

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Susan Leighton

Councillors

David Burn	Allan Daniels	Denstone Kemp
Graham Kendall	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Jean Murray	Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), PCSO Catherine Smith, 1 member of the press, and 6 members of the public.

196. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jordan (holiday) and Paxon, and Dr Geoff Davies (National Park Authority).

197. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21st December 2017 (pages 36 -40) subject to the amendment of Minute No. 185 to read ‘...pending the *possible* introduction...’

198. Requests for Dispensations

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

199. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of personal interests in respect of items on the agenda were received from:
Councillor Lywood – item 9 (member of Lake District National Park Authority)
Councillor Pugmire – item 8 (i) application no. 7/2017/2354 (near neighbour)

200. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing team for December. 16 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during December 2017 with 8 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month (this compared with a total of 32 incidents for the same period in 2016). PCSO Catherine Smith was in attendance for this item and answered questions from Councillors. The Mayor thanked the police for their work over the Christmas and New Year period.

201. Matters to be received from the Public

Two members of the public voiced objections to planning application no. 7/2017/2339 (Conversion of existing car park and passage at rear of pub to beer garden at The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Bank Street). Concerns were expressed relating to increased noise levels in close proximity to residential properties and hotel bedrooms, increase in antisocial behaviour, the size of the proposal, ability of staff to manage the additional customers and difficulties of servicing deliveries at the pub.

202. Matters to be raised by Councillors

No matters were raised by Councillors.

203. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development
	Location
7/2017/2283	Replacement windows and door on front elevation 16 Derwent Street <i>Support - absolutely needs to be done and a very welcome application re this property</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2312	Demolition and replacement of dilapidated shared outbuildings 15 Acorn Street <i>Support - sensible and much needed improvement</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2319	Erection of two-storey side extension for additional living accommodation Wood Close, 11 Springs Road <i>Support - ample room for extension and compliments existing street scene. Suggest there should be a limit on the hours/days the building works are carried out.</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2324	A permanent change of use from holiday let to additional office space - <i>resubmission of application from temporary to permanent</i> 7a St Johns Street <i>Support - a positive application from a local company in a commercial area of town and will provide permanent employment</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2333	Detached garage (revised position following approval 7/2017/2195) 1 Manor Cottages, Manor Brow <i>Support - sensible relocation</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2335	Single storey rear extension 16 Heads Mount <i>Support - small pitched roof extension within ample garden ground</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2336	Two storey rear extension Fine Designs, 35 Lake Road <i>Support - small well designed infill development with marginal impact on the location</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2337	Single storey rear extension and side extension - resubmission of approval ref 7/2016/2248 White Wicket, Lonsties NEUTRAL
7/2017/2339	Conversion of existing car park & passage at rear of pub to beer garden The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, 2-6 Bank Street <i>Object for the following reasons:-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>given the pressure on car parking in Keswick it is unwise to sacrifice parking provision for a pub extension when that pub already has substantial external areas</i> • <i>Increased noise and disruption in a residential area</i> • <i>Scale of the development is too large and out of place in a residential area</i>

- *Development is located in a conservation area (some of the building is listed)*
- *Additional lighting installed could be a distraction to vehicles on the highway*

Note - Representations were made at the meeting by residents living in close proximity to the development

OBJECT

- 7/2017/2341** Proposed local needs dwelling
Bristowe Hill, Crosthwaite Road
Support - includes improved access to Bristowe Hill; however will be market led local occupancy and will not meet local need for affordable housing
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2350** Extension to North and East elevations to form new kitchen and extended living area
Lingmell Bungalow, The Heads
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2351** Front and side extension
22 Lakeland Park
Support - looks to be appropriate improvement, sufficient garden ground for development with little impact on neighbours. Suggest there should be a limit on the hours/days the building works are carried out
SUPPORT
- 7/2017/2354** Extensions & alterations
7 Brandlehow Crescent
Support - well thought out renovation and appropriate modifications
SUPPORT
- 7/2018/2001** Alteration and extension to dwelling to provide accessible living accommodation
12 Manor Park
Support - Improves appearance and creates new accessible living
SUPPORT
- 7/2018/2002** Extensions & alterations to make dwelling suitable for disabled person
32 Briar Rigg
Support - a substantial development to provide accessible living. Should be a limit on the hours/days the building works are carried out
SUPPORT

Note: item to be placed on agenda for next meeting to consider calling for review of Wetherspoons licence.

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

204. Planning Application 7/2017/2298 – Activity Hub at Thirlmere

Consideration was given to the planning application submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority for an activity hub at Thirlmere.

RESOLVED that the following objections to the proposal be submitted:

- Adverse impact on traffic and highway safety on a main road
- Increased noise will disturb the tranquillity of the area
- Adverse visual impact on a valley of great natural beauty
- Out of keeping with the purpose of the National Park i.e. 'for the quiet enjoyment of the Lake District'

205. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 15th December 2017 – 11th January 2018

206. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – Councillor Pugmire commented on the Borough Council meeting held on 17th January 2018 and Councillor Lywood expressed disappointment at the limitations of the United Utilities (UU) Legacy fund, the details of which had just been announced. It appeared that no weighting was to be given to applications from the Keswick area, which would suffer the greatest disruption. The Clerk was asked to write to United Utilities to seek an explanation and to invite representatives to attend a future Town Council meeting.
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – Councillor Lywood reported that remedial work on the kerbs in the Market Square was moving forward and budget allocations would be sought via the Allerdale Area Committee.
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – no report submitted

207. Council Tax Consultation – Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner

Consideration was given to a request from the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner for views 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.

RESOLVED that no response be submitted.

208. Allerdale BC – Budget Consultation 2018-19

Consideration was given to Allerdale Borough Council's notification of consultation on their budget for 2018-19. A proposal to remove the annual £10k town centre funding which has been available over the last three years was noted.

RESOLVED that no response be submitted.

209. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for January 2018 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment for:

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 208 – 224 amounting to £23,113.98 (twenty three thousand, one hundred and thirteen pounds and ninety eight pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP165 – FP161 amounting to £6,236.55 (six thousand, two hundred and thirty six pounds and fifty five pence)

210. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the third quarter budget comparisons.

211. Schedule of Meetings

RECEIVED and noted the Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2018/19.

212. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

213. Steering Group Minutes

RECEIVED for information the draft notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held on 5th December 2017.

214. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) CALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party 31st May 2018 – nomination request
RESOLVED that Councillor Leighton be nominated for inclusion in the draw for tickets for the Royal Garden Party on 31st May 2018

- 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
- RESOLVED** that a letter of support be submitted

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’

215. Contracting – Floral Displays Tender

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

RESOLVED that the recommendation in the report be approved and the contract be awarded to CGM (Keswick) Ltd.

216. Office Accommodation

RECEIVED an update from the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Chairman

Date