

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 15th February 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman

Councillor Susan Leighton

Councillors

David Burn	Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Tony Lywood	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 (Lake District National Park Authority), 1 member of the press, and 12 members of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting David Thomas and Lauren Strong of Lakeland Rowing Club delivered a presentation about the activities and growth of the Club and the benefits it provides for the local community. The Club was currently submitting a funding bid and the Council agreed to send a letter of support.

217. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kendall (work).

218. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2018 (pages 41 – 45).

219. Requests for Dispensations

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

220. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of personal interests in respect of items on the agenda were received from:
Councillor Leighton – item 8 (i) application no.7/2018/2012 (near neighbour)

221. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing team for January. 19 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during January 2018 with 6 anti-social behaviour incidents reported during the month (this compared with a total of 28 incidents for the same period in 2016). PCSO Catherine Smith was in attendance for this item and answered questions from Councillors. Councillor Murray raised the issue of response times and the Clerk was advised to write to the Chief Constable or Police & Crime Commissioner to ask if this information could be provided in the reports.

222. Matters to be received from the Public

The proprietor of the Cornish Pasty shop in Lake Road (Yannika) raised the issue of new businesses opening in Keswick in premises which required a change of classification of use, without the relevant planning consents. She was concerned that retrospective applications would be approved as the businesses were already operational and employing staff. She felt that Keswick should retain its diversity in the type of shops in town and that national chains should be discouraged.

223. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Lywood said that he had been to a presentation about 'Plastic -free Keswick' and asked for an item on the next agenda to further discuss this issue.

Councillor Titley raised the issue of proliferation of dog poo in the streets of Keswick. He urged dog owners to be responsible and to pick up any mess left by their dogs and asked for an item on the next agenda to discuss ways of combating this problem.

224. 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/2018/0003	T1 - Alder: Reduce height Upper Fitz Park, Station Road <i>Declared interest – Applicant is Keswick Town Council</i> DECLARED INTEREST
T/2018/0017	Remove 1 silver birch Lower Fitz Park, Crosthwaite Road <i>Declared interest – Applicant is Keswick Town Council</i> DECLARED INTEREST
7/2017/2304	Erection of 60 bedroom hotel with associated underground car park, parking and landscaping Ravensfield Residential Home, High Hill <i>Object on the grounds:-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>that the building is too large for the site</i> • <i>that there is not enough parking for both customers and staff</i> • <i>that the underground car park is a major concern and would be dangerous in times of flooding</i> OBJECT
7/2017/2344	Demolition of joinery workshop and builder's storage buildings. Erection of 4 local occupancy dwellings and car parking area Rear of 1-3 Stanger Street <i>Support – subject to the semi-detached houses having 2 car parking spaces each.</i> SUPPORT
7/2017/2353	Permission to increase the designated pavement area outside shop premises for the use of tables and chairs by an additional 60cm (on non- market days) 43 Main Street <i>Support - as long as the tables and chairs stay within the confines along with any A-Boards attached to the business</i> SUPPORT
7/2018/2006	Redevelopment of Keswick Pencil Factory site to provide new site for Keswick Convention comprising 1) renovation and change of use of original pencil factory building to provide offices, meeting and conference space, accommodation and toilets 2) demolition of buildings to north of the site and development of a car parking area to be used for the accommodation of a marquee for the Convention for three weeks in every year and for use by third parties on an occasional short-term basis 3) landscaping of the site The Former Cumberland Pencil Museum, Southey Works, Main Street <i>Support subject to the following conditions:-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>that prior to any construction work taking place the first act of the developer should be to create an access route across the Rawnsley site to the development site. Construction traffic should NOT use Carding Mill Lane as the road is too narrow for traffic of any size to pass in two directions and to reduce the very real risk of damaging that road surface.</i>

- *that efforts must be made to reduce the noise from the event and that the marquee must be sound proofed.*
- *that the evening events should end by 9pm to limit noise affecting neighbours.*
- *that construction noise must also be constrained to 8am – 6pm weekdays and exclude weekends.*

SUPPORT

7/2018/2012 Refurbishment and alteration of the existing property to two separate dwellings
16 Church Street
Support – subject to the ‘additional’ property having a local occupancy clause
SUPPORT

7/2018/2017 The proposed works are to extend the ground floor curtain wall facing into the pedestrian walkway, to alter the shop front facing onto Main Street
8 Museum Square
Support - an improvement to the retail area in keeping with surroundings
SUPPORT

LEG/2018.1292 Proposal to amend Section 106 Agreement
Greta Gardens
Object - the desired extension area does not match and is inconsistent with previous S106 areas. It is suggested that an initial area extension would be the Northern Distinctive Area and further extensions should be subject to separate applications
OBJECT

It was agreed to bring forward item11 (iii)

225. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED the report of Dr Geoff Davies, Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative. Dr Davies also gave an update on the Local Plan review.

Councillor Titley left the meeting at 9.25 pm

226. Applications for Development (cont)

RECEIVED update on National Park planning decisions.

227. Mayor’s Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor’s engagements and meetings attendance for the period 12th January 2018 – 8th February 2018.

228. The Great British Spring Clean – 2nd to 4th March 2018

The Mayor put forward a suggestion that work on cleaning up the tiles of the underpass be done as part of this initiative. She also advised that Keswick Lions were interested in participating in the event. Councillor Jordan said that he had noted a number of areas of the town which required attention.

RESOLVED that a group of Councillors undertake to clean the underpass and that Councillor Jordan prepare a list of areas which require cleaning to be passed onto Keswick Lions Club.

Councillor Titley re-joined the meeting at 9.45 pm

229. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lywood reported that the Borough Council was facing pressure on finances due to Government funding cuts
- Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lywood reported that funding had been secured to progress improvements to the Market Square pedestrian area which would hopefully reduce the number of trips and falls. Councillors thanked Councillors Lywood and Kendall for their work on this.

230. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 225 – 248 amounting to £23,775.07 (twenty three thousand, seven hundred and seventy five pounds and seven pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP179 – FP171 amounting to £52,473.29 (fifty two thousand, four hundred and seventy three pounds and twenty nine pence)

231. Review of Internal Control and Audit

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

RESOLVED that Councillors Daniels and Titley be appointed to carry out a review of the effectiveness of the current system of internal control and audit.

232. Review of Risk Assessment

RECEIVED for adoption the revised Risk Assessment as at February 2018.

RESOLVED that the revised Risk Assessment be approved and adopted.

233. Community Governance Reviews

Consideration was given to a letter from Allerdale Borough Council asking whether the Council would like a Community Governance Review to be carried out in relation to the number of Town Councillors.

RESOLVED that Allerdale Borough Council be requested to undertake a Community Governance Review of Keswick parish boundaries with a view to re-aligning the current boundary with the line of the A66 northern bypass incorporating part of Underskiddaw Parish (the area between the current northern boundary and the A66 including Calvert Way) and to include part of St Johns Castlerigg and Wythburn Parish (12 properties at Lonscale View).

234. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 30th January 2018 and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held on 30th January 2018.

235. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that no additional work be carried out on the Pups Clock pending an application for a grant from the United Utilities Legacy Fund to cover the cost of a full refurbishment.

236. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) United Utilities – response to letter regarding UU Legacy and Tree Funds.
Councillors were disappointed with this response to the request for more funding to be directed towards Keswick as the area which would suffer the greatest disruption from the pipeline project.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Chairman

Date