

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 17th January 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Councillors		
Allan Daniels	Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton
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 North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative), Joe Broomfield (Keswick Town Centre Manager, Allerdale Borough Council), PCSO Catherine Smith, 1 member of the press and 8 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, Ian McCoy (Stakeholder Manager) and Dave Watson (Planning Consents Manager) of United Utilities gave an update on progress on the West Cumbria Supplies Project and preparation for year three.

166. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Jordan and Kendall (holiday).

167. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 20th December 2018 (pages 33-37) as amended.

168. Requests for Dispensations

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

169. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:
Councillor Susan Leighton – Item 9 (i) application no. 7/2018/2335 (knows the neighbours) and application no. 7/2018/2350 (knows the applicant).

170. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team (PCSO Catherine Smith was present). For the period from 1st December until 31st December 2018, there had been a total of 13 Antisocial Behaviour incident logs and 21 crimes reported (comparative figures for December 2017 were 8 and 16 respectively).

PCSO Smith left the meeting.

171. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were received.

172. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Pugmire reported that the 'Accessible Keswick' group was due to meet at Café West on 22nd January 2018. Councillor Lywood reported that he had made £650 available from his County Councillor's budget towards accessible projects in Keswick.

173. Empty Shops in Keswick

Councillor Titley stated that there were currently 12 empty shop premises in Keswick town centre and advised that there was a 'Future High Streets' fund available from the Government to help the regeneration of town centres through innovative proposals. Joe Broomfield provided statistical information for the parish area which showed a vacancy rate of 2% compared with the average figure of 12.6%.

He also provided information about rate relief available and how the Borough Council's Economic Growth team could support businesses. Local shop owners were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions and a number of concerns were raised.

RESOLVED that the Town Council facilitate a forum for businesses to discuss issues and consider actions to ensure the continued viability of the town centre in the light of changing consumer patterns.

Joe Broomfield left the meeting.

It was agreed to bring forward item 11 on the agenda.

174. Reports from Ward Representatives

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lywood reported that the documents transferring the Moot Hall to the Battersby Trust would be signed and sealed on Friday 18th January 2018. He also advised that the Borough Council would be making changes to the amount of Council Tax to be charged on empty homes and he would clarify the position at the next meeting.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – County Councillor Lywood reported on forthcoming road re-surfacing in the area. He also advised that funding had been agreed by the Allerdale Area Committee for the Keswick Transport Study. He confirmed that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for the 'back streets' of Keswick would result in a loss of 100 parking spaces and that there had been in excess of 100 consultation responses. Good progress was being made on the work to the kerbing of the Market Square. Following concerns from residents about road re-surfacing at the Heads, this would be tested during frosty conditions.
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority – Dr Davies advised that he had passed on a request that changes to planning applications be highlighted in the case of re-submissions as these could sometimes be difficult to identify. Unfortunately this could not be done in all cases due to staff resources but Planning Officers would be happy to offer advice where necessary.
Dr Davies left the meeting.

175. 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/2018/0161	Fell x 3 cherry, 1 x spruce. Crown lift 2 x willow, 1 x spruce, 2 x beech. Prune 1 x rhododendron, 1 x cherry. Sever ivy 1 x ash. Castlehead Medical Centre, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DB <i>Support - Appropriate tree management, following perusal of the summary by the "Care of Trees Company".</i> SUPPORT
7/2018/2302	Construction of attached two storey three bedroom dwelling within the curtilage of Glentarne (resubmission of 7/2017/2290) Glentarne, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG <i>Support - If E.A. happy with this development in a flood plain we would support as the property will have a s.106 Agreement.</i> SUPPORT

- 7/2018/2335** Single storey extensions to front and rear and conversion of garage.
48 Lakeland Park, Keswick, CA12 4AT
Support - Minimal impact on neighbourhood and we are aware of restricted covenants within Lakeland Park on holiday lets.
SUPPORT
- 7/2018/2339** Conversion of hotel to aparthotel
18-20 Lake Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5BX
Object - This is a creation of 6 new holiday lets. We would take issue with the description of the development as an aparthotel.
OBJECT
- 7/2018/2340** Drainage field (retrospective) and package treatment plant (proposed)
Keswick Launch Company, 29 Manor Park, Keswick, CA12 5DJ
Support - Works in a sensitive area that has variable water table. The new PTP replaces an existing GRP septic tank.
SUPPORT
- 7/2018/2341** Erection of a two - storey side and part rear extension
Dunbar, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG
Support - Appropriate sized extension for this property and flood assessment positive.
SUPPORT
- 7/2018/2343** Extensions and alterations to micro-brewery building, shop and visitor areas (revised application)
Keswick Brewing Co, The Old Brewery, Brewery Lane, Keswick, CA12 5BY
Support - as per our previous comments December 2017 'Support - minimal change to original application as requested by planners'. Unless objections from neighbouring properties we would happily support the development of this local enterprise.
SUPPORT
- 7/2018/2344** Change of use of ground floor retail space to extend existing residential unit
27 Station Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5HH
Support - Incorporating Gallery into existing residential property.
SUPPORT
- 7/2018/2347** Alterations to internal layout and external openings inc. removal of single door to turret and alterations to front door (to recent extension to building)
La Primavera Restaurant, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5NX
Support - minimal external changes/improvements. Positive to see damaged/flooded restaurant reinstated to present day standards internally. Only addition is an area for outdoor dining.
SUPPORT
- 7/2018/2349** Extension to rear of property and hard standing
Fell View, Ashtree Avenue, Keswick, CA12 5PF
For Information only, no comments required.
- 7/2018/2350** New double garage
Great Eddy, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5UP
Support - Application is in a huge area of garden ground.
SUPPORT

7/2018/2356 Variation to condition 2 (plans) on planning application 7/2017/2341 - proposed local needs dwelling
 Bristowe Lodge, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG
Support - Double car garage as opposed to single which makes bedroom above larger. No adverse effect on anyone.
SUPPORT

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

176. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 14th December 2018 – 10th January 2019.

177. Council Tax Consultation – Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner

Consideration was given to a response to the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's consultation on increasing the Council Tax for a band D property by £2 per month to maintain a good police force.
RESOLVED that the Town Council does not support the locality being asked to pay a supplement.

178. The NHS Long Term Plan

Councillor Susan Leighton reported on the recently published NHS Long Term Plan. Concerns were expressed about the proposal to double the number of volunteers and capacity to recruit suitable people. She also reported that she had recently met Sandra Dempsey of Age UK West Cumbria and suggested that the Clerk arrange 'Dementia Friend' training for Councillors and staff who would be prepared to attend.

179. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the payment of accounts for January 2019 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised:

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 206 - 225 amounting to £27,686.30 (twenty seven thousand six hundred and eighty six pounds and thirty pence)
- ii) For the Trust, vouchers HP190 - FP149 amounting to £2,656.67 (two thousand six hundred and fifty six pounds and sixty seven pence)

180. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the third quarter budget comparisons.

181. Schedule of Meetings

RECEIVED and noted the Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2019/20.

182. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

183. Liaison Meetings

RECEIVED the notes of Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum held on 11th December 2018.

184. Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:

- i) CALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party 21st May 2019 – nomination request.
RESOLVED that the Mayor's name be put forward for the Cumbria draw.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman

Date