

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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11th January 2018

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm. The press and public are welcome to attend.

Lynda Walker

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Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Minutes**
To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 21st December 2017 (pages 36 -40).
3. **Requests for Dispensations**
The Clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
4. **Declarations of Interests**
To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting). Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

If a member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting

5. **Police Attendance**
To receive the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team (a Police Community Support officer will attend when on duty and available).
6. **Matters to be received from the Public**
Such matters may be received throughout the meeting, however items raised should not be discussed for longer than 10 minutes and the Chairman reserves the right to curtail repetitious matters. Public participation shall not be longer than half an hour throughout the meeting.
7. **Matters to be raised by Councillors**
An opportunity for Councillors to raise any unforeseen matters which are not on the agenda, with the consent of the Chair, and which do not require a decision – items raised should not be discussed for longer than 10 minutes.

- 8. Applications for Development**
- i) To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Lake District National Park Authority
 - ii) To receive update on National Park planning decisions
- 9. Planning Application 7/2017/2298 – Activity Hub at Thirlmere**
To consider what comments, if any, should be submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority on the planning application for an activity hub at Thirlmere. Details of the application are available on the Lake District National Park Authority website:
<http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/planning/planning-application-search-tool>
- 10. Mayor's Report**
To receive details of the Mayor's engagements and meetings attendance for the period 15th December 2017 – 11th January 2018.
- 11. Reports from Ward Representatives**
To receive reports from the following representatives:
- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives
 - ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative
 - iii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative
- 12. Council Tax Consultation – Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner**
To consider response to the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's consultation on increasing the Council Tax for a band D property by nearly £12 per year to boost the number of police officers visible and present in local communities (copy of email enclosed). For full media release go to:
<https://cumbria-pcc.gov.uk/pcc-offers-more-police-officers-on-the-beat-for-cumbria/>
For the Commissioner's video message go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyUt7-MpgZ0&feature=youtu.be>
- 13. Allerdale BC – Budget Consultation 2018-19**
To consider response, if any, to the above consultation which closes on 19th January – available at <https://cumbria.citizenspace.com/allerdale-borough-council/budget-consultation-2018-19/> - and to note the proposal to remove the annual £10k town centre funding which has been available over the last three years.
- 14. Payment of Accounts**
To confirm the payment of accounts for January 2018 as approved by the Inspection Committee (to be circulated at the meeting):
- i) For the Town Council
 - ii) For the Trusts
- 15. Quarterly Budgets**
To receive for information the third quarter budget comparisons.
- 16. Schedule of Meetings**
To approve the Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2018/19.
- 17. Clerk's Report**
To consider the Clerk's report.
- 18. Steering Group Minutes**
To receive for information the draft notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held on 5th December 2017.
- 19. Correspondence**
To receive the following correspondence:
- i) CALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party 31st May 2018 – nomination request
 - ii) Lake District National Park Authority – Local Plan Review consultation
 - iii) Highways England – Strategic Road Network Initial Report

- iv) CKP Railways – update no. 64 and request for letter of support

Prior to the following business the Chairman will move the following 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’

20. Contracting – Floral Displays Tender

To consider the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

21. Office Accommodation

To receive an update from the Clerk.

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 21st December 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Susan Leighton

Councillors

David Burn	Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Graham Kendall	Duncan Miller
Jean Murray	Adam Paxon	Martin Pugmire
Paul Titley		

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), Dr Geoff Davies (LDNPA NDA Parishes rep), PCSO Todd Stuart, 1 member of the press, and 2 members of the public.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Jean Murray who was attending her first meeting since election to the Town Council. The Mayor also referred to the recent tragic death of David Robinson and passed on condolences to his widow and family.

170. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lywood (holiday) and Borough Councillor Ron Munby.

171. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16th November 2017 (pages 31-35).

172. Requests for Dispensations

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

173. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of personal interests in respect of items on the agenda were received from:

Councillor Kemp – item 8 (i) application 7/2017/2193

Councillor Leighton – item 8 (i) applications 7/2017/2303 & 2311

Councillor Daniels – item 8 (i) application T/2017/0191 & 2303 and item 17

All Councillors – item 8 (i) applications 7/2017/0182 & 0201

It was agreed to defer consideration of item 5 pending the arrival of the PCSO.

174. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were raised by members of the public.

175. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Murray raised the issue of the condition of the posts at the old station platform which is owned by Keswick Hotel, and expressed concerns about the stability of the overhead structure. The Responsible Financial Officer confirmed that this issue had been raised with the owners of the hotel who had carried out repair work.

176. 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/2017/0182	Crown reduce 1 holly Lower Fitz Park <i>Declared interest – Applicant is Keswick Town Council</i> DECLARED INTEREST
T/2017/0191	Prune 1 beech and 1 yew Bishops House, Ambleside Road <i>Support – modest and sensible tree management</i> SUPPORT
T/2017/0200	Remove 1 cypress tree Bridge House, Main Street <i>Support - Tree size now inappropriate to location</i> SUPPORT
T/2017/0201	Pruning of London plane tree Market Square <i>Declared interest – Applicant is Keswick Town Council</i> DECLARED INTEREST
T/2017/0204	Sycamore - coppice; Yew - crown lift; Beech - crown lift; Yew - crown reduction 5 Grange Park <i>Support - sensible tree management supported by arboricultural report. Trees are not being felled</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2193	Extensions & alterations to micro-brewery building, shop and visitor areas - Amended plans The Old Brewery, Brewery Lane <i>Support - minimal change to original application as requested by planners</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2293	Replacement of existing garage and sunroom with new garage, sunroom and bedroom Borrowdale, Manor Brow <i>Support - minor changes to application 7/2017/2124</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2296	Outline planning application for residential development with all matters reserved Field off Penrith Road <i>Object - although in the Keswick boundary this new build application is within a greenfield site and also outside the existing building line of the town. This application does not address the affordable housing need. Access to this development is within the deceleration lane from the busy A66 exit and it is not a suitable place for a junction</i> OBJECT
7/2017/2303	The installation of 4No. antennas to be located behind replica replacement GRP (Glass Reinforced Plastic) louvres, the installation of equipment cabinets to be located internally within the church tower, the installation of an electrical meter cabinet, measuring 378 x 171 x 872mm, to be located externally adjacent to the church tower, and ancillary development thereto St John's Church, St John's Street <i>Support - does not seem to be a visual issue</i> SUPPORT

7/2017/2305 The official UNESCO World Heritage Site plaque and installation for the English Lake District. The plaque and a quote from Thomas Gray will be inset into a felled oak tree brought onto Crow Park. Five new oak standards will be planted adjacent. An interpretation panel 650mm (h) x 950mm (w) 3mm Dibond sign within 770mm (h) x 1070mm (w) Oak Frame located at park entrance.
Crow Park, Lake Road
Support - following site visit by Keswick Town Council planning group it was suggested that felled oak plaque be situated approx. 20 metres to the west
SUPPORT

7/2017/2311 Erection of single-storey rear/porch extension for additional living accommodation
41 Millfield Gardens
Support - in keeping and an improvement to this property
SUPPORT

7/2017/2324 A temporary change of use from holiday let to additional office space
7a St John's Street
Support - as a temporary measure, a positive application from local company providing employment
SUPPORT

177. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing team for November. 18 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during November 2017 with 3 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month (this compared with a total of 31 incidents for the same period in 2016). PCSO Todd Stuart was in attendance for this item and answered questions from Councillors. In response to a question from Councillor Murray, he agreed to ascertain whether response times could be included in future reports.

178. Applications for Development (cont)

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

179. Mayor's Report

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

180. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – no report
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – no report
- iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – report from Dr Geoff Davies

181. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 182 – 206 amounting to £41,884.27 (forty one thousand, eight hundred and eighty four pounds and twenty seven pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP137 – FP151 amounting to £60,212.69 (sixty thousand, two hundred and twelve pounds and sixty nine pence)

182. Budget for 2018/2019

The draft budget for 2018/19 was presented for approval together with recommended grant payments to local organisations.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the list of recommended grants be approved with the addition of a £500 grant to Keswick Tourism Association for a webcam subject to this conforming to new Data Protection legislation to be introduced in 2018 (any change to the grant purpose to be subject to prior approval by the Council)
- ii) That the draft Budget for the financial year 2018/19 be approved
- iii) That the precept for 2018/19 be set at £246,700

183. Earmarked Reserves and Funds

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

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the report be approved and that earmarked reserves be set up for the following purposes:

Elections	£6,000
Office & Council Chamber decorating and repairs etc	£5,000
Equipment & furniture (computer, office and Council Chamber)	£5,000
Professional advice	£5,000
Christmas Lights and infrastructure	£5,000
War Memorial	£3,000

It was further **RESOLVED** that a Christmas Lights fund be set up as detailed in the report.

184. Notification of External Auditor Appointment

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the appointment of PKF Littlejohn as the Council's external auditor be noted.

185. Provision of CCTV in Keswick Market Square

Consideration was given to the report of Councillor Burn.

RESOLVED that a CCTV system be installed to cover the Market Square pending the introduction of an area-wide monitored system by Allerdale Borough Council.

186. Market Square Safety Audit Report

Consideration was given to the report of Councillors Kendall and Lywood including the Keswick Town Centre Environmental Improvements Stage 4 Road Safety Audit findings.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the findings of the independent report be welcomed
- ii) That the Council support the recommendation to flatten the kerbs in the Market Square
- iii) That the constructive response of Cumbria County Council be welcomed and that they be requested to implement the recommendations as soon as possible.

187. Request for Grant - Keswick Community Housing Trust

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick Community Housing Trust for financial support from the Council's earmarked reserve for 'Support for Local Housing'.

RESOLVED that the request be approved and a grant of £3,600 p.a. for three years be provided from the Local Housing reserve fund

188. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

189. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED the report of Councillor Titley – Keswick Tourism Association representative.

The Mayor thanked the Tourism Manager and her team for all their hard work.

190. Report on Keswick Ministries' Town Liaison Meeting

RECEIVED the report of Councillor Miller on the Town Liaison Meeting held on 21st November 2017.

191. Committee and Steering Group Minutes

RECEIVED for information the draft Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 21st November 2017 and the notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held on 7th November 2017.

192. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Under Skiddaw Parish Council – email from Clerk regarding road safety concerns
RESOLVED that the request from Under Skiddaw Parish Council be supported in principle and that the Parish Council be asked to come forward with suggestions for improvements
- ii) United Utilities – response to letter about Thirlmere Reservoir
- iii) Keep Britain Tidy – The Great British Spring Clean 2018
RESOLVED that the Town Council be registered to participate in the event and the detailed arrangements be referred to the Events Committee
- iv) Allerdale BC – Allerdale Local Plan Part (2) consultations

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193. Contracting - Provision of CCTV in Keswick Market Square

Consideration was given to the report of Councillor Burn.

RESOLVED that a contract be entered into with Chubb Fire & Security Ltd to provide a 4 camera system mounted on the Moot Hall.

194. Staffing - Staffing Committee Minutes

RECEIVED for information the draft Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 30th November 2017 including the annual review of terms and conditions of staff.

195. Proposed Civic Award Scheme

Further consideration was given to the format of and nominations for a Civic Award scheme.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chairman

Date

Planning Applications received between 15/12/2017 to 11/01/2018

Plan ref	Location	Description of Proposed Development
7/2017/2283	16 Derwent Street, Keswick. CA12 5AN	Replacement windows and door on front elevation
7/2017/2312	15 Acorn Street, Keswick. CA12 4EA	Demolition and replacement of dilapidated shared outbuildings
7/2017/2319	Wood Close, 11 Springs Road, Keswick. CA12 4AQ	Erection of two-storey side extension for additional living accommodation
7/2017/2333	1 Manor Cottages, Manor Brow, Keswick. CA12 4AS	Detached garage (revised position following approval 7/2017/2195)
7/2017/2335	16 Heads Mount, Keswick. CA12 5EY	Single storey rear extension
7/2017/2336	Fine Design, 35 Lake Road, Keswick. CA12 5DQ	Two storey rear extension
7/2017/2337	White Wicket, Lonsties, Keswick. CA12 4TD	Single storey rear extension and side extension - resubmission of approval ref 7/2016/2248
7/2017/2339	The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, 2-6 Bank Street, Keswick. CA12 5JY	Conversion of existing car park & passage at rear of pub to beer garden
7/2017/2341	Bristowe Hill, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick. CA12 5PG	Proposed local needs dwelling
7/2017/2350	Lingmell Bungalow, The Heads, Keswick. CA12 5ET	Extension to North and East elevations to form new kitchen and extended living area.
7/2017/2351	22 Lakeland Park, Keswick. CA12 4AT	Front and side extension
7/2017/2354	7 Brandlehow Crescent, Keswick. CA12 4JE	Extensions & alterations
7/2018/2001	12 Manor Park, Keswick. CA12 4AA	Alteration and extension to dwelling to provide accessible living accommodation
7/2018/2002	32 Briar Rigg, Keswick. CA12 4NN	Extensions & alterations to make dwelling suitable for disabled person

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Interested parties are invited to let the Town Clerk have their comments, in writing, prior to the meeting regarding any of the planning applications on this sheet.

Decisions Received from LDNPA

Planning Decisions Received between 15/12/2017 & 11/01/2018

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
T/2017/0201	January-18	Market Square	CA12 5BE	London plane - crown reduce by 25%	DECLARED INTEREST	No Tree Preservation Order to be served - may proceed to carry out works CONFIRMED		
7/2016/2211	December-16	Waters Edge, Lake Road	CA12 5DJ	Proposed new orangery to replace existing conservatory along with external ground works to provide a proper boat launch ramp with vehicle access to Derwent Water plus a new erosion protection system incorporating a level lawn	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2017/2193	August-17	The Old Brewery, Brewery Lane	CA12 5BY	Extensions & alterations to micro-brewery building, shop and visitor areas	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2017/2198	August-17	12 Greta Street	CA12 4HS	Confirmation of condition no. 4 of planning approval ref. 7/2017/2138 relating to driveway drainage plan	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	details received acceptable - condition will be met if works undertaken are compliant		
7/2017/2224	September-17	Brigham Forge Cottages, Forge Lane	CA12 4NX	Retention of internal refurbishment of flood damaged properties and replacement windows and doors	SUPPORT	LISTED BUILDING CONSENT		
7/2017/2237	October-17	Area of land at Isthmus		Construction of a Rowing Boat storage area and placement of storage containers and portable welfare units	NEUTRAL	GRANTED		
7/2017/2243	November-17	High Hill Garage, High Hill	CA12 5NY	Approval of details reserved by condition of planning permission 7/2017/2157: condition 13 (external lighting) - redevelopment of existing petrol filling station to provide replacement SPAR convenience store, forecourt alterations	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	details received in respect of condition 13 acceptable		
7/2017/2247	September-17	8 Southey Street	CA12 4EF	Use as a dwelling house	SUPPORT	CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT		
7/2017/2250	September-17	Meadow Sweet, Lonsties	CA12 4TD	Proposed local needs dwelling	SUPPORT	GRANTED		

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
7/2017/2258	November-17	Keswick Hotel, Station Road	CA12 4NQ	Approval of details reserved by condition of planning approval 7/2016/2328; condition 6 (details of vehicle parking, turning and deliveries) 14 bedroom staff accommodation block	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	details received acceptable - condition will be met if works undertaken are compliant		
7/2017/2264	November-17	Bakers Yard, 24A St Johns Street	CA12 5AS	Approval of details reserved by condition on planning permission 7/2016/2202; condition 5 (bin storage) - proposed change of use to 2 no one bedroom dwellings for local social affordable housing and 1 no fully accessible wheelchair (disabled) holiday let	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	details received acceptable - condition will be met if works undertaken are compliant		
7/2017/2265	October-17	HSBC, Market Square	CA12 5BG	Lower the cill level of 2 no. main banking hall windows on the Market Square facade of the building to improve internal daylight and street aspect of the internal ground floor accommodation.	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2017/2269	October-17	7 The Hawthorns	CA12 4LL	Erection of porch and canopy to front elevation (resubmission of 7/2017/2176)	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2017/2271	November-17	High Hill Garage, High Hill	CA12 5NY	Non-material amendment to planning permission ref 7/2017/2157 (redevelopment of petrol filling station) to provide payment hatch to front window	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	NON-MATERIAL VARIATION GRANTED		
7/2017/2272	October-17	28 Southey Street	CA12 4EF	Erection of a single-storey rear extension. Replace existing white UPVC windows with triple glazed white UPVC windows. Replace existing front door with composite door. Introduce doors to the front and rear of the car port. Raise bay window sill heights by 200mm. Reposition existing PV Solar panels. Introduce 2 no. rooflights to front elevation and 1 no. rooflight to rear elevation. Reposition existing rear rooflight in rear elevation not in accordance with condition no. 2 of planning approval ref. 7/2016/2264 (amended design)	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2017/2277	October-17	Lucas Restaurant, High Hill	CA12 5NX	Flood resilience improvements to the existing structure, raising of cill level to 3 no fixed light windows on South East elevation, insertion of full height glass panels above balustrade at first floor level	SUPPORT	GRANTED		

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal Decision
7/2017/2278	October-17	Lucas Restaurant, High Hill	CA12 5NX	Flood resilience improvements to the existing structure, raising of sill level to 3 no fixed light windows on South East elevation, insertion of full height glass panels above balustrade at first floor level- <i>LISTED BUILDING CONSENT</i>	SUPPORT	LISTED BUILDING CONSENT	
7/2017/2281	October-17	Linthwaite, Manor Brow	CA12 4AP	Side extension and garage conversion including raising roof level	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2017/2288	October-17	Windebrowe Chippy, 102 Windebrowe Avenue	CA12 4JD	Convert chip shop back into living accommodation and blocking up access points to front area of property	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2017/2300	December-17	High Hill Garage, High Hill	CA12 5NY	Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2017/2157 (redevelopment of existing petrol filling station) to change structural design and construction measures	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	NON-MATERIAL VARIATION GRANTED	

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 18th January 2018

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE

For period 15th December 2017 – 11th January 2018

Sunday 17 December	Town Carol Service - held at St John's Church, Keswick
Tuesday 19 December	Live Advent Calendar - held at Treeby and Bolton, Lake Road, Keswick
Wednesday 20 December	Live Advent Calendar and Open Day with Gospel Choir and Keswick Ministries - held at Rawsley Centre, Keswick
Friday 22 December	Live Advent Calendar - held at Podgy Paws, Tithebarn Street, Keswick
Monday 25 December	Christmas Day Visits – visits made to, Millfield Care Home, Nether Place Care Centre and Mary Hewetson Cottage Hospital

Supporting Attendance Information:

Town Carol Service - held at St John's Church, Keswick

Sunday 17 December - It was good to see so many of the Town's people there, and to chat to some of them afterwards.

Live Advent Calendar - held at Treeby and Bolton, Lake Road, Keswick

Tuesday 19 December - Another opportunity to support one of the town centre shops and to meet the staff there. Sometimes these more relaxed contacts can prove fruitful when there are discussions to be had over specific concerns (thinking back to the Christmas Lights and outer street plans a few years ago)

Live Advent Calendar and Open Day with Gospel Choir and Keswick Ministries - held at Rawsley Centre, Keswick

Wednesday 20 December - Keswick Ministries Open Day. There were a good number of people there, and for many it was an opportunity to hear the Gospel Choir as well as see the plans regarding the Derwent Project (and meet the architect).

Live Advent Calendar - held at Podgy Paws, Tithebarn Street, Keswick

Friday 22 December - Podgy Paws is a great supporter of Keswick's dog friendly status and promoting responsible dog ownership.

Christmas Day Visits – visits made to, Millfield Care Home, Nether Place Care Centre and Mary Hewetson Cottage Hospital

Monday 25 December - For many people Christmas away from family is a difficult time, especially if health is not good. This was an opportunity to take Christmas Greetings to many who had not been able to get out and enjoy the Town's Festive appearance. And to see what was being planned to make the day special for them.

Lynda Walker

Subject: FW: Council Tax Consultation - Message from Peter McCall, Police and Crime Commissioner

From: Cumbria Association, of Local Councils [<mailto:calc@cumbria.gov.uk>]
Sent: 04 January 2018 11:03
To: Cumbria Association, of Local Councils
Subject: FW: Council Tax Consultation - Message from Peter McCall, Police and Crime Commissioner

Dear Colleague,

Please see the message below from Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall. He would like parish councils to respond to his survey re increasing the police council tax. If your council does not meet before the close date on 19 January, then I think Peter would appreciate it if individual councillors would complete the survey attached.

Samantha Bagshaw
Chief Officer
Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC)

From: McGinley, Linda [<mailto:Linda.McGinley@cumbria.police.uk>]
Sent: 04 January 2018 10:41
To: Cumbria Association, of Local Councils
Subject: Council Tax Consultation - Message from Peter McCall, Police and Crime Commissioner

Dear all,

I want to boost the number of police officers visible and present in your local communities, so today I have launched a consultation asking your views on increasing council tax for a band D property by nearly £12 a year.

In Cumbria, the largest number of properties fall into band B which would pay an additional 78p a month. This is in line with the Government allowing Police and Crime Commissioners greater flexibility to increase council tax levels to help improve the service that the police provide.

Through this consultation I am seeking your support and asking that we together make a really important contribution to protect you and above all to keep us all safe.

To take the survey, which is open until 19 January, please click this [link](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PCCsurvey)
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PCCsurvey>

You can read my full media release [here](https://cumbria-pcc.gov.uk/pcc-offers-more-police-officers-on-the-beat-for-cumbria/) <https://cumbria-pcc.gov.uk/pcc-offers-more-police-officers-on-the-beat-for-cumbria/>

You can listen to my video message [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyUt7-MpgZ0&feature=youtu.be) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyUt7-MpgZ0&feature=youtu.be>

Many thanks

Peter McCall

Lynda Walker

Subject: FW: Town Centre £10k funding 2018/19

From: Broomfield, Joe [<mailto:joe.broomfield@allderdale.gov.uk>]

Sent: 03 January 2018 16:33

To: Sheila Brown (cockermonthtowncouncil@btconnect.com); Lynda Walker; Wendy Jameson (townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk)

Cc: Magean, Toni; Kennedy, Graham

Subject: Town Centre £10k funding 2018/19


Please can you make Town Councillors aware that Allerdale Borough Council's annual budget consultation is currently open (<https://cumbria.citizenspace.com/allerdale-borough-council/budget-consultation-2018-19/>) and will close on the 19 January. To address the decline in income the Council receives from central government we will need to deliver savings to address a funding gap of around £3m over the next three years (2018/19 to 2020/21). This is in addition to delivering savings of approximately £1m during 2018/19.

It is currently proposed that the annual £10k town centre funding that has been allocated and spent in conjunction with Allerdale's Town Councils over the last 3 years will not be made available from 2018/19 onwards.

Joe Broomfield | Town Centre Area Manager (Cockermouth, Keswick, Silloth, Wigton)
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21st JUNE	TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
12th JULY	CHARITABLE TRUST MEETING
19th JULY	TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
16th AUGUST	TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
13th SEPTEMBER	CHARITABLE TRUST MEETING
20th SEPTEMBER	TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
18th OCTOBER	TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
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20th DECEMBER	TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7PM
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16th MAY	ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 7.30PM
23rd MAY	ANNUAL TRUST MEETING 7.30PM

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
18 JANUARY 2018

CLERK'S REPORT

UU Legacy Fund

Notification has been received via CALC that the West Cumbria Grants Panel of the Cumbria Community Foundation was due to meet in the week of 8th January to finalise the criteria to be adopted for distribution of the United Utilities Legacy Fund. Hopefully further information will be available for the meeting but it is likely that there will be two types of grants – one between £10k and £30k and a second for grants up to £10k. The aim is to consider the first set of applications in March with a deadline to make the application in late February. The second round will be applications late May with the panel meeting in June.

Deputy Mayor's Chain

Some initial designs have now been produced and Councillors have been invited to visit the workshop to view these and provide some input regarding the final design. Brian Fulton who is now based in Keswick and has previously worked on the Mayoral chain, has generously offered his services for free and he will provide the materials at trade cost. This represents a significant subsidy and approval is sought to fund the replacement Chain from capital reserves – a figure in the region of £1500 is suggested.

Vacancy on the Planning Group

At the November meeting it was resolved to defer the appointment of a fourth Planning Group member until after the by-election. There is no requirement to have four Planning Group members and the three existing ones have indicated that they are happy to continue the status quo until the Annual Council meeting in May when all Committee and Working Group places will be reviewed.

The role of Parish Councils in Planning

Parish Councils have different arrangements for dealing with planning applications – some have a separate Planning Committee whilst others deal with applications as part of the normal agenda. Whilst this is the arrangement which applies to Keswick Town Council i.e. all decisions are taken by full Council, a small group of Councillors (the Planning Group) give up their time to take an in depth look at all applications and advise the full Council on any issues of concern. Plans are available at the office and are displayed in the Council Chamber on the day of Council meetings so that all Councillors can inspect applications.

In commenting on planning applications, it is important that the Council considers **planning issues**. These include:

- Consistency with the development plan for the area
- Traffic and highway safety issues
- Overlooking, loss of privacy and loss of light
- Scale of the development
- Design, appearance, layout and material
- Loss of important open space or physical features
- Noise, disturbance or smells
- Local knowledge of drainage or other possible problems with the surface

- Impact on the surroundings, effect on listed building and conservation area

Issues that are not relevant include:

- Effect on the value of property
- Loss of view over other people's land
- Possible future development not included in the application
- Private property rights such as boundary or access disputes
- Matters covered by other laws
- The morals or motives of the developer

What is important for Councillors to understand is that, when making comments, personal views on the applicant or the planning application are not relevant. Comments on planning applications should be based on relevant considerations taking particular account of the planning authority's Development Plan.

Further information is given on the attached Advice Note – where it refers to 'District Council' please substitute 'National Park Authority' which is the planning authority for Keswick.

LW
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ADVICE NOTE: The Role of Parish Councils in Planning

1. "Being involved in town and country (land use or spatial) planning is, for many Councils, their single most important activity". (*The Good Councillor's Guide – The National Training Strategy for Town & Parish Councils, 3rd edition*)
2. District Councils produce development plans. These set out the District planning policy in and proposals for the area. They identify where development can and cannot take place, the natural and the built environment, and the management of traffic. They will also include neighbourhood plans, where such plans have been produced (see the Advice Notes on the Localism Act 2011 for further information on neighbourhood plans).
3. Although there are a number of exceptions, anyone wishing to develop must apply to the District Council for planning permission. The District will forward one copy of the application and the plans to the Parish Council. People living in the vicinity of the proposed development will in some cases be told that they can inspect the plans at the Parish Council Offices.
4. Parish Councils have different arrangements for dealing with planning applications. Some have a separate Planning Committee while others deal with planning applications as part of the normal agenda. The Parish Council is normally given 21 days to comment.
5. In commenting on planning applications, it is important that the Council considers planning issues. These include:
 - consistency with the development plan for the area
 - traffic and highway safety issues
 - overlooking, loss of privacy and loss of light
 - scale of the development
 - design, appearance, layout and material
 - loss of important open space or physical features
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6. Special rules apply for listed buildings, conservation areas and trees (some are protected by Tree Preservation Orders). Planning permission is needed for advertisements above a special size.
7. What is important for members to understand is that, when making comments, personal views on the applicant or the planning application are not relevant. Comments on planning applications should be based on relevant considerations taking particular account of the planning authority's development plan and, if it exists, the parish plan.
8. Where a Parish Council submits comments on a planning application, the planning authority, is required to consider the Parish Council's comments. The District Council Planning officers will consider all the comments received and reflect these in the report made to the District Council Planning Committee.
9. As well as determining planning applications, the District Council has an enforcement role. If development appears to have taken place without permission or if the development is more extensive than given in the planning consent, the District Council's enforcement officer may be invited to visit the site and take any necessary follow up action.
10. There are situations where a member serves on both the Parish Council and the planning authority. In such a situation there is no reason why the member cannot consider the planning application at both Parish Council and planning authority level subject to certain requirements.
 - Having expressed a view at a meeting of the Parish Council, it is necessary for the member to consider the matter afresh at a meeting of the planning authority. The member cannot deal with the planning application before the planning authority with a closed mind.
 - A member who, perhaps, makes a statement at the Parish Council meeting saying he has made his mind up on a particular planning application will find himself disqualified from consideration by the planning authority and, if he/she participates, runs the risk of challenge.
 - In all cases a member must ensure that he or she does not participate or vote on a matter, if he or she has a disclosable pecuniary interest in that matter or if to do so would be a breach of the relevant council's code of conduct for members.

Keswick Town Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group Meeting Notes

Date: 5th December 2017

Time: 5.30pm

Location: Council Chamber, KTC offices

Present: Revd Charles Hope (CH) (St Johns Church) - Chair
 Councillors Allan Daniels and Paul Tittle (AD/PT) (Keswick TC)
 Gary Lovatt (GL) (Federation of Small Businesses)
 Shelagh Hughes (SH) (Headteacher, St Hertbert's School)
 Tom Woof (TW) (Prospus)
 Lynda Walker (LW) (Town Clerk)
 Heather Askew (HA) (Admin Support)

Apologies: Paula Allan (PA) (Lake District National Park Authority)
 Bill Bewley (BB) (Keswick Community Housing Trust)
 Councillor Tony Lywood
 Jim Wilson (JW) (Chair Underskiddaw Parish Council)

No.	Item
1.	Minutes of last meeting- the minutes of the last meeting held on 9 th November 2017 were agreed as a correct record.
2.	<p>Issues List</p> <p>PA passed on her apologies for not having time to review the list before this meeting.</p> <p>Working Group agreed to work through the list a second time to start concentrating on the main points.</p> <p>Reviewed and discussed from Employment/workshop provision to Affordable Housing.</p> <p>Comments shown in red on matrix attached to these minutes as well as actions allocated.</p> <p>GL shared a number of reports to provide baseline evidence for some of the issues. These will be shared to the documents library.</p> <p>CH raised the question of whether a Community Economic Development Plan could/should be done in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan. Could be particularly relevant in post Brexit/ post UNESCO environment, so as not to become a pure tourism destination.</p> <p>LW pointed out that there Economic Development work is already being undertaken by Allerdale Borough Council and the LEP amongst others.</p> <p>There was a discussion about how best to fit the Neighbourhood Plan into LEP plan and the Tourism Plan.</p>
3.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 30th January 2018 at 5.30 pm in the Council Chamber.</p>

Action list

No.	Description	Owner
1.	Allerdale Housing Needs information – documentation to be supplied for 'dropbox' library	AS/TW
2.	TW to review issues list and share with PA in advance of next meeting	TW
3.	TW to check what is achievable percentage for housing proposals to provide from decentralised or low carbon sources.	TW
4.	TW to circulate map of areas being discussed for economic development via dropbox library	TW
5.	TW to ask PA on what National Park plan to do with regard to Future Flood Resilience.	TW
6.	Parking survey – is evidence available from Allerdale/County or Parking Pressure group?	
7.	Agenda for next meeting on 30 January 2017 and produce minutes/action list from this meeting. Note – large scale plan to be available at all meetings.	HA

Lynda Walker

From: Cumbria Association, of Local Councils <calc@cumbria.gov.uk>
Sent: 08 January 2018 13:10
To: Cumbria Association, of Local Councils
Subject: FW: BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTIES 2018 - 31st May 2018
Attachments: 4 - 31st May 2018.docx

Dear Colleague

NALC has been requested by the Lord Chamberlain's office to inform member councils that Her Majesty will be hosting a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on **31st May 2018** and Cumbria Association has been allocated 4 places.

If you would like to nominate someone to attend the Royal Garden Party can you please complete the attached form and email it to the CALC office by **Tuesday 30th January**. When completing the nomination form please take the following advice from the Lord Chamberlain's office into account: -

- Invitations are in recognition of **PAST** service as Chairmen of Parish Council and Town Mayors in England and it is therefore appropriate that outgoing members, rather than those newly elected, should be invited to attend.
- Guests should **NOT** have previously attended a Garden Party.
- It is essential that all details given to me are correct as inaccuracies have, in the past, caused distress and embarrassment. Please therefore ensure that all names and addresses reflect each guests' form of identification that they will be asked to bring with them e.g. Passport, driving licence to allow them to gain access to the event. *For example, ie if somebody is known as Mike but the name as it appears on their passport is Michael John, please ensure that this is written on the form.*
- Ensure all nominated guests are accompanied, with each guest ideally being accompanied by one guest only.
- No one under the age of 18 years is nominated as a guest or to accompany a guest.
- Guests who require assistance **MUST** be accompanied and this must be made clear on the form. The entrance to and the grounds of the palace is accessible by wheelchair and disabled parking is close to the palace entrance. If disabled parking is required, this must be made clear.
- All nominated guests must be British or European Union citizens, although their guest(s) may be of other nationalities. However all guests, nominated or accompanying, must be resident in the United Kingdom.
- Buckingham Palace have specifically stated that late changes to nominations cannot not be entertained by the palace.
- Please note that there will be no parking facilities available for guests with the exception of disability badge holders (blue badge holders) which should be noted on the form. The palace will contact that guest requesting details of the disability badge.

Once all nominations have been received by CALC they will be placed in a hat and the guests to be invited to attend will be drawn at random.

Kind regards,

Lynda Walker

From: Sandra Edmondson <Sandra.Edmondson@lakedistrict.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 January 2018 15:43
To: Hanna Latty
Cc: Sandra Edmondson
Subject: Local Plan Review consultation message to Parish Clerk's

Dear Parish Clerk

In Spring of this year we will be holding a public consultation on the Local Plan Review. As usual, we are trying to reach as many members of our communities as possible, and are always looking for new ways to do this.

Therefore, as well as using social media to advertise the consultation, we are making some short video clips demonstrating how planning policy impacts on daily life, debunk myths around difficulties with planning/development in the NP, call to action for people to get involved in the local plan review and promote design excellence, and we hope that we can share these videos with as many of our local communities as possible. I would be grateful, therefore, if you could let me know of any events, cinema evenings, Young Farmers, WI, bingo/whist drives etc, where it might be appropriate to show these clips, or, indeed, if you know of any other way in which we could consult your community (we are always open to suggestions).

We will of course be producing posters to advertise the consultation, and providing copies of the documents at our deposit locations, as well as notifications placed in the local press. But if you have any other suggestions, please let us know.

Thank you

Sandra

Sandra Edmondson
Strategy & Partnership Administrator
Lake District National Park Authority
Direct: 01539 792663



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From: Cumbria Association, of Local Councils <calc@cumbria.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 January 2018 10:55
To: Cumbria Association, of Local Councils
Cc: Cumbria Association, of Local Councils
Subject: Department for Transport's public consultation on future funding on the SRN.

Dear Colleague

In the week before Christmas we received the note below. You will see links to the Highways England report and to a consultation paper

Parishes may wish to respond by using the link in the message.

Best regards


Sonia


Sonia Hutchinson
Cumbria Association of Local Councils

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Today Highways England publishes our first Strategic Road Network Initial Report. The Initial Report sets out our advice to government about where we believe priorities should be focused for the second road period, which runs between 2020 and 2025.

It is based on extensive engagement we have undertaken and evidence we have gathered on the Strategic Road Network. This has enabled us to develop a better understanding of how people use and are affected by our network. We've also considered the trends that will affect future road use so we also set out our emerging long-term vision for the future.

Although the report does not recommend specific schemes, it shows how we are developing our thinking on the future investment priorities across the country. We want your views on whether these are the right areas

to focus on for the second road investment period. The full report is published on our website so please take time to read it.

In summary, our findings show:

- **We must continue to focus on our operations, maintenance and renewals:** these essential areas lay the foundation for a safe, reliable and resilient network. We must continue to focus our efforts in these areas to deliver the service our customers expect.
- **Build the Smart Motorways spine of the network:** These are enhancing capacity between our major cities and our advice is to continue to develop the Smart Motorway network through the second Road Period.
- **Rollout expressways:** Driving forward the ambition from the first Road Investment Strategy to develop an expressway network.
- **Transformational investments need to be undertaken:** It is clear that, while taking advantage of new technologies on existing roads is important, there are places where we need to implement the next generation of transformational schemes.
- **Our investment programme must be balanced and also deliver small and medium schemes:** Highways England wants to ensure that there is sufficient funding for medium and small-sized schemes alongside transformational investments
- **Working with our stakeholders to redefine our Designated Funds to increase their reach:** We want to continue to invest in Designated Funds in RIS2 and would like to work with our stakeholders to improve them
- **Preparing for the future:** We want to respond to longer term developments that could transform our roads, such as electrification and autonomous vehicles, and enable this through pilots and appropriate investment.

The SRN initial report forms part of the Department for Transport's public consultation on future funding on the SRN. This starts today and runs for eight weeks.

I urge you and your organisation to take part as it is vitally important that your views continue to inform investment decisions.

We could not have reached this point without a wide range of stakeholder input so thank you to everyone for their contributions to date. We look forward to continuing to work with you as we develop our plans over the coming years.

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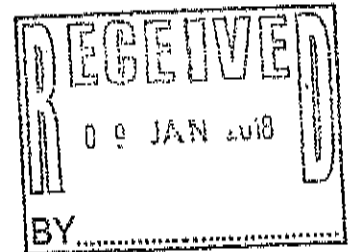
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Penrith

04th January 2018

To: Lynda Walker
Town Clerk
Keswick Town Council
Council Offices,
Main Street,
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Cumbria,
CA12 5JS



Dear Lynda,

KESWICK TO PENRITH RAILWAY RE-OPENING – A NEW PUSH

Following the May 2017 elections, the balance of political power in Cumbria shifted with more politicians at all levels keen to push for re-instatement of the Keswick to Penrith Railway to deliver environmental, social and economic benefits to a wide area.

We (CKP Railways plc) have been working since the mid 1990s to re-open the Keswick and Penrith railway as an independently managed extension to the national rail network and invite existing Train Operators to extend their services across the north of Britain into the North Lakes.

Given the connectivity between Keswick, Penrith and Carlisle, the completely different nature of the tourism market in the North Lakes, the presence of an active business community and the potential to improve access to the Cumbrian Coast, annual passenger numbers are expected to reach 450,000, exceeding those on the Windermere branch.

The Windermere and Keswick lines would complement each other, not cause any abstraction of use. Together they could significantly increase the Lake District's proportion of non-car travel.

We have created a design package including detailed mapping, alignment and bridge designs, scheme description report, environmental impact assessments and initial business case report. Our supporters provided around £400,000 of funding for design and development. Our own input plus contributions brings the total closer to £1 million invested over many years. We have yet to hear of people voluntarily funding a road scheme on such a scale.

Construction and Operation of the railway will require a Transport and Works Order (TWO), for which an application has to go to national Government, via the Department for Transport (DfT).

The DfT would first check with Local Authorities whether the proposed railway complies with local plans and policies and meets a local need.

Key to that stage is Cumbria County Council, the "Local Transport Authority" (LTA).

National Government expects every LTA to comprehensively describe its area's transport needs and explain how they can be met – whether by the Local Authorities, private sector development or other means. The LTAs should also encourage developments which meet their areas' needs.

The Keswick and Penrith railway project was mentioned in the Cumbria Local Transport Plan in the late 1990s but omitted from later versions – giving the impression that Cumbria County Council does not want the railway. The chances of obtaining a TWO would be low and this prospect means that private sector investment will not be committed.

The DfT is well aware of our work and regards this as a project of local and regional significance – meaning that it should be developed independently and promoted by Local Authorities without national Government intervention.

Rail North (of which Cumbria County Council was a founding member) is also well aware of the project and has positive views, but can only provide support once Cumbria County Council brings this project to the table.

The DfT noted in 2012 that this project was not yet a priority for Cumbria County Council (the Local Transport Authority). Officers and Members have expressed support for the Keswick and Penrith railway project over the years but the Leadership has declined to take it forward. National Government will not impose a project which the local authorities appear not to want.

A few years ago the head of the Northwest Regional Development Agency commented that the railway project's time had perhaps not yet come.... with the grant of World Heritage Site status for the Lake District in 2017 and pressure to reduce environmental impact, perhaps it is already overdue.

Cumbria County Council has long focussed on the Cumbrian Coastal Railway because of Energy Coast developments – but there is no good reason why the Keswick and Penrith line could not develop in parallel.

The Keswick and Penrith railway would complement, not detract from, the County Council's efforts elsewhere and would show Cumbria as a more vibrant, sensitively developing, area.

We have been ready to move to the next stage since 2007, but cannot commit to a process which would cost many hundreds of thousands of pounds with a low probability of success.

Cumbria County Council's formal endorsement is absolutely essential to obtain the necessary permissions to build and operate the new railway.

We are not asking Cumbria County Council for funding or to manage the railway project.

We have spoken with private investors who have indicated the availability of "tens of millions" of funding and are genuinely interested in delivering the railway, not just financial returns.

There are other potential commercial partners to build and operate the railway – some of whom also have access to appropriate funding.

PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS – Keswick and Penrith railway

- 1995 initial technical and commercial assessments by Cedric Martindale
- 1998 CKP Railways plc formed
- 2000 Bonds launched which eventually raised nearly £400,000 for development work
- 2003 a full set of alignment plans produced by Corus Rail Infrastructure Services, a scheme description report, bridge designs, virtual reality models of critical new sections, costings and basic environmental impact assessments in place.
- 2007 a business case report sponsored by the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA) confirmed the costings and estimated Benefit to Cost Ratios (BCR) from 1.3 to over 3.0
Train Operators, Local Authorities, Tourism and Business organisations all contributed to the 2007 NWDA study, generally confirming local public and business support and recognition of the social, environmental and economic benefits which the railway will bring.
- 2009 Keswick Town Council became the project's "Public Sector Champion"
- 2010 the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) included protection of the route in its core policies, having identified re-opening of the railway to Keswick and even further west as a key to achieving a "Low Carbon Lake District"
- 2014 a Planning Inspector upheld the LDNPA's refusal of planning permission for an application which would have blocked the line, to facilitate re-opening

YOUR LETTER CAN HELP

So, could we please ask you to provide us with a letter of support which we could use openly to demonstrate broad and serious interest in using the new railway ?

Please feel free to use your own words to describe the commercial, environmental, social or other benefits for the area and from your organisation's perspective.

Please feel free to use any material from our website www.keswickrailway.com – there are links there to various useful reports as well as our own material.

These letters could act as "mini briefings" for other local politicians to use in their approaches to the County Council, containing a few key facts and arguments from each perspective.

Please post your letter of support to us at:

CKP Railways plc, 1 Solway Park, Morton West, CARLISLE, Cumbria, CA2 6TH.

We would prefer original hard copy letters so that authenticity can be verified if necessary.

We look forward to your support and to working with you on the next phase.

Yours sincerely,



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WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM THE KESWICK AND PENRITH RAILWAY

Young people

Would be able to travel between the North Lakes, Penrith and Carlisle for education, employment and leisure without relying on lifts.

"Pay as you go" transport – no preconditions. No vehicle to buy or insure.

No age barrier – unlike a driving licence.

Help to reverse the increasing age profile of the Lake District by increasing access to local opportunities for education and employment.

Families

Anyone who is not working can travel around without needing to rely on lifts from the breadwinner.

Reduce need to spend on second or third cars to provide family mobility. Enrich social lives – all are free to travel at any time

Older people

No need to own a car – an issue if unable to hold a driving licence.

No need to rely on lifts.

Freedom to travel long distances quickly at any time.

Public transport operators

All visitors arriving by train will be customers for local public transport – buses, boats, taxis.

All operators would benefit from more customers.

Local Communities

Reduce the uncertainty surrounding subsidised bus services – a lottery each year whether they survive or not.

The area becomes more accessible and has increased opportunities for all age groups, helping to stem the outward flow of younger people.

Local Authorities

Improved connectivity will stimulate local business in an environmentally friendly manner. Economic growth.

More customers for local public transport services, especially connecting bus routes, should reduce need for subsidies.

Subsidies can disappear at short notice – and so do the subsidised transport services. Unsubsidised services are more likely to be permanent – so people can plan their lives around them, going to work etc.

More balanced local population should ease pressure on social and medical services.

Accommodation businesses

North Lakes would gain fast daily transport links with student populations in Penrith and Carlisle – potentially large sources of seasonal workers.

Reduce costs of bringing in seasonal workers – less need to provide staff accommodation – increase numbers of letting rooms and boost profitability.

Local businesses

With inter-regional rail links, the North Lakes becomes a more attractive location for knowledge based businesses.

Direct trains to major cities and airports in the North (Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, York, Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham are all possible) will put Keswick "on the map" for business.

Bus is not usually considered a realistic mode of transport for business trips apart from very short connections in urban areas.

High value businesses

Many business owners choose to locate in Cumbria, not just the Lake District.

They need rail links to regional airports for fast business travel for themselves and to bring in (and impress) clients.

Such people do not work regular hours or standard weeks. Transport to airports etc should operate most of the day and night.

Visitor attractions throughout the Lake District

Less need to provide parking spaces as increasing proportions of visitors arrive by public transport.

Reduced costs, reduced environmental impacts, help protect scenic beauty which attracts visitors.

Visitors from overseas

More choice of destinations in the Lake District, Eden Valley, North and West Cumbria.

A large proportion of overseas visitors arriving by air will use rail to reach their destinations and plan their itineraries using rail links – to maximise use of their time in the UK.

Most overseas visitors do not want to hire cars – they expect fast public transport links. Destinations without railway stations are off their itineraries.

Many Asian people get very limited vacations and want to see as many places in a short time. They do not want to drive in an unfamiliar country and language. For many it is a "trip of a lifetime". They spend well for a good experience.

Destinations without railway stations miss out on these visitors.

UK visitors

Many people would prefer not to drive to the Lake District. Some come, but not as often as they would like. Driving maximises their time in the area, especially on short breaks.

Some car users do not come at all for various reasons including congestion further south – but would come by train.

Many more who would like to come do not have access to cars, often by choice.

Accommodation owners in Keswick who offered discounts for visitors arriving by public transport had a good take up.

