

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Susan Leighton

Councillors

David Burn	Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Graham Kendall	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), 1 member of the press, PCSO Catherine Smith, and 11 members of the public.

104. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

105. Resignation

The Clerk reported the resignation of Councillor Andrew Lysser. The Mayor expressed thanks for all the hard work he had carried out as a member of the Town Council and said that he would be hard to replace. She applauded his extensive local knowledge which would be sadly missed.

106. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 17th August 2017 (pages 17-21).

107. Requests for Dispensations

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

108. Declarations of Interests

All Councillors – item 10 (i) application no. 7/2017/2211 – Town Council is trustee of Fitz Park.

109. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing team for August. 18 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during August 2017 with 4 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month (this compared with a total of 21 incidents for the same period in 2016). PCSO Catherine Smith was in attendance and highlighted the increase in shoplifting incidents – she stated that more intelligence was required.

It was agreed to bring forward item 9 on the agenda.

110. Keswick Town Meeting

The Mayor gave an update regarding the cancellation of the Town Meeting scheduled for Monday 18th September 2017 concerning the Keswick Convention. Following Keswick Ministries announcement that they were committed to holding regular liaison meetings in the form of community drop in sessions for Keswick residents to raise issues of concern, and pending the report of the Council's Events Committee on how better co-ordination of town events might be achieved, a decision had been taken to cancel the proposed meeting. She stated that monitoring these developments and encouraging local people to take up the offers to meet event organisers as the opportunities arose would be high on her agenda.

The Clerk advised that she had been notified that six electors were prepared to call a Town Meeting and she was awaiting the signed request before putting arrangements in hand.

111. Matters to be received from the Public

Revd Charles Hope spoke regarding Keswick Convention which had been started by one of his predecessors. He expressed concern about the way in which the issues had been reported in the media and possible reputational damage to Keswick as well as to Keswick Ministries. He urged everyone to find ways of working together to resolve the issues.

Veronica Wood spoke about the benefits of Keswick Convention particularly to local Churches and stated that different groups in the town benefited from different events.

Brian Price said that there had been adverse comments on both sides of the debate and accused the Town Council of bias in cancelling the proposed Town Meeting. He stated that the Town Council had been judged and found wanting. He further stated that he had the signatures of six electors who were prepared to call for a Town Meeting but that they wanted the Town Council to do this.

The Clerk advised that an annual Town Meeting had to be called by law, and the next one was scheduled for Thursday 19th April 2018. Any issues could be raised at these annual meetings, which were usually poorly attended.

112. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Titley responded to the comments made by Mr Price stating that Councillors were judged at election time and pointed out that a vacancy now existed on the Town Council.

Councillor Paxon felt that there was a need to be apologetic to electors and that everyone should work together and show consideration for others.

Councillor Miller said that he had attended the meeting between Keswick Ministries and local businesses and he too was concerned about public relations. He felt that more dialogue was needed. Councillor Pugmire said that he could see no negative side to allowing people to have their say about the negative impact of some events on the town.

113. 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/2017/0145	Fell 1 x willow tree 9 The Hollies, High Street <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
T/2017/0151	Silver birch (T1) - remove 2 limbs; Beech (T2) - crown lift canopy 21 Stanger Street <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2110	3 replacement windows on front of house 6 High Street <i>Support - wooden windows with appropriate design for the area</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2164	Replacement of existing lounge window with smaller bay window Little Bield, Chestnut Hill <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT

- 7/2017/2193** Extensions & alterations to micro-brewery building, shop and visitor areas
The Old Brewery, Brewery Lane
Support – happy to see a local business expanding, 1 or even 2 more staff will be needed which is excellent and sensible business development
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2194** Alterations to garden room not in compliance with condition no 2 of application ref 7/2017/2119 - change roof from pitched to lean to on small garden room; change lower and upper window type, re-position upper window, entrance door and side window and roof over entrance in games room; - stone face garden room
6 Penrith Road
Support - alterations to original plans that look to be in keeping/sensible
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2195** Detached garage
1 Manor Cottages, Manor Brow
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2202** Proposed car port
Borrowdale View
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2206** Replace existing street light columns with 12 x low level bollard type lights
Keswick Leisure Pool, Station Road
Support - elegant project
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2207** Proposed development is for the removal of an existing modular classroom building and construction of a new two storey six classroom building.
Sports Grounds and Premises Keswick School
Support - sits well with existing adjacent buildings and good to see modular classrooms being replaced
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2210** Free standing illuminated pole sign (relocation of existing pole sign)
High Hill Garage, High Hill
Support - very little difference
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2211** 2 fixed signs to each side of bridge
Fitz Park, Station Road
Declared interest – Applicant is Keswick Town Council
DECLARED INTEREST
- 7/2017/2212** Replacing existing conservatory
Moorside, Lonsties
Support – subject to no concerns from near neighbours house of which are not on the title plan
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2217** Amendments to an approved water supply connection from Thirlmere to West Cumbria (ref 7/2016/2027): Bridge End, Thirlmere - revised water connection, including extended compensation flow channel, revised layout and extension of working area. St. John's Beck - extension of working area. Smaithwaite - realignment of pipeline and extension of working area. Naddle Valley - realignment of pipeline. Castlerigg -

proposed tunnel, tunnel shafts, contractors' compound and temporary access tracks. Chestnut Hill - realignment of approved pipeline to the east of A591. Chestnut Hill - amendments to temporary construction accesses from the A591 onto the working area. Sheepdog Field, Keswick - extension of working area. Bassenthwaite - realignment of pipeline. Isel, Blindcrake - extension of working area.

Bridge End Water Treatment Works

Support - in belief that the applicant has the expertise in this area we would hope that every effort has been made to cause the least disruption for Keswick town. Extremely complex. The approaches are already under construction so assumption is that planning will be approved. Although the Town Council and Lake District National Park Authority should be very clear on control of disruption to town

SUPPORT

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

114. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 11th August 2017 – 14th September 2017

115. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lywood reported that new signs for the Allerdale car parks in the town were on the way which should be of benefit. He reported more delays to the work on the Moot Hall which should be finished by Christmas.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lywood reported that he was pushing to get funding to improve the public footpath to Portinscale and to provide disability crossings in the town. He stated that the County Council had agreed to place a 'No overnight parking' sign on the old road at Long Bridge, Portinscale. He asked for comments on a suggestion by County Highways officers of putting double yellow lines around the Market Square which could help reduce the number of falls. Work had also been promised to remove the kerbs outside Friars' shop as an experiment. Councillors agreed to yellow lines provided they were thin ones (as in Lake Road). Councillor Kendall provided an update on progress with the road safety audit commissioned to address the issue with trips and falls in the Market Square. The report was expected in the near future and he felt that no action should be taken until this had been received. It was agreed to wait for the report before consenting to any double yellow lines in the Market Square.
- iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Dr Geoff Davies advised that he was hopeful that funding would be forthcoming to repair the old railway line footpath to Threlkeld following the flood damage. Councillors queried figures contained in his report relating to the number of holiday homes/second homes in Keswick which he agreed to revisit and to send a revised version if necessary.

116. Town Council Logo

Councillor Kendall presented a report including design options for a new logo for the Town Council. **RESOLVED** that design 'F' be adopted as the new Keswick Town Council logo with immediate effect.

117. Allocation of Market Towns Grant

Consideration was given to projects to be funded from the £10,000 Market Towns grant from Allerdale Borough Council for 2017/18.

RESOLVED that improvements to the 'Pups' clock on the Council offices and provision of CCTV in the Market Square be put forward to the Borough Council for approval.

118. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 112 – 136 amounting to £20,401.57 (twenty thousand, four hundred and one pounds and fifty seven pence)

- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP76 – FP109 amounting to £38,260.67 (thirty eight thousand, two hundred and sixty pounds and sixty seven pence)

119. Market Square Kerbs

It was agreed that this item had been covered under the County Councillor's report.

120. Provision of CCTV in Keswick

Councillor Burn reported that he and Councillor Kendall had met PCSO Catherine Smith and it was likely that useful CCTV coverage of the Market Square could be installed for approximately £2,500. A further report would be submitted to the next meeting.

121. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held 18th August 2017.

122. Reports on Liaison Meetings

RECEIVED a report on the following meetings:

- i) Derwent 7 meeting held on 4th September 2017 attended by the Mayor and Councillor Titley
- ii) CALC Allerdale 3 tier meeting held on 19th September 2017 – Councillor Pugmire had been unable to attend so no report was received.

123. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that £1,000 be allocated from the contingency amount in the 2017/18 budget to provide administration support for the development of the Keswick Neighbourhood Plan.

124. Correspondence

RECEIVED details of the following correspondence:

- i) United Utilities – condition of playing fields at Keswick School
- ii) United Utilities – West Cumbria Water supply project update
- iii) Rural Services Network – Growing a Rural Community Survey for Cumbria
- iv) Cumbria County Council – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Inspector's report
- v) Cumbria County Council – consultation on planning design guide
- vi) CALC - LDNP Management Plan 2015-2020

Prior to the following business the Chairman moved the resolution:

'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted'

125. Staffing

RECEIVED a report from the Clerk following interviews held on 20th September 2017 for the post of Senior Gardener.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to seek appropriate professional HR advice if necessary to be funded from the contingency provision in the 2017/18 budget.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Chairman

Date