

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, Keswick, on Thursday 21st March 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Andrew Lysser

Councillors

David Burn	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller	Martin Pugmire
Lorraine Taylor	Paul Titley	

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Etherden (other), Leighton (holiday) and Keith Taylor (illness). County Councillor Munby also gave apologies.

2. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th February 2013 (pages 38-40).

3. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that no request 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:-

All Councillors – item 7 (i) application no. T/2013/0033 (Town Council is the applicant)

Councillor D Burn – item 7 (i) application no. 7/2012/2277 (shares a boundary with the property).

5. Police Attendance

PCSO Peter Crome attended to present the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team for Keswick.

6. Matters to be received from the Public

No such matters were received.

7. 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/2013/0026	Fell 14 small birch, 6 beech and 1 silver birch St Johns Vicarage, Ambleside Road NEUTRAL
T/2013/0033	T4 beech – fell Wivell Park (behind War Memorial), Penrith Road <i>Declared interest Keswick Town Councillors</i> NEUTRAL

7/2012/2277	<p>Roof conversion to form additional bedroom & ensuite Felltops, Crosthwaite Gardens <i>Object – The gable end window will cause overlooking into properties at the rear of the property</i> <i>Declared interest – Councillor David Burn</i> OBJECT</p>
7/2013/2034	<p>Enlarge kitchen/dining area; move deck 500mm outwards; remove external staircase Moorside, Lonsties <i>Site visit made</i> NEUTRAL</p>
7/2013/2035	<p>Reinstatement of collapsed retaining wall Land to rear of Loweswater Cottage, Penrith Road <i>Support – Necessary work required to make properties stable and allow homes to be lived in</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2013/2037	<p>Erect a new garage to rear of property Treloyhan, Crosthwaite Road NEUTRAL</p>
7/2013/2039	<p>2 fascia signs and 1 flag Blacks Outdoor Leisure, 53-61 Main Street NEUTRAL</p>
7/2013/2040	<p>Remove condition 4 (opening hours) on planning permission 7/2011/2090 to allow unrestricted opening hours Crosthwaite Road Retail Unit <i>Support – Subject to the hours being restricted to 22.00 to stop serving food and 22.30 to close.</i> <i>4 letters of objection received</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2013/2046	<p>Change of use of former museum (D1) to retail (A1) Cars of the Stars Motor Museum, Standish Street Support - Will improve pedestrian flow to other shops on Standish Street by extending the shopping area. SUPPORT</p>
7/2013/2048	<p>Removal of condition 3 on planning approval 7/2011/2074 (need for obscure glass) Woodlands, Lonsties <i>Site visit made</i> NEUTRAL</p>
7/2013/2050	<p>Replacement of existing signage – 2 fascia signs, 1 hanging sign and one ATM surround Lloyds TSB Bank Plc, 4 Main Street NEUTRAL</p>
7/2013/2054	<p>Installation of new shop front with realigned wider entrance door 26 Main Street <i>Declared interest Councillor Etherden</i> NEUTRAL</p>

ii) **RECEIVED** an update on National Park Planning Decisions

8. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 192 – 203 amounting to £14,254.14 (fourteen thousand two hundred and fifty four pounds and fourteen pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP129 – PA2 amounting to £12,145.67 (twelve thousand one hundred and forty five pounds and sixty seven pence)

It was further **RESOLVED** that payment of £3550 withheld rent due to Allerdale Borough Council for the period October 2012 to March 2013 be released in view of the improvements carried out but that any further payments be conditional upon satisfactory progress being made on outstanding work to the building.

9. Reports from Ward Representatives

No reports were received.

10. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's calendar of duties and meeting attendance.

11. Keswick Community Event

RECEIVED report of Clerk following the meeting held on 13 March 2013.

12. Assets of Community Value

RECEIVED report of Clerk.

RESOLVED that a report be brought to a future meeting following research on the suggestions put forward.

13. Monitoring Local Occupancy/Housing Need

RECEIVED information from the Lake District National Park Authority and Cumbria Rural Housing Trust.

RESOLVED that the Planning Officer be invited to attend a future meeting if there is further information in respect of monitoring local occupancy of relevance.

14. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that the proposal put forward by WPS Insurance Brokers be accepted for a three year agreement at a saving of £2,429.11 p.a. on the current provider and that the £2,500 excess in respect of building claims arising from flooding be noted.

15. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – footway lighting on electricity poles
- ii) Cumbria County Council – consultation about the draft Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-2028
- iii) Cumbria in Bloom – Pride in your Community Competition
- iv) University of Cumbria/Lake District National Park Partnership– Valley Planning in the Lake District National Park and Whole Valley Planning Toolkit
- v) ACT Gazette Issue 13
- vi) Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) – Connecting Cumbria Project update
- vii) CALC – National Grid North West Connections Project – notes of meeting held 6.2.13

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

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

16. Legal – The Town Field

RECEIVED an update from the Clerk

17. Staffing

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the request for reduced working hours from a member of Hope Park gardening staff be approved.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Chairman

Dated