

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 16th August 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman

Councillor David Burn

Councillors

Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Jean Murray	Tony Lywood
Duncan Miller	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 8 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, Ian McCoy of United Utilities gave a presentation on progress with the pipeline project. He said that the project was currently 12 months ahead of schedule and that most of the construction activity should be completed by 2020. He advised that the Legacy Fund was being managed on UU's behalf by Cumbria Community Foundation and that 15 applications had been approved to date with a total of £175,000 awarded. He also drew attention to the Environmental and Tree Fund which had been established.

The Mayor thanked Mr McCoy for the grant offered by United Utilities towards the costs of renovating the Pups Clock on the Council office building and for the very interesting site visit which some Councillors had attended on 14th August.

74. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kendall (holiday), Paxon (work), and Dr Geoff Davies (Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes' representative).

75. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 19th July 2018 (pages 11-15).

76. Requests for Dispensations

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

77. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:-

Councillor Susan Leighton – item 8 (i) application no. 1604.397/JSW/LNW – close friend of resident of The Millfield.

78. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team for July. 29 crimes had been reported in the Keswick area during July 2018 with 10 antisocial behaviour incidents reported during the month (this compared with a total of 19 incidents for the same period in 2017).

Councillor Murray asked PCSO Catherine Smith for staffing numbers in the call centre as she had experienced a long wait for a response when she had tried to report incidents to the 101 number. PCSO Smith said that she did not have an answer but would make enquiries and let Councillors know.

79. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were received from the public.

80. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Murray gave an update on her efforts to ensure that Electricity North West reinstated the surface of the Market Square with the correct materials following the emergency work carried out earlier in the year. Cumbria County Council as highway authority had advised that they would be sending out a street inspection team and looking at contract compliance issues. She would continue to keep the Council informed of the position.

Councillor Lywood gave details of a telephone scam which he had experienced and advised Councillors and the public to be vigilant.

The Mayor reported receipt of a letter from Trudy Harrison MP regarding the survey she had recently organised to obtain information about car parking issues in the Blencathra Street area. As this had been received after the agenda had been issued, it was agreed that the Clerk be delegated to reply in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Councillors comments were noted. There was consensus that it was important for everyone to work together to achieve the strategic review previously requested and agreed.

81. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location
1604.397/ JSW/LNW	Tree preservation order (No. 397) - Copper beech The Millfield, Penrith Road, CA12 <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2018/2163	New UPVC windows, new opening for a window and new glazed Juliet balcony 2, Brundholme Mews, Keswick, CA12 4NR <i>Support - This will really improve this tired historic building. The colour and appearance of the door/window frames should be in keeping with the area independent of the nature of the material, although timber as opposed to UPVC would be preferable</i> SUPPORT
7/2018/2165	Replacement of boundary treatment to front and northern side elevation 28, Southey Street, Keswick, CA12 4EF <i>Support - Looks to be appropriate to the area</i> SUPPORT
7/2018/2166	Enclosure of existing covered porch Johns Cottage, St.Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AP <i>Support - Minimal works to existing porch</i> SUPPORT
7/2018/2176	Installation of replacement timber framed shopfront following the removal of existing external ATM, night safe and external lighting Former NatWest Branch, 28 Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5JD <i>Support – Property now looking tired - great improvement</i> SUPPORT

- 7/2018/2181** Proposed external refurbishment of the property including reconstruction of the bay windows, re- rendering of front elevation, repointing works to the side and rear elevations, maintenance works to the roof line and replacement of a ground floor window
13, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DL
Support - Complete refurb (maintenance of exterior of property)
SUPPORT
- 7/2018/2182** Single storey front, side and rear extensions. First floor side extension. Construction of summer house. Replacement front porch canopy and garage. Associated hard and soft landscaping.
Sheep Close, Manor Brow, Keswick, CA12 4BB
Object –Overdevelopment and change of character of building. Potential traffic issues as will add to traffic in area due to number of occupants in the property
OBJECT
- 7/2018/2194** Alterations and extensions to existing detached garage to form studio office and storage for use with Borrowdale View
Borrowdale View, Keswick, CA12 5PW
Support - Revised plan of application 7/2017/2208 which we supported in November 2017. Ample space for this development
SUPPORT
- ii) **RECEIVED** an update on National Park planning decisions.

Councillors noted the decision in relation to application 7/2018/2084 (Conversion of existing car park and passage at rear of pub to beer garden at The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas (Wetherspoons)) and it was suggested that Allerdale Borough Council should be pressed not to proceed with leasing the area in question to the company. Borough Councillor Lywood offered to make enquiries regarding the progress of the lease and report back to the next meeting.

82. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 13th July 2018 – 9th August 2018.

83. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lywood reported that the Borough Council proposed to close the public toilets at Grange in Borrowdale due to funding cuts. He also drew attention to the poor maintenance record of Castles & Coasts Housing Association in Keswick.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – County Councillor Lywood reported that the road over the dam at Thirlmere may have to become one way due to safety issues.
- iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – a written report was submitted by Dr Geoff Davies. The Clerk was asked to clarify the position regarding notification of planning applications to owners of neighbouring properties and whether this was a legal requirement.

84. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 113 – 131 amounting to £21,957.87 (twenty one thousand nine hundred and fifty seven pounds and eighty seven pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP93 – FP69 amounting to £7,676.43 (seven thousand six hundred and seventy six pounds and forty three pence)

85. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor Martin Pugmire, representative on Cumbria Theatre Trust, reported that the transfer to the new management team at the Theatre by the Lake was now complete although it was too early to give an indication of the financial position.

86. Busking in Keswick Town Centre

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report. Councillor Lywood encouraged all Councillors to speak to buskers who were causing complaints to request that they abide by the Code of Conduct. There was no support for extending the area of the scheme beyond the Market Square.

RESOLVED that the current Busking Badge scheme be continued and reviewed in a further year and that the guidelines be amended as follows:

- Modest amplification only to be allowed
- All performances to finish by 6.00 pm.

87. Keswick in Bloom – Bench

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick in Bloom for the Town Council to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Cumbria Highways and to provide insurance cover for a proposed new bench at the entrance to the Lake Road subway.

RESOLVED that the request be agreed and that Councillors Burn and Daniels be authorised to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Cumbria County Council in respect of a rustic slate bench to be provided by Keswick in Bloom on the approach to the underpass at Lake Road.

88. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED

- i) That the paving surrounding the War Memorial on Penrith Road be removed and replaced with natural stone (blue slate)
- ii) That the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be authorised to attend the Society of Local Council Clerks' Regional Training Seminar on 19th September 2018.

89. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 28th July 2018.

90. Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:

- i) Lake District Hotels – Objection to Premises Licence for 25 Main Street
RESOLVED that representations be made to Allerdale Borough Council as the Licensing Authority asking them not to set a precedent by granting a licence to an establishment in the Market Square to remain open until 1.30 am on any day of the week, on the grounds of increase in crime and disorder and antisocial behaviour in Keswick Market Square
- ii) CALC – membership subscriptions review – noted.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chairman

Date