serve on the proposed new Charitable Trust to hold all the land and the buildings owned by Keswick Rugby Club, and to agree to take control of the Trust if the Rugby Club ceased to exist.

**RESOLVED** that the request be approved in principle subject to satisfactory legal advice being obtained at the expense of the Rugby Club.

**166. New Year's Eve Celebrations**

At the request of Councillor Leighton, consideration was given to whether the Town Council should have a role in the New Year's Eve celebrations on the Market Square.

**RESOLVED** that no action be taken.

**167. Derwentwater Foreshore**

Consideration was given to the report of Councillor Jordan regarding future maintenance of the Foreshore area.

**RESOLVED** that discussions take place with Allerdale Borough Council regarding the proposal for the Town Council to take over ownership and future maintenance of the Derwentwater Foreshore area, and a report be brought to a future meeting.

**168. Derwent 7/Locality Working**

**RECEIVED** a report from Councillor Pugmire on the Derwent 7 Cluster Group and proposals to establish Joint Area Working Groups in the Allerdale Borough Council area.

**169. Welfare Reform**

**RECEIVED** a report from Councillors L Taylor and K Taylor on the potential impact of welfare reform in the area.

**RESOLVED** that the situation be monitored and further reports submitted as necessary.

**170. Cumbria County Council Consultation on Draft Budget Proposals**

**RESOLVED** that a response be agreed at the next meeting to proposals being considered by Cumbria County Council's Cabinet for inclusion in its proposed budget for 2013-14.

**171. Karrimor Great Trail Challenge Event Proposal for 2013**

Provisional plans for the June 2013 staging of the event in Keswick town centre were given consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the organisers be advised to change the date of the event to avoid clashing with the Keswick Beer Festival and that support in principle be given on this basis.

**172. Clerk's Report**

**RECEIVED** the Clerk's report.

**RESOLVED** that a Roll of Honour board be purchased for the Council Chamber to be funded from the current year's budget for Council Chamber repairs etc.

**173. Correspondence**

**RECEIVED** the following correspondence:

- i) Environment Agency – Flash Flooding Risk
- ii) Cumbria in Bloom – Pride in Your Community
- iii) CALC – reply from Baroness Verma to CALC's position on MRWS
- iv) Derwent & Solway Housing Association – Windebrowe Avenue Play Area
- v) United Utilities - Update on Keswick Sewer Scheme
- vi) Churches Together in Cumbria – Keswick Nativity Festival 2012
- vii) Cumbria County Council – Local News and Views Winter 2012 (previously circulated by email)
- viii) Carol and Roy Smith – comments on Fous de Bassin event

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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Chairman

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Date