

**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 February 2019 at 7.30 pm.

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**Present:**

**Chairman**  
Councillor David Burn

<b>Councillors</b>		
Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Graham Kendall	Susan Leighton	Duncan Miller
Jean Murray	Martin Pugmire	

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), PCSO Catherine Smith, 1 member of the press and 16 members of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Doug Coyle and James Daplyn of Cumbria County Council's Capital Programmes team gave a presentation about the Penrith Road Flood Alleviation project which was intended to provide a solution to address surface water flooding. Contractors had now been appointed and planning permission would be sought from mid-March which would involve extensive consultation. There was a possibility of a road closure being necessary during August but this would be avoided if at all possible.

**185. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Lywood, Paxon and Titley and Dr Geoff Davies.

**186. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (pages 38 - 41).

**187. Requests for Dispensations**

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

**188. Declarations of Interests**

No declarations of interests in respect of items on the agenda were received.

**189. Police Attendance**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team. There had been 1 antisocial behaviour incident and 10 crimes reported in the area during January (comparative figures from January 2018 were 6 and 19 respectively).

*It was agreed to bring forward item 19 i) on the agenda as there were a number of members of the public present for this item.*

**190. Correspondence**

i) League Against Cruel Sports – Fox Hunt Meeting in Keswick

Consideration was given to the letter requesting that 'Keswick Council commits to *never again* allowing the Blencathra Foxhounds to hold its Boxing Day meet in Keswick'. Councillors were made aware by members of the public present of alleged incidents when foxes had been killed as part of the hunt and of antisocial behaviour by hunt members. However, as it is not within the powers of the Town Council to ban any activity on the Market Square, it was not possible to comply with the request in the letter. It was reiterated that offences should be prosecuted and that any evidence of illegal activity should be passed onto the relevant authorities.

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

A number of members of the public spoke about the activities of the local hunt and asked that the Town Council consider what, if anything, could be done to stop any incidences of foxes being killed. A future agenda item was requested.

*PCSO Smith left the meeting.*

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

Councillor Murray drew attention to a poster advertising a lunch club at Keswick Methodist Church as a measure to combat loneliness.

**193. 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>
<b>T/2019/0018</b>	Pollard 1 cherry plum Linnett Hill Hotel, 4 Penrith Road, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4HF <i>Support - Pollarding signed off by professional tree service company</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2019/2001</b>	Variation of condition 3 of planning permission reference 7/2016/2135 (development of 3 dwellings) to allow local occupancy condition to apply to property 1 instead of property 2. Local occupancy condition to remain on property 3 14a Fenton, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4AZ <i>Object - This objection is in principle to the fact that a less affordable property in this development will now become free from a 106 Clause/Agreement</i> <b>OBJECT</b>
<b>7/2019/2004</b>	Vertical extension of existing bay window Town Head House, 25 St John's Street, Keswick CA12 5AB <i>Object - Application in conservation area and property is listed. Object due to its size and the fact that it looks out of keeping with the classically designed Town Head House and the adjoining Georgian terrace</i> <b>OBJECT</b>
<b>7/2019/2005</b>	Vertical extension of existing bay window (Listed Building Consent) Town Head House, 25 St John's Street, Keswick CA12 5AB <i>Object - as per comments on application 7/2019/2004</i> <b>OBJECT</b>
<b>7/2019/2011</b>	A2 poster swing A board Pack Horse Court, Keswick CA12 5JB <i>Support - Following consultation by members of Keswick Town Council and a representative of Packhorse Court, County Highways are satisfied with application</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>

- 7/2019/2013** Single storey rear extension and associated internal works  
22 Lakeland Park, Keswick CA12 4AT  
*Support - unless objections from neighbours we support this medium sized extension to the rear of the property*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2019/2017** Approval of details reserved by condition of planning permission approval ref. 7/2018/2116: condition no 3 (Phasing Plan); condition no 4 (Construction Management Plan); condition no 5 (Arboricultural Method Statement) and condition no 7 (Construction Traffic Management Plan)  
Site of the Keswick to Threlkeld railway, Keswick to Threlkeld Railway path and adjoining land, Keswick  
*Support - We conclude this is a professional phasing plan*  
**SUPPORT**

ii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park Planning Decisions.

**194. Mayor's Report**

**RECEIVED** details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**195. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative

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

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Councillor Allan Daniels – Keswick and District Fair Trade Campaign
- ii) Councillor Jean Murray – Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum – a verbal report was provided on the last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**197. Monitoring of Local Occupancy Housing**

Councillor Jean Murray raised the issue of non-compliance with local occupancy rules on housing in the town and suggested that a working group be set up to investigate the situation and report back to the Council.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Murray, Daniels and Kemp look at how the Town Council might help in monitoring compliance with local occupancy conditions and report back to a future meeting.

**198. Payment of Accounts**

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

- i) For The Town Council, vouchers 226 - 243 amounting to £37,128.88 (thirty seven thousand one hundred and twenty eight pounds and eighty eight pence)
- ii) For The Trusts, vouchers HP211 to FP177 amounting to £20,991.13 (twenty thousand nine hundred and ninety one pounds and thirteen pence)

**199. Confirmation of Council Tax Base**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

**200. Review of Internal Control and Audit**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor carry out the annual review of the effectiveness of the Council's system of internal audit.

**201. Review of Risk Assessment**

**RESOLVED** that the revised Risk Assessment as at February 2019 be approved and adopted.

**202. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

**RECEIVED** for information the Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the Events Committee be asked to reconsider the decision to provide a natural artificial Christmas tree for 2019 in the light of comments from Keswick Tourism Association and other Councillors.

**203. Clerk's Report**

**RECEIVED** the Clerk's report.

**204. Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:

i) Jill Chambers – Amenity Benches

**RESOLVED** that Ms Chambers be thanked for her interest and offer of a donation and that the provision of benches in Hope and Fitz Parks be referred to the next meeting of Keswick Parks Trusts. It was further **RESOLVED** that the suggested locations for other benches in the town be referred to the Accessible Keswick Group and Cumbria County Council as highway authority for comment.

ii) Police & Crime Commissioner – proposed increase in Council Tax precept – response.

**205. Caring for our Common Home**

**RECEIVED** information from Councillor Leighton following her attendance at a recent conference considering Environmental Issues, in particular the topic of Climate Change.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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Chairman

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