

**KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm.

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**Present:****Chairman**

Councillor David Burn

**Councillors**

Allan Daniels

Martin Jordan

Denstone Kemp

Graham Kendall

Susan Leighton

Tony Lywood

Jean Murray

Adam Paxon

Martin Pugmire

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Dr Geoff Davies (Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative), 1 member of the press and 5 representatives of Keswick Flood Action Group.

Prior to the meeting, Alistair Cook and Dr Ed Henderson of Keswick Flood Action Group gave a presentation on the Water Balance Model which outlined the important role that management of Thirlmere Reservoir could play in alleviating flood risk for Keswick. This was now more evident in the light of recent studies. Legislative change was required to require water companies to actively manage reservoir levels to provide storage space, and the Town Council's support was requested in lobbying for this change.

Before starting the meeting, the Mayor thanked all those involved in the organisation of the activities leading up to and including Remembrance Sunday which had been outstanding.

**130. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Tittley and Miller (holiday).

**131. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (pages 25-28).

**132. Requests for Dispensations**

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

**133. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on the agenda were received.

**134. Police Report**

The Clerk circulated copies of the report from the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team which had just been received. No officers were in attendance. 37 incident logs and crimes had been reported during October which compared with a total figure of 20 for the previous year. Councillor Murray commented that she had not yet received a response to her request for information on staffing levels for the 101 telephone reporting service. Councillor Lywood reported that he had obtained information from the Police and Crime Commissioner which indicated that response times had improved.

**135. Matters to be received from the Public**

No matters were received.

**136. Matters to be raised by Councillors**

Councillor Murray stated that she had received some information to indicate that the contract for the Keswick Mountain Rescue Team rescue helicopter had been changed and that in future any fatalities would not be brought down from the mountains, nor would rescue teams be transported to other calls by helicopter. She intended to seek further information for the next meeting.

Councillor Pugmire commented on the improvement to the kerbs in the Market Square which had made a big difference for anyone using a mobility scooter, as he did.

**137. Request from Keswick Flood Action Group**

Further to the earlier presentation, consideration was given to ways in which the Town Council might further support Keswick Flood Action Group's attempts to reduce flood risk for Keswick by pressing for the introduction of legislation to require water companies to manage reservoir levels so as to provide storage space for water in times of flooding.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) That, in the light of Keswick Flood Action Group's Water Balance model, the Floods Minister be asked to introduce legislation for the management of Thirlmere Reservoir for flood alleviation as well as water supply
- (ii) That a letter be sent to the Chief Executive of United Utilities welcoming the alterations to the lower valves of Thirlmere reservoir, and asking that the upper scour valves also be altered to offer a better chance of a release regime which could reduce flood risk in the future.

*The representatives of Keswick Flood Action Group left the meeting.*

**138. Applications for Development**

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

<b>Plan. Ref</b>	<b>Description of Development Location</b>
T/2018/0145	Works to various trees Bishops House, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DD <i>Support - Sensible management of various trees - clearing out deadwood, some crown lifting &amp; felling of one diseased beech tree.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
T/2018/0148	Fell two cypress trees 29 Stanger Street, Keswick, CA12 5JX <i>Support - Out of keeping and out of proportion to garden &amp; house.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
T/2018/0149	Trim back limbs 1x walnut tree (T1) Walnut Cottage, Otley Road, Keswick, CA12 5LE <i>Support - Huge tree needing attention.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
7/2018/2258	Replace a small bathroom window on the third - floor with a PVC window. The frame size is about 40 x 50 cm. Flat 4, 2 Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4HF <i>Support - Tiny window and hardly visible on this listed building</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>

- 7/2018/2259 Replacement of three rotted modern wooden sash windows with traditional style PVC sash windows.  
Flat 4, 2 Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4HF  
*Support - Will support UPVC sash windows (dormer) only on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of this prominent positioned property. However would certainly not support any future application for such windows on any lower floors. We state this as this property became listed in May 1977.*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2018/2262 Alterations to the front of the dwelling to create a new parking space and two storey extension to the rear.  
10 Grizedale Close, Keswick, CA12 4JL  
*Support - Appropriate extension unless there are concerns/ objection raised by neighbours.*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2018/2273 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. Keswick School, Vicarage Hill, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5QB  
*Support - Infill appropriate extension to school dining room area. This will allow students to all eat at same time in same area.*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2018/2274 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.  
Lane Rigg Guest House, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ES  
*Support - Woodgrain upvc double gazed sash units will be a great improvement on existing. Although in a conservation area, this application complies with comments made within our draft Neighbourhood Plan.*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2018/2279 Non illuminated signs (2 fascia signs, 1 hanging sign).  
Mountain Warehouse, 17 Market Square, Keswick CA12 5BQ  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2018/2289 Operation of a temporary self catering campsite for 3 weeks, to run in conjunction with the Keswick Convention in 2019.  
Crosthwaite Conference Centre, Church Lane, Keswick, CA12 5QG  
*Support - (Annual Application)*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2018/2294 Installation of two conservation roof lights to the front elevation and a dormer window to the rear elevation.  
109 Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5EB  
*Support - In proportion to property*  
**SUPPORT**

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

### 139. Request from Keswick Museum

Consideration was given to 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.

**RESOLVED** that the request be approved and a discount of one third of the normal rate be given.

**140. Mayor's Report**

**RECEIVED** details of the Mayor's engagements and meetings attendance for the period 12th October – 8th November 2018.

**141. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lywood reported that negotiations were almost complete for the introduction of free WiFi in town centres in Allerdale, including Keswick. A price had been agreed for the sale of the Moot Hall to the Battersby Trust and approval of Allerdale BC's Executive Committee was now required so that the sale could go ahead. The consultation on the Community Governance Review was now complete with 95% in favour of the transfer of the two areas to Keswick Parish. A review of polling stations was being carried out.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lywood reported that kerb improvements to the Market Square should be complete by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. He wished to put on record his thanks to Peter Whitehead of Cumbria County Council for his dedication in carrying out the work. Funding was almost in place for the repairs to the Keswick to Threlkeld railway path. As a result of a highways underspend, a multi use path could be provided between Bassenthwaite Lake and the A66 – this would take 2 to 3 years to complete. Feasibility studies were ongoing for a cycle path around Derwentwater.
- iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Dr Geoff Davies submitted a written report. Questions were asked regarding contributions from developers to affordable housing, and display of planning notices. Reference was made to the current consultation on Small Business Rates Relief for holiday homes registered as businesses. Councillor Lywood advised that the National Park Authority was to press for holiday properties to be liable for Council tax. Dr Davies advised that the Authority was currently undertaking work to make it easier for the public to find out information about properties with local occupancy clauses and this was welcomed.

*Note: agenda item for next meeting requested re Council tax on holiday homes.*

**142. Payment of Accounts**

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

- i. For the Town Council, vouchers 171-185 amounting to £26,125.00 (twenty six thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds)
- ii. For the Trusts, vouchers HP146-169 amounting to £8,977.54 (eight thousand nine hundred and seventy seven pounds and fifty four pence), and FP104-FP113 amounting to £5,231.72 (five thousand two hundred and thirty one pounds and 72 pence)

**143. Clerk's Report**

**RECEIVED** the Clerk's report.

**144. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**RECEIVED** report from Councillor Graham Kendall – Keswick Youth Centre.

**145. Minutes of Liaison Meetings**

**RECEIVED** the notes of the Lake District National Park Authority Parishes Forum held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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Chairman

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Date