

8th November 2018

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on **Thursday 15th November 2018 at 7.30pm**. **The press and public are welcome to attend.**

Prior to the meeting, **at 7.00pm**, members of Keswick Flood Action Group will give a presentation on the management of Thirlmere Reservoir for flood alleviation.

Lynda Walker

Lynda Walker
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 18th October 2018 (pages 25-28).
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 Interest**
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).

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. Request from Keswick Flood Action Group**

To consider ways in which the Town Council might further support Keswick Flood Action Group's attempts to reduce flood risk for Keswick.
- 9. Applications for Development**
 - i) To examine applications for development and agree observations to be submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority
 - ii) To receive update on National Park planning decisions.
- 10. Request from Keswick Museum**

To consider a request from Keswick Museum for a reduction in the cost of hiring banner space in the Market Square from mid May to the end of October 2019 (approximately 24 weeks – normal charge £50 per week – discount of one third of normal cost approved for 2018).
- 11. Mayor's Report**

To receive details of the Mayor's engagements and meetings attendance for the period 12th October – 8th November 2018.
- 12. Reports from Ward Representatives**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

 - i) Allerdale Borough Council
 - ii) Cumbria County Council
 - iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative
- 13. Payment of Accounts**

To confirm the payment of accounts for November 2018 as approved by the Inspection Committee (to be circulated at the meeting):

 - i. For the Town Council
 - ii. For the Trusts
- 14. Clerk's Report**

To receive the Clerk's report.
- 15. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

 - i. Keswick Youth Centre – Councillor Graham Kendall
- 16. Minutes of Liaison Meetings**

To receive for information the notes of the Lake District National Park Authority Parishes Forum held on 10th October 2018 attended by Councillor Titley.

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Councillors		
Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Graham Kendall	Susan Leighton	Tony Lywood
Duncan Miller	Jean Murray	Martin Pugmire
Paul Titley		

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

111. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Paxon (work), Dr Geoff Davies (Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes representative) and the Police.

112. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 20th September 2018 (pages 20-24).

113. Requests for Dispensations

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

114. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on the agenda were received from:
Councillor Paul Titley – item 9 (i) application no. T/2018/0132 – owns neighbouring property.

115. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team - no officers were available to attend the meeting. 40 incidents/crimes had been reported during September (comparative figure for September 2017 was 27).

116. Matters to be received from the Public

A trader from St Johns Street gave details of traffic issues in the St Johns Street/Station Street area which he had been documenting since May. He had been in correspondence with officers from Cumbria Highways but had not received a satisfactory response to any of the suggestions he had put forward. Councillors shared his concerns and agreed that this area should be looked at as part of the forthcoming strategic review of parking in Keswick.

117. Community Governance Review

Katherine Magnay and Lindsay Tomlinson, Electoral Services Manager, Allerdale BC provided an update on the process to include parts of Underskiddaw and St Johns, Castlerigg and Wythburn Parishes in the Keswick parish area. Consultation was currently being carried out and all properties in the affected areas had been notified. Full details including plans were available on www.allerdale.gov.uk. All responses would be taken into consideration and any changes approved by the Boundary Commission would be effective from the May 2019 elections.

118. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Jordan commented on the work to be carried out by the National Trust at Ings wood and the Boathouse to Waters Edge.

119. 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/2018/0132	T 1: Silver birch - Fell and remove; T2: Willow - Fell; T3: Elder - Fell Lane Rigg House, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ES <i>Support - Felling of Willow and Elder but crown reduction or pollarding may be more appropriate on Silver Birch</i> SUPPORT
T/2018/0134	Sycamore - Fell due to recent storm damage. Twentyman Court, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4HQ <i>Object -Arboricultural summary gives some options. Would support either reducing crown or pollarding at main unions but not felling the tree</i> OBJECT
7/2018/2239	Extension to kitchen at rear of property. 12 High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5NY <i>Support - Objection letter noted. Good design to a previously flooded property.</i> SUPPORT
7/2018/2243	Approval of details reserved by condition on planning application 7/2018/2163: condition 3 relating to details of replacement windows and doors (New UPVC windows, new opening for a window and new glazed Juliet balcony). 2 Brundholme Mews, Keswick, CA12 4NR <i>Note - For information only, no comments required</i>
7/2018/2247	Extension to the ground floor rear elevation with enclosed balcony above and alterations to the existing rear dormer window. Ravensworth House, 29 Station Street, Keswick, Ca12 5HH <i>Support - Alterations to existing rear/ side windows appropriate</i> SUPPORT
7/2018/2250	Removal of the existing wooden shed within the rear yard, erect a stone outbuilding, replace existing timber boundary fence with 2 m high rendered wall, replace the existing rear boundary fence and gate with 2m high rendered wall and gate. 30 Wordsworth Street, Keswick, CA12 4BZ <i>Support - Wooden shed being replaced with a more aesthetically pleasing stone faced outbuilding</i> SUPPORT
7/2018/2251	Replacement sun room/porch 31 Rose Terrace, Keswick, CA12 4HD <i>Support - Appropriate upgrade of porch</i> SUPPORT

7/2018/2252

Extension and alterations to existing house
19 Spring Road, Keswick, CA12 4AQ

Support - Appropriate extension and in keeping with the area
SUPPORT

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

120. Mayor's Engagements

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

121. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lywood advised that the Borough Council had entered into a new contract for waste collection and that weekly collections had been retained. He went on to discuss statistics for holiday lets and second homes in Keswick which equated to 15% and 10% of the housing stock respectively and showed an upward trend. Councillors agreed that this was of concern and could impact on retaining a viable community in the town.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lywood referred to the work which had now started on the kerbs at the Market Square and advised that an assessment of its effectiveness would be made once 10 metres had been completed.
- iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Dr Geoff Davies submitted a written report.

122. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 152 – 170 amounting to £52,179.64 (fifty two thousand one hundred and seventy nine pounds and sixty four pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP132 – FP103 amounting to £7,799.11 (seven thousand seven hundred and ninety nine pounds and eleven pence)

123. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the quarterly budget comparisons.

124. Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

RESOLVED that the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2018 including the certificate of conclusion of the External Audit be approved and accepted.

125. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership – Councillor Martin Pugmire
- ii) Keswick Tourism Association – Councillor Paul Titley
- iii) Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum – Councillor Jean Murray

126. Request for Speed Indication Devices

Consideration was given to the response from the County Council's Traffic Management Officer to the request for Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) at Chestnut Hill and High Hill. The officer advised that the site at Chestnut Hill fulfilled the criteria for SID signage, however, the one at High Hill did not. The reasons for this were not accepted by Councillors who questioned the time of year and locations at which the speed surveys had been carried out. Further, they did not accept the view that SIDs were ineffective when overused.

RESOLVED that a further letter be sent to Cumbria County Council insisting that the Town Council and the community's views no longer be ignored and that permission be granted without further delay for the installation of a Speed Indication Device on High Hill.

127. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED:

- i) that a plaque be affixed on the wall beneath the clock recording the refurbishment of the Pups Clock and recognising the contribution received from United Utilities
- ii) that a further letter be sent to Castles & Coasts Housing Association following the unsatisfactory explanation for poor maintenance to their land and properties in Keswick

128. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the draft Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 9th October 2018.

129. Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:

- i) Cumbria County Council – Market Place carriageway improvement works
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Briefing paper on refreshed approach by Highway Services to working with Parish and Town Councils in relation to highway maintenance activities
- iii) Allerdale BC – commencement of Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) Site allocations Pre-submission consultation letter
- iv) Royal Mail – raising awareness of scam mail

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Chairman

Date

Lynda Walker

From: Lynne & Andy Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2018 18:24
To: Lynda Walker
Subject: Keswick Town Council Meeting

Dear Mrs Walker

Thank you for allowing Alistair Cook and Dr Ed Henderson to do a short presentation to Keswick Town Council before the 15 November meeting. We very much hope that, during the Council meeting which follows the presentation, the Council will consider ways in which they might further support Keswick Flood Action Group's (K FAG's) attempts to reduce flood risk for Keswick.

Recent guidance from the AeCOM study for flood risk assessment, together with the Met Office update for climate trends from 1980 to the present, both point to further escalation of flood risk. The presentation will emphasise the key role that Thirlmere can play in reducing flood risk for our community. It is obvious that the reservoir should be managed for flood alleviation alongside water supply. However, legislation is needed to make this a reality and the present Floods Minister refuses to consider this possibility. This is a key issue on which we hope for the Council's backing. Aside from our dependence on the goodwill of United Utilities (UU) as a water supply company to manage its assets for flood prevention, our concerns can be summarised as follows:

- The reservoir's design means that all water over the spillway has to go through a tunnel under the road across the dam before discharging into a concrete spillway. The tunnel capacity presents a restriction and, at present, UU have no effective means of controlling the reservoir level to avoid the potential for the tunnel operating at beyond its design capacity. This is a safety issue which may well become more evident in the future with climate change forecasts for increased rainfall.
- The West Coast Pipeline has meant that UU are prepared to reconfigure the lower valves and infrastructure which will give them the ability to increase flows from the current 140 MI/d (mega litres per day) to around 900 MI/d. Whilst this is welcome progress our Water Balance Model clearly indicates it is not enough. We look for a discharge capability of around 2,500 MI/d which would require the alterations to the reservoir's upper scour valves as well; additional expenditure and engineering work which UU is not keen to undertake. Basically, more rain falls on the Thirlmere catchment than can be released by even fully utilising a 900 MI/d release and so there will still be no realistic means of providing storm storage, particularly during the wetter winter months. Even achieving a release of 900 MI/d requires agreement between all those with an interest in St John's Beck, Thirlmere's outflow; those who farm the valley, the Rivers Trust and a small army of non-government organisations.... and, of course, the Environment Agency and Natural England. Community needs can get lost in such negotiations.
- The landslides which occurred at Low Briery during Storm Desmond have stripped out mature trees and left a bare scarp slope and an altered gorge area with the potential for further landslides during high flows. The area simply can't take such extreme flows and the consequences for all downstream could be very serious. It seems even more essential to manage releases from Thirlmere to prevent peak flows from St John's Beck coinciding with peak flows from the Glenderamakin. The latter will, most certainly, require significant off-line storage, given the volumes of water held back by New Bridge (Threlkeld) during Storm Desmond. However, work on upstream storage for the Glenderamakin will be expensive and take a long time to come about. Thirlmere already provides a means of upstream flow management, all that is needed is the will to get the upper valves amended and a management process agreed with meaningful and achievable storm space, especially for the winter months.

Finally, on behalf of the Flood Group, I would like to express our thanks to the Council for agreeing to ensure that it can take action over river gravel build-up if the EA are unprepared to do so in the coming years. The cost of a licence is a disgrace and seems to be another indication of the EA saying they prioritise flood risk whilst acting in a way that is contrary to that statement.

Yours sincerely

Lynne Jones
Chair
Keswick Flood Action Group

Planning Applications received between 12/10/2018 - 08/11/2018

Plan ref	Location	Description of Proposed Development
7/2018/0145	Bishops House, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DD	Works to various trees
7/2018/0148	29, Stanger Street, Keswick, CA12 5JX	Fell two cypress trees
7/2018/0149	Walnut Cottage, Otley Road, Keswick, CA12 5LE	Trim back limbs 1x walnut tree(1)
7/2018/2258	Flat 4, 2, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4HF	Replace a small bathroom window on the third - floor with a PVC window. The frame size is about 40 x 50 cm
7/2018/2259	Flat 4, 2, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4HF	Replacement of three rotted modern wooden sash windows with traditional style PVC sash windows
7/2018/2262	10, Grizedale Close, Keswick, CA12 4JL	Alterations to the front of the dwelling to create a new parking space and two storey extension to the rear.
7/2018/2273	Keswick School, Vicarage Hill, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5QB	The proposed development is for the construction of a first floor extension to the existing main school building to increase the size of the existing dining room area
7/2018/2274	Lane Rigg Guest House, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ES	Replacement of existing single glazed windows with double glazed units. Existing timber framed single glazed windows to be replaced with upvc woodgrain framed double glazed units.
7/2018/2279	Mountain Warehouse, 17, Market Square, Keswick CA12 5BQ	Non illuminated signs (2 fascia signs, 1 hanging sign)
7/2018/2289	Crosthwaite Conference Centre, Church Lane, Keswick, CA12 5QG	Operation of a temporary self catering campsite for 3 weeks, to run in conjunction with the Keswick convention in 2019
7/2018/2294	109, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5FB	Installation of two conservation rooflights to the front elevation and a dormer window to the rear elevation

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 12/10/2018 & 08/11/2018

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal Decision
7/2018/2084	April-18	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 - resubmission of 7/2017/2339	OBJECT	REFUSED	APPEAL
7/2018/2137	Jul-18	Camping and Caravan Club Ltd, Keswick	CA12 5EP	Retention of five no. existing street lights	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2018/2142	Aug-18	Greta Gardens, Crow Park Road, Keswick	CA12 5EL	2 scheme identification signs	SUPPORT	CONSENT - subject to the statutory conditions and shall not be carried out otherwise than in conformity with the submitted plans received by Local Planning Authority	
7/2018/2182	Jul-18	Sheep Close, Manor Brow, Keswick	CA12 4BB	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.	OBJECT	GRANTED	
7/2018/2194	July-18	Borrowdale View, Keswick	CA12 5PW	Alterations and extensions to the existing detached garage to form studio office and storage for use with Borrowdale View.	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2018/2208	August-18	Lynghart, Regerfield, Keswick	CA12 4BN	Extension to existing house	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2018/2209	August-18	32 Stanger Street, Keswick	CA12 5LZ	Alterations and enlargement of roof to accommodate additional habitable rooms.	NEUTRAL	REFUSED	
7/2018/2232	August-18	Crow Park Hotel, The Heads, Keswick	CA12 5ER	Extension to existing hotel to facilitate the enlargement of two existing bedrooms. The proposals also include construction of a new bin store and bike shed to the rear.	SUPPORT	GRANTED	
7/2018/2243	September-18	2, Brundholme Mews, Keswick	CA12 4NR	Approval of details reserved by condition on planning application 7/2018/2163: condition 3 relating to details of replacement windows and doors (New UPVC windows, new opening for a window and new glazed Juliet balcony)	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	Details shown on the submitted drawing is acceptable in complying with condition 3 of application.	

7/2018/2247	September-18 Ravensworth House, 29, Station Street, Keswick	CA12 5HH	Extension to the ground floor rear elevation with enclosed balcony above and alterations to the existing rear dormer window.	SUPPORT	GRANTED
7/2018/2265	September-17 Sports Grounds and Premises Keswick School, Vicarage Hill, Keswick	CA12 5QB	Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2018/2207 [construction of a new two storey six classroom building] for additional entrance door and glazing above; relocation of air source heat pump and fenced enclosure.	APPLICATION NOT RECEIVED FOR COMMENT	Development shown on revised drawing is not materially different from the planning permission.

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 15th November 2018

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE

For period 12th October 2018 – 8th November 2018

Saturday 13 th October	Unveiling Ceremony of a blue plaque to Catherine Marshall, Hawse End, Keswick
Sunday 14 th October	Silloth - on - Solway Civic Service held at Christ Church, Criffel Street, Silloth
Monday 15 th October	A - board audit of Carding Mill Lane, Main Street and St John's Street, accompanied by Cllr Daniels
Tuesday 16 th October	Meeting with Chair of Keswick Flood Action Group, held at Crosthwaite Road, Keswick
Wednesday 17 th October	Keswick Reminder's photo - shoot of improvements at the Cenotaph/ War Memorial
Monday 22 nd October	Events Committee budget meeting, held in Council Offices
Thursday 25 th October	Meeting with management at Newcastle Central Station about "assistance needed" call buttons
Wednesday 31 st October	Town Clerks's annual appraisal, accompanied by Cllr Miller (fellow appraiser) and Cllr Daniels (observer), held in Council Chamber
Thursday 1 st November	Meeting with CCC Highways at Packhorse Court about objections to A - board advertisement consent application, accompanied by Cllrs Lywood and Daniels
Thursday 1 st November	Allerdale 100 - Commemorating the Centenary of World War One, Carnegie Theatre & Arts Centre, Workington
Tuesday 6 th November	Meeting with CCC Highways at King's Arms Court Yard, accompanied by Cllrs Lywood, Miller and Daniels
Thursday 8 th November	Staffing Committee Meeting, held in Council Chamber

Report from the North DA Parishes Member of the LDNPA – October 2018

At Park Strategy & Vision (P S & V) Committee on 17th October, members agreed a revised timeline for the submission of the new local plan for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. The changes in the timeline have been necessitated by the unexpectedly high number of responses to this summer's consultation on the draft plan, but also by the need to ensure that the plan is consistent with the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which was published in July. Officers and the Local Plan Programme Board are now analysing the consultation results to see what revisions will be required in the "publication plan" (the version submitted for examination to the Planning Inspectorate). The current planned schedule is as follows.

- 12th February 2019 (draft date only): presentation to P S & V Committee of summary of the results of the 2018 public consultation.
- 29th March 2019: presentation of the publication plan for approval by full Authority.
- 8th April – 3rd June 2019: public consultation on the publication plan.
- July 2019: submission of the publication plan and the consultation responses to the Planning Inspectorate.
- September 2019: examination of the plan by the Planning Inspectorate (dates not under the control of the LDNPA).

October's P S & V meeting also received a report on changes in the NPPF that might affect our policies and decision making. There are too many to list here, but one that stood out concerned thresholds for on-site affordable housing. The 2010 Core Strategy said that, on windfall sites, up to 3 local need houses would be allowed, but that any further units in the development must be for affordable local need. This policy was then affected by a Ministerial Statement in 2015. The threshold of 3 had, as a result, to be increased to 5. Furthermore, unless the development had more than 10 units, no on-site affordable dwellings could be required: rather, a financial contribution towards affordable housing would be levied on units 6 -10 inclusive. Paragraph 63 of the new NPPF simply says that in designated areas (such as National Parks), "a lower threshold of 5 or fewer units" may be set out. This implies that any units beyond the threshold would have to be affordable (there is no mention of financial contributions instead of on-site affordable provision).

In my June report I mentioned a review of National Parks and AONBs under the chairmanship of Julian Glover. His group has now issued a Call for Evidence. The closing date is 18th December and you can find details at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use/landscapes-review-call-for-evidence/>

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KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
15 NOVEMBER 2018

CLERK'S REPORT

The last month has been busy with appraisals and compiling budgets for next year. There have also been two Pensions seminars which Catherine and I have attended on behalf of the Council as an employer. I also attended a meeting of the Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership on 12th October.

Christmas Lights

Preparations are well under way for the Christmas Lights switch on at 7.00 pm on Friday 23rd November – Councillors are asked to show support for this event if at all possible. Nurses from Keswick Hospital will be performing the switch on this year with the Deputy Mayor, in recognition of the anniversary of 70 years of the NHS and the successful campaign to save Keswick Hospital. There will also be live entertainment on stage and in Packhorse Court (from 4.45pm) and a Christmas market.

Community Governance Review – addition to Keswick Parish

Officers of Allerdale Borough Council have confirmed that the Working Group has agreed to recommend to full Council that the two areas of land in question be moved into the Keswick Parish area. The draft Order containing the boundary amendments will be sent through when it is available and will be presented to the Borough Council on 5th December. It is expected that following the necessary statutory processes the amendments will take effect on 2nd May 2019.

Pensions

Cumbria County Council as administering authority of Cumbria Local Government Pension Scheme has the power to make certain discretions to assist in the management of the scheme. These are applied across the whole Cumbria Scheme for all employers and members. The Local Government Pensions Committee issued revised guidance on the discretionary powers giving further clarification in certain areas and highlighting further discretions to be covered in local policies. As a result, a review of the discretions policy was carried out and amendments have been recommended for introduction. A copy of the revised Discretions Policy is available on request from the office together with a copy of the presentation made on the Pension Scheme Performance and overview at the Employers Forum.

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Report to Keswick Town Council on the Keswick Youth Centre

Context

Keswick Youth Centre continues to have no permanent venue following the destruction of the Old Mill site following flood damage in 2009.

Since then, different several proposals have been considered by the Youth Centre Committee which variously include elements of affordable housing, sale of the Old Mill site and a move to a new site. The Committee's primary objective remains to ensure that young people living in Keswick have a Youth Centre to meet the social, educational, developmental and health needs.

Keswick Youth Centre trustees have been successful in a grant application to Allerdale BC.

Current Position

Decisions have been taken to:

- withdraw the Old Mill Site from sale;
- develop a new youth centre on the Old Mill site;
- use the grant allocation from Allerdale BC to develop plans for 4 or 5 dwellings plus a new multi-purpose youth centre in partnership with a local housing association;
- appoint Day-Cummings Architects to draw up plans, with the aim of lodging a planning application in early 2019;
- include an undercroft, subject to LDNP Planning regulations, to ameliorate the impact of potential future flooding; and
- continue the Youth Centre's charitable status, to be reviewed annually in line with the needs of the Centre.

Funding

A substantial six figure financial commitment of support to develop youth centre services in Keswick (subject to the progress of the development project) has been secured.

Applications for Capital Funding for the proposed Youth Centre and Housing will be made to the Community Housing Fund and Charitable Funds.

The Youth Centre would welcome support developing further fundraising applications.

Community involvement

Several organisations providing services for young people in Keswick have indicated that they need suitable premises. The new premises will therefore meet the needs of multiple organisations supporting young people in Keswick.

Keswick Youth centre will also be supporting the development of a Keswick Plan for young people: a strategic plan to ensure all young people can access services to meet their individual needs.

Councillor Graham Kendall
November 2018

LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK PARTNERSHIP – PARISH FORUM

Notes of a meeting of the Parish Forum held on Wednesday 10th October 2018 at 7.00pm at Ambleside.

Present: There were 12 representatives of 5 parish councils present. The meeting was chaired by Leslie Johnson.

1. Apologies for absence – were received from Councillors Dean and Hoyle (Colton), Councillor Cartmell (Caldbeck), Councillor Keith Hitchen (Waberthwaite and Drigg and Carleton), Councillor Moor (Ireby and Uldale) and Barton parish council.

Discussion items

2. State of the Park Feedback/Update – LDNPA Head of Strategy & Partnership, Liam McAleese, explained that every 5 years NPA is required to produce a report to the government on how the actions in the Management Plan are progressing. Affordable housing is being measured and the number of homes being built (mainly by Housing Associations) is above target but communities are feeding back that it is still not enough, so LDNPA is intending to increase the target in the next Local Plan. There are other indicators too, measuring village services, number of businesses, infrastructure and labour supply in order to ascertain the vibrancy of communities. In 2019 NPA will begin to develop the next Management Plan (2020 – 2025). There was a suggestion that parking fees and fines could be used to calculate the number of visitors and when car parks are full.

Some communities are dominated by second/holiday homes (eg. 80% Elterwater) and numbers are falling in small, rural schools as families can't afford to live locally. Liam explained that 80% of the housing in the National Park is open market which LDNPA has limited control over. **ACTION:** Liam to find out the current definition of affordable housing (it used to be 20% off market value). If developers say it is not economically viable to build all affordable, LDNPA will require "local occupancy" (living in the National Park for more than 12 months) on the rest. Only district councils can increase council tax on second homes and this would need government approval (which was not given when SLDC tried a few years ago). A change in government rules has limited the ability of councils to secure more affordable housing. There was mention of cuts in government grants to chemists but LDNPA can't do anything about this and how small independent shops are struggling but again it is district councils that set business rates. On an infill site of less than 5 units local occupancy clauses are used. If the infill site is bigger affordable housing is built but the developer can instead pay into LDNPA's affordability pot. **ACTION:** Liam to find out where the affordability pot is spent, for example in the original village or further afield

3. Update on LDNPA's Visitor Travel Proposals in the Lake District 2040 Vision – Liam explained that this is about a longer term framework to decrease pressure on busy areas and to move people around sustainably, as currently 83% visitors come by car. It was

launched by LDNPA and CCC in September. There are five elements. One, reaching the lakes is about working with train operators, improving interchanges and smart ticketing. Two, linking the lakes together is about better integration between bus and boat through transport hubs. Three, active travel is about using bikes and going on foot more. Four, smarter travel will look at future models of travel (eg. driverless pods). And underlying it all is five about keeping it special. The funding environment for all this is difficult as there are not huge infrastructure grants to apply for or subsidised bus services. **ACTION:** Liam to send CALC pdf copy of the vision, to accompany the minutes. As part of this, CCC has carried out traffic surveys in Windermere and Keswick on August Bank Holiday weekend. An attendee felt that Keswick needs radical ideas, as parking is so bad, for example a one way system around Derwentwater and banning all cars near Cat Bells.

4. Update on Government Review of Designated Landscapes – Having launched a 25 year Environment Plan, the government wants to understand the role of designated landscapes (ie. National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty) in delivering that plan and so has appointed Julian Glover to undertake a review. This will cover: existing statutory purposes and how effectively they are being met; extension or creation of new designated landscapes; individual and collective governance; finance; how well National Parks support their communities. A call for evidence is expected in October 2018, so the review panel can ask people what they think. Many organisations (eg. NPAs, environmental organisations, local government) and residents are expected to reply. It will be useful for parish councils to submit evidence, for example on the high cost of open market housing and the need for more affordable housing. **ACTION:** Liam will let CALC know when the call for evidence is out and CALC will forward the form to parish clerks. **ACTION:** CALC will convene a meeting for parish councils to share experiences before they send in their comments. **ACTION:** Liam to send CALC link to government website, to accompany the minutes. A final report is expected in 2019. LDNPA will publicise the call for evidence through the media and parish councils could network locally to let residents know.

5. Update on Draft National Policy Statement for Geological Disposal Infrastructure – in April 2018 there was a consultation on the process to find a potential site to host underground radioactive waste and how to involve communities. LDNPA replied that National Parks should be excluded and how the geology in Cumbria is not suitable. CALC was also critical. This was reviewed by a government Select Committee which decided that National Parks can be included in potential sites because nuclear safety is a top priority. A final statement is expected this autumn and LDNPA is worried that National Parks will not be excluded. Liam is not aware of other National Parks having the same problem as there is a long nuclear tradition in West Cumbria but other National Parks (through the Campaign for National Parks) are supportive of LDNPA because they feel this would undermine the principle of protected landscapes. It is calculated that the surface facility would be the size of Buttermere (ie. 1km squared) and the subsurface would be the size of Windermere (ie.

14km squared), so this would have a negative impact on the National Park which is also a World Heritage Site.

6. LDNPA Stopping Paper Copies of Planning Applications – In August 2018 LDNPA told parish councils that they would no longer be sending out paper copies to save money and because an increasing number of applicants submit planning applications digitally. There are several reasons why this is unpopular with parishes. One, there is poor broadband in some village halls, so it is difficult to look at applications online in the council meeting. Two, some councillors will also have poor broadband at home for downloading multiple documents about an application. Three, it is easier to look at paper drawings to compare existing and proposed plans. Four, the costs (eg. printer, ink, paper) are then incurred by the parish councils. CALC spoke to LDNPA Head of Planning, Dave McGowan, who agreed that the change had not been communicated well. He said that the LDNPA will still alert parish councils by email that planning applications have been received and that paper copies can be sent to those parishes that request them until December 2018 (Lindale and Newton parish council requested paper copies but not receiving them). It was suggested that plans could be put on the wall at a council meeting, using a projector and screen, so that there is a collective decision. CALC has told Dave McGowan how many parish councils need support with projection equipment (about 30). LDNPA Planning Department does not have a budget for this at the moment but is looking into this. For information, LDNPA is also not writing to neighbours about planning applications. The latter now have to read the notices attached to properties.

There was a question on what LDNPA is doing about the lack of supply of workers for the hospitality industry after Brexit. Some hotels and farm businesses are already struggling to hire people. LDNPA has no control over this but Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership is raising this problem directly with government.

Business items

7. Notes of meeting held on 10th October 2018 – all fine

8. Matters arising – CALC wrote to LDNPA Planning Department about signage but it has limited powers and has to follow national legislation, plus there are few enforcement officers.

9. Matters raised by parishes – none

10. CALC updates – none

11. LDNPA update – none

12. Any other business – CALC Amanda McCleery read out some information on a new Dark Skies Project between Friends of the Lake District, LDNPA, Forestry Commission and Cumbria Tourism. **ACTION:** CALC to attach information to the minutes.

13. Next meeting – **March 2019** with the suggestion of a speaker from Cumbria Highways. Any questions can be sent in advance to Samantha at: office@calc.org.uk

Cumbria has some of the darkest skies in the country, where the Milky Way is still visible; however, the importance of our dark skies urgently needs protecting. Between 1993 and 2000 average night-time brightness in Cumbria grew 40 fold.

With our partners, it is our ambition to attain Dark Sky Reserve status for the Lake District National Park, an internationally recognised accreditation, by 2020. The status is acknowledgement of the importance dark skies have on the tranquillity and biodiversity of the Lake District, as well as a baseline of light quality to be protected (or even enhanced) for future generations.

In order to achieve this, we will be engaging in educational outreach with communities and businesses on the value and wonder of dark skies and what they can do to protect them. We will also work on a light management plan with local authorities and parish councils - both inside and outside of the Lake District National Park - as this forms an essential component towards Dark Sky Reserve accreditation. Updating street lights to be more efficient, will save thousands of tonnes of carbon emissions and reduce the cost of lighting in the long term.

For more information about the project, please contact Johanna Korndorfer: johanna-korndorfer@fld.org.uk.

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