

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 21st June 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Councillors

Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Graham Kendall	Tony Lywood	Susan Leighton
Adam Paxon	Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), Dr Geoff Davies (National Park Authority NDA Parishes representative), 1 member of the press and 13 members of the public.

28. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miller and Murray (holiday).

29. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2018 (pages 1-6).

30. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that requests for dispensations had been received from Councillors Kendall and Burn in relation to item 18 on the agenda – Living Lakes Local Plan Review. It was considered that this issue could potentially affect all property values in Keswick and the surrounding area and therefore **RESOLVED** that a dispensation be granted to all Councillors to speak and vote on item 18 as without this the number of members prohibited from participating would be so great a proportion of the Council as to impede the transaction of the business. It was further **RESOLVED** that Councillor Burn be granted a dispensation to speak in the interests of persons living in the area in properties which had been affected by flooding (the dispensations to apply for this meeting only).

31. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:-
Councillor Kendall – item 9 (joint owner of a self-catering holiday property in the area concerned).

32. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team for May. PCSO Catherine Smith attended for this item.

33. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were received from the public.

34. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Titley expressed concerns that locals were required to pay full price for parking at, for example, Whinlatter Visitor Centre, and he felt that some concession should be available for regular users. He said that he intended to take this issue up with the relevant bodies and agreed to report back to a future meeting.

35. New Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office

Brian Fulton of Brian Fulton Jewellery presented the new chain of office for the Deputy Mayor which he had designed and made. He explained that the design was based on the Arts & Crafts movement and the chain was made out of Fair Trade silver and carried a unique hallmark which he was qualified to apply. Councillors

thanked Brian for his work and interest in providing a valuable addition to the Town Council's deputy mayoral regalia.

36. Proposed On Street Parking Scheme

Steph Davis-Johnston of Cumbria County Council presented a summary of proposals for the introduction of an on street parking scheme in the Blencathra Street area of Keswick. She explained that the proposal for two hour disc parking in this area with an exemption for residents was in the early stages of design and the effect would be to restrict on street parking to two hours between 8.30 am and 6.00pm daily. Residents would be allocated permits for a maximum of two vehicles per property and visitor parking for 60 days p.a. A number of questions and suggestions were put forward by Councillors and members of the public present which Steph agreed would receive consideration in design of the scheme. Public consultation would follow later in the year.

(Councillor Kendal took no part in the discussion on this item).

It was agreed to bring forward item 12.

37. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes representative – Dr Geoff Davies submitted a written report. The Mayor asked about the recent delegated decision to allow Greta Gardens to widen its local occupancy restriction despite opposition from both the Town Council and Allerdale Borough Council. Dr Davies was unable to comment but suggested that an officer of the authority be invited to a future meeting to explain the reasons for the decision.
(Dr Davies left the meeting).
- ii) Allerdale Borough Council ward representative – Borough Councillor Lywood advised that a meeting was to take place shortly to discuss terms for the sale of the Moot Hall to the Battersby Trust. He also advised that he had been appointed to the United Utilities Legacy Fund panel.
- iii) Cumbria County Council ward representative – County Councillor Lywood reported on a meeting which had taken place with United Utilities when he had been advised that the pipeline project was under budget and ahead of schedule. Minimal disruption for Keswick had been promised with no traffic lights. He was optimistic that discussions would take place with all relevant authorities to find a strategic parking solution for Keswick.

38. 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/2018/0066	Prune, thin and reduce height of 1 yew tree (G3) – 6 Fenton Support - yew tree in question is over hanging No.6 Fenton (tree does need to be managed), although not convinced height should be reduced. SUPPORT
7/2018/2077	Extension of garage to provide outhouse 9 Myers Street Support - Appropriate improvement SUPPORT
7/2018/2103	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of six dwellings Site of former Castlehead House Hotel, Borrowdale Road Support - any future development to the vacant area will be subject to a further application. Will finally tidy up this eyesore. Although not affordable these houses will be local occupancy. SUPPORT

- 7/2018/2116** Re-instatement, improvement and resurfacing of a traffic free Multi-User Trail along a section of former railway line between Keswick and Threlkeld
 Site of the Keswick to Threlkeld railway, Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path and adjoining land
 Support this essential project. Initially concerned with plan for bituminous surfaced pathway but being a Multi User Trail we would imagine this surface most appropriate for variety of users and gives greater options as time goes on. This is an ambitious and well-designed plan that is an important recreational path for locals and tourists alike.
SUPPORT

- ii) **RECEIVED** an update on National Park planning decisions.

39. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 11th May 2018 – 14th June 2018.

40. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 51-74 amounting to £27,715.53 (twenty seven thousand seven hundred and fifteen pounds and fifty three pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP43 to FP40 amounting to £7,722.26 (seven thousand seven hundred and twenty two pounds and twenty six pence)

The Rota for Attendance of Members for Inspection of Accounts 2018-19 was noted.

41. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 1

RESOLVED that section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2017-18 - of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return be approved and that the Chairman be authorised to sign it.

42. Annual Accounts

RESOLVED that the statement of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018 be approved and that the Chairman be authorised to sign it.

43. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 2

RESOLVED that section 2 - Accounting Statements 2017-18 – of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return be approved and the Chairman be authorised to sign it.

44. Internal Auditor's Report for Year Ending 31st March 2018

RECEIVED the report of the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2018. No recommendations were made.

45. Living Lakes Local Plan Review

Consideration was given to the report of the Working Group proposing the Council's response to the consultation on the 'Living Lakes' Local Plan Review. The new Local Plan will be the Strategic Plan for the Lake District up to 2034. Following a lengthy discussion it was

RESOLVED that the report be submitted as the Council's response to the consultation with the addition of a comment in support of Policy 31 – Waste Management – that there should not be a Geological Disposal Facility for radioactive waste in or under the Lake District National park

46. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

47. Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED the rota for reporting to Council.

48. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held 22nd May 2018.

49. Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:

- i) Cumbria County Council – Tour of Britain Community Projects
RESOLVED that no action be taken.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Restoration of traditional highway directional signs and milestones.
Councillors were asked to forward any relevant information to the Clerk.

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’

50. Christmas Lights

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

RESOLVED that the existing contract with Lite Ltd be extended as recommended in the report.

51. Mayor’s Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Mayor.

52. Minutes of Staffing Committee

RECEIVED for information the Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 25th May 2018.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm

Chairman

Date