

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 18th April 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present:**Chairman**

Councillor David Burn

Councillors

Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Jean Murray	Adam Paxon	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), PCSO Catherine Smith, 1 member of the press and 20 members of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Mayor thanked Councillors Leighton and Kendall, who were standing down at the May elections, for all their hard work and contributions to the Council during their terms of office.

222. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Graham Kendall (work) and Martin Pugmire (illness).

223. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 21st March 2019 (pages 46 – 49).

224. Requests for Dispensations

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

225. Declarations of Interests

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

226. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team. There had been no antisocial behaviour incidents and 22 crimes reported during March (comparative figures for March 2018 were 3 and 18 respectively). PCSO Catherine Smith was present and answered questions from Councillors. Councillor Jean Murray referred to an incident which did not appear to have been recorded in the February Police report and PCSO Smith undertook to check the position and report back.

227. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were received from the public.

228. Hunting in the Keswick area

Consideration was given to representations from members of the public alleging that illegal hunting was taking place in the Keswick area resulting in the killing of foxes, claims of antisocial behaviour by hunt members, and requests that the Blencathra Hunt should be asked not to come to Keswick Market Square on Boxing Day in the future. Members of the public present and a representative of the Blencathra Foxhounds were given the opportunity to speak on this item.

RESOLVED that the Town Council:

- i) Write to the Lake District National Park Authority, the Forestry Commission, the National Trust and United Utilities to ask what their policies are relating to the issuing of licences for trail hunting, and how they police these
- ii) Write to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria asking them to clarify their actions in relation to complaints received and requesting statistics on the number of incidents reported and prosecutions taken under the Hunting Act
- iii) Take no action at this time regarding the Blencathra Hunt Boxing Day presence in Keswick Market Square

PCSO Smith left the meeting.

It was agreed to bring item 10 on the agenda forward.

229. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) LDNPA Parishes Representative – Dr Geoff Davies submitted a written report. He also advised that he had spoken to the Head of Development Management at the Authority who had suggested that members of the Planning Group arrange to meet their tree work contractor for advice regarding tree work applications and Councillor Miller agreed to follow this up.
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative - Councillor Lywood raised the issue of lack of consultation on local issues by both the County and Borough Councils, referring specifically to licensing issues. He also provided information on the Penrith Road flood alleviation scheme which was likely to start in August and would require traffic management in this area for 12 weeks.
- iii) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives - Discussion took place regarding problems caused by the new arrangements for bin collection by Allerdale BC.

230. 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/2019/0050	Remove 1 eucalyptus and reduce height and spread of 1 yew tree 5 The Hollies, High Street, Keswick, CA12 5AH <i>Object - this application should be dealt with under previous application T/2019/0035</i>
	OBJECT
7/2019/2050	Confirmation of compliance with conditions 6 and 7 on approval ref. 7/2018/2308 - Construction method statement and energy statement Land to the rear of 61 The Headlands, Keswick, CA12 5EH <i>No comments required, for information only</i>
7/2019/2058	Demolition of existing house and erection of house Lyngarth, Rogerfield, CA12 4BN <i>Support - as per previous application 7/2018/2208 - 'Innovative design of a property that is in the need of major refurbishment work (satisfactory design & access statement which seems to cover any minor concerns)'</i>
	SUPPORT
7/2019/2061	Erection of single-storey side extension following demolition of existing extension/conservatory to the side elevation, replacement (retrospective) of two sash windows and one casement window to the rear elevation and reinstate balustrade to the front elevation 29 Southey Street, Keswick, CA12 4EE <i>Support - Sensible and handsome restoration of a distinctive building.</i>

*Appropriate work in the conservation area***SUPPORT**

- 7/2019/2069** Front elevation: replacement windows and doors. Rear elevation: converting window to patio doors
80 Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HY
Support - The important feature is that the new installation should retain the appearance which it does
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2075** Approval of details reserved by condition on planning application 7/2018/2116 (Re-instatement, improvement and resurfacing of traffic free Multi User Trail along a section of former railway line): condition 3 relating to phasing plan for construction work
Site of the Keswick to Threlkeld railway, Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path and adjoining land, Keswick
No comments required, for information only
- 7/2019/2082** Approval of details reserved by condition on planning application 7/2018/2116 (Re-instatement, improvement and resurfacing of a traffic free Multi User Trail along a section of former railway line): conditions 4 (construction management plan), 5 (arboricultural method statement) and 7 (construction traffic management plan)
Site of the Keswick to Threlkeld railway, Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path and adjoining land, Keswick
No comments required, for information only
- 7/2019/2083** Approval of details reserved by condition on planning application 7/2018/2203: Condition 3 (Roof Material) - Conversion of existing attached garage into living accommodation including alteration of the flat garage roof to mono pitched roof
8 Millfield Gardens, Keswick, CA12 4PB
No comments required, for information only

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

231. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 15th March 2019 – 11th April 2019.

232. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED report from Councillor Jean Murray – Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Group.

233. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 264 - 12 amounting to £25,543.97 (twenty five thousand five hundred and forty three pounds and ninety seven pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP263 - FP6 amounting to £7,828.54 (seven thousand eight hundred and twenty eight pounds and fifty four pence)

234. Budget Summary Comparisons as at 31st March 2019

RECEIVED budget comparisons for the 4th Quarter.

235. Verification of Bank Reconciliations

RESOLVED that nomination of a Councillor to sign the bank reconciliations and original bank statements as evidence of verification be deferred pending the May elections.

236. Annual Review of Financial Regulations

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that items 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9 contained in the current regulations be renewed and that the Internal Auditor's Terms of Reference be amended as recommended in the report.

237. Assets Register

RECEIVED the updated Assets Register.

RESOLVED that the Assets Register be approved and adopted.

238. Business Rates – Reversal of 'Staircase Tax' Legislation

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

239. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that the Town Council act as the lead authority in the Lake Road street lighting project and that consideration be given to making a financial contribution towards the scheme once costings have been received.

240. Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:

- i) Lake District National Park Authority – publication of Pre-submission Local Plan
- ii) Cumbria Association of Local Councils – Election of Parish Members to the LDNPA

Prior to the following business the Chairman moved the resolution:

'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted'

241. Contracting – Floral Displays

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that Keswick in Bloom's request for a Council representative on the organisation be deferred pending the May elections.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Chairman

Date