

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 17th August 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Susan Leighton

Councillors

David Burn	Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Graham Kendall	Andrew Lysser
Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller	Adam Paxon
Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley	

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), Geoff Davies (LDNPA NDA Parishes representative), 2 members of the press, PCSO Catherine Smith, and 24 members of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Trudy Harrison, MP for Copeland, spoke about her background and introduction to politics, and her wish to learn more about Keswick and its concerns. She stated that she was working to achieve a date change for Keswick Convention in 2018 and answered questions from Councillors and members of the public mainly relating to flooding and the need to secure legislation to be able to compel United Utilities to control Thirlmere reservoir levels to assist with flood mitigation. She pledged her support in securing solutions identified by the community on any issues which arose.

82. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

83. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 20th July 2017 (pages 11-16), as amended.

84. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that no requests for dispensations had been received.

85. Declarations of Interests

No declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on the agenda were received.

86. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing team for July. 14 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during July 2017 with 5 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month (this compared with a total of 28 incidents for the same period in 2016). PCSO Catherine Smith was in attendance.

87. Matters to be received from the Public

A number of members of the public raised issues concerning the Keswick Convention, its impact on the town and the proposed dates for 2018 which resulted in all three weeks of the event taking place during the school holidays in Cumbria. Vanessa Metcalfe of Keswick Tourism Association spoke about the Association's concerns regarding the negative PR which the town was receiving in relation to this issue and advised that Cumbria Tourism had offered their help in resolving the situation. Peter Maiden spoke on behalf of Keswick

Ministries, the Convention organisers, and stated that the goal of Keswick Ministries was to achieve two full weeks of the event during the school holidays. He acknowledged that it would be extremely difficult to change the dates for 2018, but not impossible. Concerns were also expressed regarding the redevelopment by Keswick Ministries of the former Pencil factory site and possible future expansion plans.

88. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Kendall reported back on discussions with the Head of Keswick School regarding the poor condition of the school playing fields following work by United Utilities (UU). The School had asked that the Town Council facilitate a meeting with UU.

Councillor Lysser asked for an item on a future agenda regarding the condition of the 'PUPS' clock on the Council Offices at 50 Main Street, and stated that the tree on the lower part of the Market Square needed pollarding.

89. Keswick Convention 2018

A lengthy debate took place regarding the Council's response to the recent on-line petition which had attracted in excess of 2,000 supporters to 'Stop Keswick Convention from taking place in the school holidays'.

RESOLVED that Keswick Town Council supports the Convention and the town working together for mutual benefit. The Town Council has no powers to compel organisations to change their business decisions but the move to having all three weeks within the Cumbrian school holidays has caused disquiet among some businesses who lose out at Convention time. The Town Council therefore strongly urges Keswick Ministries to reconsider the change of date and to work with local businesses to overcome this issue.

It was agreed to bring forward item 11 (iii) on the agenda.

90. Reports from Ward Representatives

- i) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Dr Geoff Davies advised that the date for the placing of the World Heritage Site plaque at Crow Park was now likely to be March 2018 and that the date for the submission of the revised Local Plan had been put back to allow for extended public consultation.

It was agreed to bring forward item 13 on the agenda.

91. CCTV

Consideration was given to whether the Town Council should investigate the possibility of providing CCTV coverage for Main Street. PCSO Catherine Smith answered questions from Councillors.

RESOLVED that a working group comprising Councillors Burn, Kendall and Lysser investigate ways of providing a cost effective CCTV system and report back to a future meeting.

It was agreed to bring forward item 15 on the agenda

92. Motorhome and Caravan Parking at Long Bridge, Portinscale

Following a number of complaints about motorhome and caravan parking on Long Bridge, Portinscale and associated problems with rubbish etc. being left in this area, consideration was given to making representations to the County Council for action to be taken to prevent overnight parking.

RESOLVED that County Councillor Lywood raise the issue in the first instance with officers at the County Council.

PCSO Smith left the meeting.

93. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location
7/2017/2134	<p>Removal of covered entrance and erection of two storey extension comprising porch and garden store at ground floor with bedroom at first floor Rowan Rigg, Brundholme Road <i>Object - overbearing and not in keeping with other properties 'height restriction condition in 1984' planning application. Prior to seeing objection letters it was felt that this design, and in particular the height is inappropriate to this area/road (5 objection letters received between 25 July 2017 - 14 August 2017)</i> OBJECT</p>
7/2017/2157	<p>Variation of condition no. 2 (change pitch of roof & inclusion of air & water facility) on planning application 7/2016/2228 - Redevelopment of existing petrol filling station to provide replacement SPAR convenience store, forecourt alterations, extended canopy, customer parking and associated works. Amended Plans received - relate to: a) site area b) external details c) roof details High Hill Garage, High Hill <i>Support - appear to be minor but sensible changes to this application</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2017/2160	<p>Extension and alterations 13 Crosthwaite Gardens <i>Support - no dramatic change to area</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2017/2169	<p>Rear extension to existing dwelling 60 The Headlands <i>Support – appropriate extension in large plot (subject to no objection from neighbours). A relatively small change to a large plot</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2017/2171	<p>Change of use from retail to restaurant Part of former Cars of the Stars, Standish Street <i>Support - encouraging to see a new business opening and better being occupied than empty. Unit has been unoccupied for a long time, this retains its use as an economic unit and fits in with local trade</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2017/2173	<p>Addition of a bathroom and dressing room over the existing garage Ghyll House, Lonsties <i>Support - good design not affecting neighbours</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2017/2174	<p>Use of building as a dwelling house with a Cumbria wide local occupancy restriction in lieu of existing occupancy restriction (north locality) Cider House, Penrith Road <i>Object - whilst we have a certain amount of sympathy we do not agree with opening up to Cumbria wide, as northern distinctive area is fairly sizeable without this. Price reduction would now be appropriate</i> OBJECT</p>

- 7/2017/2176** Erection of porch and canopy to front elevation
7 The Hawthorns
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2178** Replacement of bay windows to provide flood resilience and replacement of canopy roof to Greta Street elevation
12 Greta Street
Support - stylish and practical application for UPVC in a conservation area. No change to visual appearance, modern materials used sensitively to mitigate flood damage to come
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2186** Erection of single-storey rear extension including the conversion of a twin bedded letting room into owners accommodation
Brundholme, The Heads
Support - owner having upgraded guest rooms is now making his own accommodation more comfortable
Declared Interest - own a property a few doors away – Councillor Titley
SUPPORT

- ii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park Planning Decisions.

94. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 14th July 2017 – 10th August 2017.

95. Reports from Ward Representatives (cont)

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Borough Councillor Lywood gave an update on progress with the Moot Hall
- ii) Cumbria County Council – County Councillor Lywood outlined the programme of roadworks for Keswick starting from 4th September 2017.

96. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for August 2017 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment for:

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 91 – 111 amounting to £36,479.59 (thirty six thousand, four hundred and seventy nine pounds and fifty nine pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP58 – FP83 amounting to £4,521.39 (four thousand, five hundred and twenty one pounds and thirty nine pence)

97. Events Co-ordinator

Consideration was given to whether the Town Council's Events Committee should be asked to investigate the suggestion of employing the services of an Events Co-ordinator to help improve liaison and consultation for town events, including how this might be funded.

RESOLVED that the issue be referred to the Events Committee with a report back to a future meeting.

98. Town Council Logo

Consideration was given as to how the re-design of the Town Council logo could best be progressed.

RESOLVED that Councillors Kendall and Lysser liaise and bring suggested design(s) for a new Town Council logo to the next meeting for approval.

99. County Square War Memorial

At the request of Councillor Miller, consideration was given to placing a decorative rail around the War Memorial on Penrith Road to assist in keeping wreaths in place.

RESOLVED that the work be carried out at a cost of £250, to be funded from existing budget provision.

100. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED the report of Councillor Martin Pugmire, Theatre by the Lake.

101. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Councillor Miller attend the War Memorial Workshop to be held in Carlisle on 4th October 2017
- (ii) that the logo 'We are the Lakes' be used on the Town Council website to recognise the granting of World Heritage Site status to the Lake District National Park.

102. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 14th July 2017.

103. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Brian Price – request for agenda items
- ii) Paul Taylor – Community Led Housing Opportunities in Allerdale
- iii) LDNPA Business Plan 2017 to 2020
- iv) Your Derwent & Solway – merger with Two Castles Housing Association

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Chairman

Date