

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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4th October 2019

A Special Meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, 50 Main Street, Keswick on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30pm**. **The press and public are welcome to attend.**



**Lynda Walker**  
Town Clerk

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies**  
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes**  
To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (pages 23 – 27).
- 3. Requests for Dispensations**  
The Clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- 4. Declarations of Interests**  
To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.
- 5. Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path**  
Following the meeting with officers of the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, to consider passing a motion of no confidence in the Chief Officers of the Lake District National Park Authority and issuing the attached statement to the Board of the LDNPA.

To: All Councillors  
Police  
Press  
Library

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

**PROPOSED STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED TO THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

'Keswick Town Council has passed a (unanimous) motion of no confidence in the Chief Officers of the Lake District National Park Authority in view of their complete intransigence and disregard of the overwhelming view of the local population and wider community in opposition to the tarmac surface finish proposed for the Keswick to Threlkeld railway path.

It is clear that the decisions made have been based on the principle that the needs of cyclists who wish to ride between Keswick and Threlkeld at speed outweigh all other considerations. To this end we consider that statistics and material facts have been presented in a distorted way to justify why tarmac is the only acceptable surface option - which is incorrect. It is not surprising that decisions have been taken to support this option taken against this background. It is an urban solution being imposed in a rural situation.

This point of detail goes against the core principles of the National Park and its new status as a World Heritage Site. The excellent work carried out in bringing this project to fruition is being ruined by a dogmatic insistence that this decision cannot and will not be changed. It is eroding trust in the National Park's remit to protect this special landscape. Moreover we believe their position is in conflict with the primary purpose of a national park as set out in the Environment Act 1995.

There is still time to change this decision if there is a will to do so. Tried and tested alternatives have been put forward which satisfy the needs of all users and which command public support. Keswick Town Council asks the LDNPA to please take this opportunity to reconsider, to restore faith that the National Park is listening to the views of the people.'

## KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

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**Present:****Chairman**

Councillor David Burn

Alexandra Boardman  
Alan Dunn  
Duncan Miller

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), 1 member of the press and 8 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting Rose Lord, Strategy and Partnership Adviser (Conservation Officer), Lake District National Park Authority, presented the Conservation Area Appraisal draft report/recommendations prior to starting the wider public consultation. She outlined the proposed deletions and additions to the current area and the issues and management approach to dealing with these. She advised that the final full report was due by the end of October and public consultation would take place during December, January and February. The report would be adopted by the LDNPA in March 2020.

**90. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lywood (holiday), Paxon (work) and the Police.

**91. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (pages 16-22).

**92. Requests for Dispensations**

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

**93. Declarations of Interests**

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

**94. Police Report**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team for August. There had been a total of 2 Antisocial Behaviour Incident logs and 30 crimes recorded for the Keswick area since the last meeting. No Police Officers were present. The Clerk was asked to raise the issue of traffic problems in the back streets due to the closure of Penrith Road as road users were not following the signs - police intervention would be welcome.

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

- i) A local hotelier referred to a recent press article concerning a possible hotel development in Keswick. He asked for the Council to support existing guest accommodation businesses.
- ii) A local resident raised a number of issues including the impact on Crosthwaite Road traffic of the closure of Penrith Road; a planning application submitted for a new Youth Centre which he felt would contribute to the flooding problems in this part of town if approved; and the proliferation of camper vans on car parks leading to congestion as other vehicles sought parking spaces.



- iii) A local resident raised the issue of poor communication by the LDNPA regarding the closure of the Keswick to Threlkeld railway path during reinstatement work, and put forward a number of suggestions to support the community during this period plus a request for better facilities on the path. Dr Geoff Davies said that he would speak to the appropriate officers at the LDNPA.

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

Councillor Lansbury spoke about Climate Action Week and outlined the programme of activities for Keswick.

**97. 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/2019/0138</b>	Pollard 1 ash tree (T1) 2 Archway House, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5DD <i>Support - Sensible tree management</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>T/2019/0141</b>	Thin out dominant species at area (T1) Wooded area of land adjacent to 11 Coleridge Court, Keswick, CA12 5QE <i>No comments made</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2019/2195</b>	Proposed single storey lean-to extension and installation of rooflight to the rear 56 Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HT <i>Support - Similar to other single storey extensions in neighbourhood and should not have a detrimental effect on properties either side</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2019/2199</b>	Car port 17 Crosthwaite Gardens, Keswick, CA12 5QF <i>No comments made</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2019/2204</b>	Replacement ground floor and first floor windows to front elevation 5 Helvellyn Street, Keswick, CA12 4EH <i>Support - Significant improvement on existing</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>7/2019/2207</b>	Proposed designated beer garden to existing licenced forecourt area Keswick Brewing Co, The Old Brewery, Brewery Lane, Keswick, CA12 5BY <i>Support - Small unobtrusive beer garden in a walled enclosure appropriate to this local business. For information operating hours are 12.00 to 20.00 each day of the week</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>

- 7/2019/2210** Convert existing garage into a workshop and separate studio  
The Archway, 17 St Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AE  
*Support - historical heritage features retained and visual appeal looking through archway, is an improvement to existing*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2019/2211** Convert existing garage into a workshop and separate studio (Listed Building Consent)  
The Archway, 17 St Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AE  
*Support - As per comments on 7/2019/2210*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2019/2215** Approval of details reserved by condition on planning application 7/2018/2308: Condition 7 (Renewable Energy) - Erection of local occupancy dwelling  
Site to rear of 61 Headlands, Keswick, CA12 5ET  
*No comments required, for information only*
- 7/2019/2221** Use as a single residential unit  
Riverdale, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG  
*No comments required, for information only*
- 7/2019/2225** Demolition of existing wooden shed and erection of a replacement shed  
50 Wordsworth Street, Keswick, CA12 4BZ  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2019/2226** Demolition of conservatory and porch. Addition of dining and play room extension with porch  
6 Grange Park, Keswick, CA12 4AY  
*Object - The layout and proximity of this extension impact heavily on neighbouring property, no 5 Grange Park. There is ample 'garden ground' at the applicant's property to consider a less intrusive build. No consultation has taken place with the neighbour at no. 5 who has now objected strongly, by letter, to this application. This house is one of a group of 10 dwellings all of a similar stylised design. The introduction of a zinc roof, which would be visible from the main access road, would be out of character. Please note: we are aware the planning notice was only displayed on site as of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019*  
**OBJECT**

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

*It was agreed to bring item 12 on the agenda forward*

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

Councillor Harwood gave an update on the request for a meeting with the LDNPA to discuss the proposal to tarmac the surface of the new path, which had now been arranged for early October. He had submitted a detailed alternative proposal to the LDNPA and would report back to the next meeting. Councillors thanked him for all his work on this project.

A proposal from Councillor Todd that the Town Council should place on record at the meeting with the LDNPA its concerns about and opposition to the significant amount of destruction of natural habitat/biodiversity involved in the current proposal was not supported at this time.

**99. Consultation on Planning Applications – Allerdale BC**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made to the application from British Telecomm to remove the public pay phone at High Hill, Keswick.

**100. Mayor's Report**

**RECEIVED** details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**101. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Daniels gave an update following a meeting with Kevin Kerrigan of ABC on a number of issues. He reported that a grant of £1,000 had been agreed for cleaning dog urine, and gave information about a recent Licensing Committee decision regarding an application to operate a rickshaw in Keswick town centre. Councillor Campbell-Savours reported on discussions regarding street cleaning and Councillor Lansbury reported on a request for bins for cigarette ends in Museum Square.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – no report was submitted
- iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Dr Geoff Davies submitted a written report

**102. CCTV**

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk giving an update on the costs of linking the existing CCTV cameras on the Moot Hall into the Cumbria Constabulary monitored CCTV system involving the purchase of two new cameras.

**RESOLVED**

- i) that an application be submitted to the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's grant fund for £6,000 towards the cost of providing two additional cameras
- ii) that the remainder of the funding be met from the Council's General Reserves should the grant application be successful (approximately £8,505 including set up costs)
- iii) That the annual maintenance cost of £3,000 be met from the contingency amount in the current year's budget

**103. Keswick Climate Emergency**

Councillor Allan Todd presented draft letters to be sent to Allerdale Borough Council and the Government following the resolution made at the last meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the letters be sent as drafted.

**104. Payment of Accounts**

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

- i. The Town Council, vouchers 98 - 115, amounting to 35,217.96 (thirty five thousand two hundred seventeen pounds and ninety six pence)
- ii. The Trusts, vouchers HP89 - FP97, amounting to 10,391.90 (ten thousand three hundred ninety one pounds and ninety pence)

**105. Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2019**

**RESOLVED** that the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2019 including the Certificate of Conclusion of the External Audit be approved and accepted.

**106. Clerk's Report**

**RECEIVED** and noted the report of the Clerk.

**107. Minutes of Liaison Meetings**

**RECEIVED** the draft notes of the 3 tier meeting held in Cockermouth on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019.



**108. Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:

- i) Letter from a local resident – maintenance of verges  
**RESOLVED** that further pressure be placed on the County highways authority to improve the areas not in private ownership.

**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’*

**109. Office Accommodation**

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that no expression of interest be put forward at the present time.

**110. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

**RECEIVED** the draft Minutes of the Staffing Committee meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk’s resignation be received with regret and that the Staffing Committee make the necessary arrangements to fill the post.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

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Chairman

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Date