

## KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 15th August 2019 at 7.30 pm.

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### Present:

**Chairman**  
Councillor David Burn

Alexandra Boardman  
Alan Dunn  
Adam Paxon

Markus Campbell-Savours  
Steve Harwood  
Paul Titley

Allan Daniels  
Sally Lansbury  
Allan Todd

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), 2 members of the press and 11 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting Sandra Dempsey and David Hole of Age UK West Cumbria provided information about the 'Men in Sheds' initiative which aimed to combat loneliness and social isolation in people over the age of 50. Age UK were looking to develop a project in Keswick and had interest from a potential funder and were currently looking for suitable premises.

### 67. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lywood and Miller and the Police.

### 68. 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> July 2019 (pages 10-15).

### 69. Presentation of Scroll

The Mayor thanked Martin Jordan for his contribution to the Council and the Parks Trusts over a period of almost 40 years. He presented a scroll recording the Council's sincere appreciation of the services rendered by Martin as Councillor and Mayor of Keswick over this period.

### 70. Requests for Dispensations

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

### 71. Declarations of Interests

The following declarations of interests in respect of items on the agenda were received:  
Councillor Alan Dunn – item 9 (i) application no. 7/2019/2147 (close friend of the applicant).

### 72. Police Report

**RECEIVED** the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team for July. There had been a total of 7 Antisocial Behaviour Incident logs and 24 crimes recorded for the Keswick area since the last meeting (comparative figures for July 2018 were 10 and 29 respectively). No Police Officers were present.

Councillor Daniels raised the issue of antisocial behaviour on the corner of Penrith Road and Station Road and asked for this to be brought to the attention of the Police.

*It was agreed to bring item 19 on the agenda forward*

**73. Ten Minute Rule Bill re Reservoirs and Flood Risk**

Lynne Jones of Keswick Flood Action Group (KFAG) spoke in relation to this item. She said that a Private Member's Bill was required to address the issue of use of reservoirs and lakes for flood prevention. Reservoir safety was also an important issue and legislation needed to be tightened up particularly in view of climate change threats.

**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs echoing KFAG's request that Water Utility companies be given a statutory responsibility to mitigate flood risk.

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

A former member of Keswick Civic Society spoke about the flood alleviation project involving a flood retention basin at Springs Road, finishing at 'Otley's Well'. He asked for the support of the Town Council in requesting that the flood retention basin be named after Jonathon Otley to keep his name alive in Keswick. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council accordingly.

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

Councillor Lansbury raised the issue of the presence of himalayan balsam on various areas of land in the town and asked for an item to be placed on the agenda for the meeting in March 2020 to consider co-ordinating a community effort to remove this invasive plant.

Councillor Daniels raised the issue of increased traffic on the Market Square following the removal of the 'flower towers' which acted as a deterrent to vehicles entering the Square from the Main Street/Bank Street junction. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Highways Authority to ask for a temporary 'barrier' pending the installation of new planters.

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

**76. Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path Reinstatement**

Councillor Harwood presented a draft letter to the Lake District National Park Authority addressing concerns raised about the intention to provide a tarmac surface to the reinstated path and asking that this be replaced with a granular subbase overlaid with a compacted/consolidated fine grain gravel finish. He requested an urgent meeting with the decision makers to review the matter and to find a way forward which could be supported by everyone.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed letter be sent to the Chief Executive of the Lake District National Park Authority.

**77. 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>7/2019/2147</b>	Variation of condition 2 (plans) on approval ref 7/2018/2350 to reduce the external sizes by one metre - new double garage Great Eddy, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5UP <i>No comments made.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2019/2149</b>	Demolition of semi - derelict workshop/store building and construction of a 2 bedroom local needs dwelling. Site of George Street, Rear of 16 Church Street, Keswick, CA12 4DT

*Object - Overdevelopment on a restricted site, increasing existing building to 2 storeys creates a significant overshadowing effect on all neighbouring properties which are in close proximity, poor space standard which is significantly below minimum used by Housing Associations for this size of dwelling and no amenity space.*

*Would be happy for revised application with a smaller development e.g. single storey and 1 bedroom.*

**OBJECT**

**7/2019/2155**

Extension of kitchen at rear of property (resubmission of application 7/2018/2239)

12 High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5NY

*Support - amended plans.*

**SUPPORT**

**7/2019/2166**

Proposed youth centre and residential development

Keswick Youth Centre, The Old Mill, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NJ

*Support Youth Centre element of scheme but object to other elements namely*

- 1. Increased footprint of new scheme over previously approved plans and increase in height which has an overbearing impact on neighbouring properties*
- 2. Increased and significant intrusion of the 2 storey house in too close proximity to Greta Grove dwelling with windows looking towards the site.*
- 3. Increased intrusion of the 3 storey Youth Centre entrance projection towards 1 Old Mill Court*

*Suggest the applicant consults with nearby residents/businesses and submits amended plans with a scaled back scheme.*

**OBJECT**

**7/2019/2171**

Two storey side extension and garage conversion

Windrush, Rogerfield, Keswick, CA12 4BN

*Support - Sufficient garden ground for this size of appropriate extension.*

**SUPPORT**

**7/2019/2178**

Approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (construction management plan) and 7 (construction traffic management plan) of planning application 7/2018/2116 - Re-instatement, improvement and resurfacing of a traffic free Multi - User - Trail along a section of former railway line between Keswick and Threlkeld

Site of the Keswick to Threlkeld railway, Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path and adjoining land, Keswick

*For information only, no comments required, however, in the light of further information received and subsequent to previous comments, the Town Council would like to put on record its objection to the tarmac surfacing and request that alternative materials be considered e.g. fine grade gravel. Proposed tarmac surface is completely incompatible with Planning Policy 05 in Local Plan recently issued.*

*Please also refer to separate letter (August 2019) sent to LDNPA in relation to this issue.*

**OBJECT**

- 7/2019/2180** Addition of a velux window to the rear of the property  
15 Southey Street, Keswick, CA12 4EG  
*No comments made.*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2019/2182** Replacement of existing rotten sliding sash window and side glazing to dormer window  
25 St. Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AE  
*Support - appropriate materials used on period property (works have actually been completed).*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2019/2187** Demolition of garage, conservatory and kitchen extension. Construction of new kitchen, dining, sunroom and store  
26 Manor Park, Keswick, CA12 4AA  
*Support - Support in principle but do not approve of extension at side and rear dining / store projection having a seamed zinc roof which is out of keeping with the existing house and general pattern of extensions of this street. Roof pitch could be adjusted to accommodate a slate pitched roof on this element. No objection to zinc roof at rear over Dayroom where shallow roof pitch dictates. Demolishing the garage will not affect car parking arrangements.*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2019/2188** Approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (construction management plan) and 7 (construction traffic management plan) of planning application 7/2018/2116 - Re - instatement, improvement and resurfacing of a traffic free Multi - User Trail along a section of former railway line between Keswick and Threlkeld - Phase 4  
*For information only, no comments required, however in the light of further information received and subsequent to previous comments, the Town Council would like to put on record its objection to the tarmac surfacing and request that alternative materials be considered i.e. well compacted fine grade gravel. The proposed tarmac surface is completely incompatible with Planning Policy 05 in Local Plan recently issued. Please also refer to separate letter (August 2019) sent to LDNPA in relation to this issue.*  
**OBJECT**
- 7/2019/2189** Approval of details reserved by condition 5 (arboricultural method statement) of planning application 7/2018/2116 - Re - instatement, improvement and resurfacing of a traffic free Multi - User Trail along a section of former railway line between Keswick and Threlkeld  
Site of the Keswick to Threlkeld railway, Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path and adjoining land, Keswick  
*No comments required, for information only.*  
**NO COMMENTS**
- 7/2019/2190** Approval of details reserved by condition 4 (construction management plan) and 7 (construction traffic management plan) of planning application 7/2018/2116 - Re - instatement, improvement and resurfacing

of a traffic free Multi - User Trail along a section of former railway line between Keswick and Threlkeld - Phase 7a  
 Site of the Keswick to Threlkeld railway, Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path and adjoining land, Keswick

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**OBJECT**

**7/2019/2193**

Approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (construction management plan) and 7 (construction traffic management plan) of planning application 7/2018/2116 - Re - instatement, improvement and resurfacing of a traffic free Multi - User Trail along a section of former railway line between Keswick and Threlkeld - Phase 7b  
 Keswick to Threlkeld railway, Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path and adjoining land, Keswick

*Support - as this application relates only to work on Rawsomes Bridge. Previous comments on surface material apply.*

**SUPPORT**

**7/2019/2194**

Single storey extensions to front and rear and conversion of garage (revised application of 7/2018/2335)  
 48 Lakeland Park, Keswick, CA12 4AT

*Object - (1) The submitted application is not valid as it does not accurately show what has been built to date namely (A) An additional extension has been built on the side of the ground floor bedroom which is not shown. (B) The materials shown to clad the extension are different to what is shown on the drawings. (It is our understanding that Barra Harl small shell render finish is no longer available due to environmental concerns).*

*(C) A window is shown on the side of the bedroom but not shown on the elevation (incidentally no means of access is shown into the bedroom).*

*(2) Following representations to Councillors, we object to the applicant proceeding to build a larger extension than originally approved without giving neighbouring properties affected the right to comment.*

*(3) The extension now proposed is approx. 1 metre longer at the rear, increased in width, and much closer to the rear boundary than shown and has a full pitched roof in lieu of the original hipped roof. Whilst the increased width is not an issue, the increased length and additional mass of the pitched roof is significantly more intrusive and overshadowing when viewed from no. 49. The extension should not be allowed to go beyond the length previously approved and the hipped roof retained which could be extended across the back for the increased width proposed.*

**OBJECT**

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

**78. Consultation on Planning Application – Allerdale BC**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made to the application from British Telecomm to remove the public pay phone opposite Glenburn, Browfoot, Keswick.

**79. Mayor's Engagements**

**RECEIVED** details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**80. Request for Speed Indication Device at High Hill**

The Mayor gave an update on progress regarding the request to Cumbria County Council Highways Department to provide a Speed Indication Device (SID) at High Hill. Despite local funding being available, the County Council maintained that the relevant criteria for the provision of an SID at this location was not met and had refused to install one. The Mayor was continuing to apply pressure and in the meantime the possibility of using 'rumble strips' to reduce speeds was under consideration.

**81. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Dr Geoff Davies presented a written report and advised that the tree specialist currently working for the National Park authority was due to leave his post in the next month. He also informed Councillors that the LDNPA Partnership had set a carbon budget in 2010.
- ii) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Daniels advised that the Trading Standards Officer from Workington had recently visited the Market Square to observe the activities of the 'periodical seller' raising funds for Veterans. He reported that additional funding was to be made available for events and an application would be made for activities relating to the anniversary of VE/VJ day in 2020. Councillor Lansbury reported on discussions regarding waste management at festivals. She also advised that plans had been drawn up to convert a building on Otley Road into one bedroom flats to be developed by a housing company to be set up by the Borough Council. A petition was in circulation to support a motion to the Borough Council's September meeting in connection with the Climate Change Emergency. Councillor Campbell-Savours reported that no progress had been made regarding provision of a garden waste disposal facility in Keswick despite his efforts.

**82. Payment of Accounts**

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 80 - 97, amounting to £21,447.38 (twenty one thousand, four hundred and forty seven pounds and thirty eight pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP72 - FP81, amounting to £17,765.07 (seventeen thousand seven hundred and sixty five pounds and seven pence)

**83. Ethical Banking**

Consideration was given to the report of the Responsible Financial Officer and information provided by Councillor Todd.

**RESOLVED** that no change be made to the Council's current banking arrangements with Barclays Bank for the time being but that the situation be kept under review.

**84. Climate Emergency**

Consideration was given to a motion submitted by Councillor Todd.

**RESOLVED:** That Keswick Town Council write to both Allerdale Borough Council and the Government, informing them that we have declared a Climate Emergency and asking Allerdale Borough Council to work with the Town Council to help deliver action on the Climate Emergency via strategies, plans and shared

resources, and the Government to provide the policy changes and funding necessary to help Keswick and Allerdale become carbon neutral.

**85. Keswick in Bloom – Planters**

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick in Bloom to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Cumbria Highways accepting responsibility for planters to be provided on the Market Square.

**RESOLVED** that the request be agreed and that the planters be added to the Council's insurance policy.

**86. Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**RECEIVED** the rota for reporting to Council.

**87. Clerk's Report**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Clerk.

**88. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

**RECEIVED** for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**89. Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:

- i) A local resident – campervan parking on Crow Park Road  
**RESOLVED** that Cumbria County Council Highways department be asked to provide 'No Overnight Parking' signs on Crow Park Road
- ii) Cumbria Association of Local Councils – Direct Elections to CALC Executive Committee

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date