

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 19th October 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Susan Leighton

Councillors

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), PCSO Catherine Smith, 2 members of the press, and 1 member of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting, representatives of United Utilities provided an update on progress to date on the West Cumbria Supply project and forthcoming work affecting Keswick. It was estimated that this would take between 18 months and 2 years (subject to confirmation). Information was also provided about the Legacy Fund to be managed by Cumbria Community Foundation which was due to be launched in November 2017. Councillors asked for a representative from Keswick to be included on the Grants Panel.

126. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Burn (illness), Dr Geoff Davies and Borough Councillor Ron Munby.

127. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2017 (pages 22-26).

128. Requests for Dispensations

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

129. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on the agenda were received from:
Councillor Daniels - item 8 (i) application no. T/2017/0163 (member of Keswick Community Housing Trust) and application no. 7/2017/2225 (friend of the applicant).

130. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing team for September. 20 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during September 2017 with 7 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month (this compared with a total of 38 incidents for the same period in 2016). PCSO Catherine Smith was in attendance and answered questions from Councillors.

131. Matters to be received from the Public

Simon Jackson, Head of Keswick School, updated Councillors on the position regarding the proposed sale by Cumbria County Council of land adjacent to the school. Councillors were concerned at the lack of notification to local representatives about forthcoming land disposals and asked the Clerk to write to the County and Borough Councils to request that the ward representatives be notified of plans for any future disposals affecting Keswick.

132. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Kendall provided an update on progress with the safety audit on the Market Square and said that the report would be available for the next Town Council meeting.

133. 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/2017/0156	T5 - Lop low level branches Land to rear of 19 Brandlehow Crescent <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
T/2017/0163	W1 - Crown lift trees 4-5 metres and prune to create clearance from buildings Calvert Way <i>Support - sensible management of trees</i> SUPPORT
T/2017/0168	Mature Oak, Quercus Robur (T1) Dead wooding to mature limbs of tree Derwent Service Station, Penrith Road <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2218	Works to an existing house conversion to improve external access to the three flats within (with the addition of an extension stairwell to replace the existing entrance porch) and add to external amenity with 2 no new balconies. Internal renovation works. 24 Stanger Street <i>Support - a vast improvement, sensible renovation on a tired looking property. Heritage qualities not affected by this application</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2224	Retention of internal refurbishment of flood damaged properties and replacement windows and doors Brigham Forge Cottages, Forge Lane <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2225	Erection of new dwelling without complying with condition no 2 of application ref 7/2015/2234 - enlargement of side extension, and addition of patio doors Garden House, 38 Southey Street <i>Support - LDNPA wording misleading as this is only a slight change to original approved application whilst it was being constructed i.e. not completed</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2236	New single storey dwelling and access Fern Lea, Penrith Road <i>Object - very tiny space to put a house, very little information given and this looks to be inappropriate for the size of the garden/plot</i> OBJECT
7/2017/2237	Construction of a Rowing Boat storage area and placement of storage containers and portable welfare units Area of land at Isthmus <i>Neutral – but concerns regarding appearance of containers in a sensitive area – need to be well screened.</i> NEUTRAL

7/2017/2247 Use as a dwelling house
8 Southey Street
Support – application for information only
SUPPORT

7/2017/2250 Proposed local needs dwelling
Meadow Sweet, Lonsties
Support - nice to see another house for local occupancy, ample garden area for this development, neighbours consulted.
SUPPORT

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

134. Vacancy on the Planning Group

RESOLVED that no action be taken pending the filling of the vacancy on the Council.

135. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 15th September 2017 – 12th October 2017.

136. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

i) Allerdale Borough Council)

ii) Cumbria County Council)

Councillor Lywood reported on progress with new car parking signs and work on the Moot Hall. He confirmed that 'No overnight parking' signs would be installed at Longbridge, Portinscale and that Highways England had agreed to fund repairs to the old railway line footpath to Threlkeld. The County Council were looking at areas where mobility crossings were required and Councillor Pugmire asked for one to be provided at a location in the Castlerigg/Rakefoot area.

iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative

137. Payment of Accounts

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

i) The Town Council, vouchers 137 – 162 amounting to £27,981.85 (twenty seven thousand, nine hundred and eighty one pounds and eighty five pence)

ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP108 – FP128 amounting to £23,205.10 (twenty three thousand, two hundred and five pounds and ten pence)

138. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the quarterly budgets.

139. Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

RESOLVED that the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 including the Certificate of Conclusion of the External Audit be approved and accepted.

140. County Square War Memorial Update

Consideration was given to the report of Councillor Miller following a War Memorial Condition Survey workshop he had attended in Carlisle on 4th October. He recommended that any necessary work be carried out before the November 2018 Remembrance Services.

RESOLVED that the fixings on the bronze plaque be replaced and the paving surrounding the memorial be improved, and that external funding be sought to supplement the £2,000 set aside in the Council's budget.

141. Provision of CCTV in Keswick

RECEIVED an update from Councillor Kendall. Further report to be brought to next meeting.

142. PUPs Clock

Consideration was given to a report on the condition of the 'Pups' Clock on the Council building.

RESOLVED that a new clock control system be fitted to be funded from the Market Towns grant for 2017/18 from Allerdale BC.

143. Works to B5289 Borrowdale Road

Consideration was given to a request from Borrowdale Parish Council for the Town Council to support a programme of roadworks to the B5289 which would necessitate road closures for approximately 3 weeks in late January/early February 2018.

RESOLVED that the Town Council's support be given for the proposed works which will be of long term benefit.

144. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that Councillor Miller be appointed as the Town Council's representative at the Keswick Convention Liaison meetings.

145. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 22nd September 2017.

146. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Peter Knowles – Olympic style rowing on Derwentwater
- ii) Mrs Mary Douglas – dogs in Keswick
- iii) Sally Bickerdyke – creation of a show ground for Keswick
Note: letter to be referred to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- iv) United Utilities – update on West Cumbria supply project
- v) RAF Spadeadam – RAF Centenary Celebrations
Note: Keswick Parks/Keswick in Bloom/Friends of Keswick Parks to be asked to consider providing a flower bed as suggested.
- vi) Cumbria County Council – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan Adoption

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'

147. Contracting – Internal Audit

Consideration was given to the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that Ian Smithson be appointed as the Town Council's Internal Auditor for the next three years (2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20) on the terms outlined in the report.

148. Staffing

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Chairman

Date