

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 March 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Allan Daniels

Councillors		
Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp	Graham Kendall
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 (LDNPA) North Distinctive Area Parishes representative), 1 member of the press and 1 member of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Rose Lord (LDNPA's Strategy and Partnership Adviser – Conservation Officer) and Mel Morris (Conservation Consultant) gave a briefing on the Keswick Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan which would include a review of the current Conservation Area boundary. A consultation draft would be presented to the Town Council and be available for public consultation in due course.

The Deputy Mayor made a statement following the recent attacks on Muslims in Christchurch, New Zealand condemning all forms of terrorism and urging people of all faiths and none to work together. He advised that the Mayor had written to the Mayor of Christchurch offering condolences on behalf of the town.

206. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Burn and PCSO Catherine Smith.

207. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 21st February 2019 (pages 42 - 45).

208. Requests for Dispensations

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

209. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on the agenda were received from: Councillors Allan Daniels and Susan Leighton – item 8 (i) application no. T/2019/0035 (friends of the applicant).

210. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team – no officers were present. There had been 4 antisocial behaviour incidents and 21 crimes reported during February (comparative figures from February 2018 were 5 and 25 respectively).

Councillor Murray raised a question about a recent serious assault incident which had not been listed in the report and expressed concern that the statistics did not reflect a true picture. Councillor Lywood said that there was reluctance to report crimes due to a perception that they would not be investigated thoroughly, and expressed concerns about lack of policing in rural areas. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner on these points. Councillor Titley asked whether more detailed information could be provided in the reports to assist members of the public in coming forward with relevant information.

211. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were received from the public.

212. Keswick Mountain Festival 2019

Richard Pearson of Triathlon Edinburgh (the new owners of Keswick Mountain Festival) gave a presentation about the 2019 event. The format would be the same as in previous years i.e. a weekend festival celebrating the outdoors which included music and camping, sports events, activities and speakers. He explained that a Noise Management Consultant had been appointed who would be on site for the duration of the event to deal with any issues raised. Lake Road would not be closed this year which should help with traffic movements. He offered to come back to a future meeting to provide a de-brief on the Festival and hear any comments. Richard was thanked for his presentation.

213. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development
T/2019/0029	Location Crown Reduce and prune Quercus Robor Keswick Superglaze, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4JP <i>Support - Safe & sensible management of tree</i> SUPPORT
T/2019/0035	3x Cypress trees - fell; 1x Yew tree - prune back, 4x Laurel - cut back 1 The Hollies, High Street, Keswick, CA12 5AH <i>Support - Concur with Derwent Charcoal's summary of work</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2014	Replacement of shop front No 28 (Old NatWest Bank), Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5JH <i>Support - Good to see a former bank building occupied. Shop front a great improvement on existing, removes the current eyesore and provides more employment</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2022	Removal of coal store and replacement with single storey extension, replacement windows to rear and roof light to front elevation 66 Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HX <i>Support - Very little impact on neighbours (neighbourhood)</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2026	Refurbishment of dwelling including change of use of integral garage into additional living accommodation, replacement of existing windows and doors and removal of one chimney Gower, Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HW <i>Object – Losing a parking place as the garage is to be converted into living accommodation, therefore placing additional stress on the already limited parking in the area</i> OBJECT
7/2019/2028	Extension and alteration to dwelling house 16 Poplar Street, Keswick, CA12 5BW <i>Support - Appropriate design and matches building line of neighbouring properties (conservation area)</i> SUPPORT

- 7/2019/2033** Refurbishment of dwelling including change of use of integral garage into additional living accommodation, replacement of existing windows and doors, removal of one chimney and insert of dormer to rear elevation.
Gower, Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HW
Object – Losing a parking place as the garage is to be converted into living accommodation, therefore placing additional stress on the already limited parking in the area
OBJECT
- 7/2019/2035** Single storey master bedroom & porch extensions
Rowanrigg, The Paddock, Brundholme Road, Keswick, CA12 4NL
Support - significant reduction in footprint from original application, much more in keeping with neighbourhood
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2045** Non - material amendment to planning application 7/2018/2203 (conversion of garage into living accommodation) - removal of roof light and add a window to the northwest elevation
8 Millfield Gardens, Keswick, CA12 4PB
No comments required, for information only

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

214. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 15th February 2019 – 14th March 2019.

215. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – Councillor Lywood reported that there was evidence that some holiday home owners who did not pay Council tax as they were registered as small businesses, which then qualified for business rate relief, were using the domestic waste collection service provided by the Borough Council and were effectively being subsidised by Council tax payers. The Borough Council was moving towards taking measures to prevent this. He further reported that the Borough Council intended to build a new sports stadium in Workington and were looking at providing a new swimming pool and leisure centre in Keswick.

Councillor Pugmire thanked Allerdale BC for providing a new automatic door to facilitate entrance to the Council offices.

Councillor Miller raised the issue of the poor condition of the area parallel to the old railway line on Brundholme Road leading up to the mini roundabout. Councillor Leighton said that difficulties were caused for residents of Calvert Way due to the lack of pavement on this stretch. Councillor Lywood agreed to follow these issues up with Cumbria Highways.

- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – Councillor Lywood reported that the new kerbing on the Market Square was almost complete and thanked all those involved in the work. The Chair thanked Councillors Lywood and Kendall for their efforts in securing the improvements.
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Dr Geoff Davies submitted a written report and also provided an update on the Local Plan review. The Allocations of Land and Pre-submission Local Plan documents had been approved by the Authority and consultation would be open soon in relation to 'legal compliance' and/or

'soundness'. He advised that a web page provided advice on how to respond at this stage. Three policies had been removed – two because they were covered in the National Planning Policy Framework and one because it was considered that there was no need for a separate policy.

216. Public Footpath at the Howrah's, Keswick

Consideration was given to a request from County Councillor Lywood that the Town Council make a contribution of £500 towards repair work to be carried out by Cumbria County Council at the Howrah's public footpath. This had been requested as evidence of local support for the project, the total cost of which was £20,000.

RESOLVED that a contribution of £500 be made to Cumbria County Council towards repair work at the Howrah's public right of way to be funded from contingency.

217. Keswick Youth Club

Councillor Kendall provided an update on plans to provide a new Youth Centre in Keswick. He reported that the Club intended to move back to its original site and that planning permission was to be sought for a scheme to provide housing as well as a new Youth Centre. The Club also intended to employ a youth worker.

218. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For The Town Council, vouchers 244 - 263 amounting to £19826.99 (nineteen thousand eight hundred and twenty six pounds and ninety nine pence)
- ii) For The Trusts, vouchers HP239 - FP193 amounting to £10576.15 (ten thousand five hundred and seventy six pounds and fifteen pence)

219. Annual Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Financial Control

RECEIVED a report on the Annual Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Financial Control from Councillors Daniels and Burn.

RESOLVED that the Council's Financial Regulations be amended as necessary to comply with the Model Regulations in relation to the reporting of suspected fraud.

220. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that delegated authority be granted to the Clerk to provide information and approvals in relation to the Keswick Transport Study review report, in consultation with Councillors Burn, Lywood and Murray, reporting back to the next available Town Council meeting.

221. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the draft Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 12th March 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman

Date