

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 17th January 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Andrew Lysser

Councillors

David Burn	Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton
Duncan Miller	Martin Pugmire	Keith Taylor
Lorraine Taylor		

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Howe (Administration & Finance Officer), 2 members of the press and 7 members of the public.

Prior to the main business of the meeting at 7.00pm, Joe Broomfield, Town Centre Manager for Allerdale Borough Council, attended to speak about his role in Keswick.

174. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jordan (holiday), Lywood (holiday), Titley (holiday) and Etherden (other).

175. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 20th December 2012 (pages 30-33).

176. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that the following dispensations had been granted to all Councillors:-

- i) To speak and vote on the setting of the budget and precept for the period to 1st May 2015
- ii) To speak and vote on planning application no. 7/2012/2281 for this meeting only

The dispensations were granted to enable participation and voting on the grounds that the number of persons prohibited from participating would be so great as to impede the transaction of business.

177. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillor Lorraine Taylor – item no.7 (i) application no. 7/2012/2293 (close relative lives in neighbouring property)

Item 5 on the agenda was deferred pending the arrival of the police representatives.

178. Matters to be received from the Public

Representatives of businesses located in Lower Main Street, Station Street, St Johns Street and Lake Road spoke in relation to item 21 on the agenda to request that consideration be given to including all these 'outer' shopping streets in the contract for provision of Christmas lights by the Town Council.

179. Police Attendance (15 minutes allowed)

Inspector Dennis Kelly and Sgt Annette McClement were in attendance to present the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing team for Keswick for the previous month.

180. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref:	Description of Development Location
7/2012/2280	Proposed erection of new offices and alterations to existing workshop with associated car park Threlkeld Depot, Old Station Yard, Threlkeld <i>Declared interest – Keswick Town Council – As bondholders in CKP Railways</i> <i>Object - At face value it contravenes part of the LDNPA Core Strategy as the development would block a railway route which is protected by policies contained within the strategy</i> OBJECT
7/2012/2281	Construction of a BMX track Fitz Park, Brundholme Road <i>Support – Provides recreational facility for BMX bike users. We have supported this project since we were first approached by the youngsters at a Council meeting</i> SUPPORT
7/2012/2287	Two internally illuminated fascia signs (front and side elevations and one flag (side elevation) – Retrospective Blacks Outdoor Leisure, 53 – 62 Main Street NEUTRAL
7/2012/2293	Revised house type to previously approved (and implemented) site for dwelling Land adjacent to 6 Catherine Cottages off Penrith Road <i>Neutral – Subject to retention of 106 agreement</i> NEUTRAL

- ii) No update on National Park planning decisions was received.

181. Budget for 2013-14

The draft budget for 2013-14 was presented for approval including the Staffing Panel's recommendations following the annual review of pay and conditions of service of employees as required by Standing Order no. 7.

RESOLVED that the draft budget for the financial year 2013-14 be approved subject to increasing the minimum staff rate of pay to £7.45 per hour to implement the recommended living wage rate over the next two years, and adjusting the contingency amount to 1% to cover the cost in the next financial year.

182. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 162 – FR12 amounting to £15980.54 (fifteen thousand nine hundred and eighty pounds and fifty four pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP110 – FP78 amounting to £1049.40 (one thousand and forty nine pounds and forty pence)

183. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the third quarter budget comparisons.

184. Cumbria County Council Consultation on Draft Budget Proposals

RESOLVED that no response be submitted.

185. Derwent 7

RESOLVED that Councillor Lorraine Taylor be nominated as the Council's representative on the Derwent 7 Transport sub-group.

186. Assets of Community Value in Keswick

RESOLVED that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Etherden and Lorraine Taylor, compile a suggested list of nominations for assets of community value in Keswick for consideration at a future meeting.

187. Proposed Community Event – June 2013

Councillors considered arrangements for organising a community event to be held in the town centre in June.

RESOLVED that a working group be set up involving Councillors and representatives of other groups in the town to progress the arrangements for an event to be held on a suitable weekend in June.

188. Schedule of Meetings

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2013/14 be approved.

189. Chairman's Announcements

RECEIVED details of the Chairman's calendar of duties.

190. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Pugmire reported on the last Borough Council meeting
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – in Councillor Munby's absence the Clerk reported on information regarding arrangements for winter gritting

191. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a verbal report from Councillor Duncan Miller on Hawthorns Allotment Site.

192. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that a CALC business planning session be facilitated to include representatives from other parishes in the Derwent 7 group.

193. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority – invitation to make representations on matters of soundness and legal compliance: Allocations of Land (Local Plan Part Two) and Minerals Safeguarding Areas (Local Plan Part Three).
- ii) Keswick Tourism Association – siting of Nuclear Waste Storage Facility

Prior to the following business, the Chairman moved the 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'

194. Contracting – Christmas Lights

RECEIVED report of the Clerk and Admin & Finance Officer.

RESOLVED that the tender specification be prepared as outlined in the report to include the 'outer' shopping streets and that prices for individual sections of lighting be requested. It was further **RESOLVED** that the Christmas Lights Advisory Group be asked to give consideration to relocating the Christmas Tree to the lower part of the Market Square.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Chairman

Date