

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.

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 15th 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:

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location
T/2019/0138	Pollard 1 ash tree (T1) 2 Archway House, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5DD <i>Support - Sensible tree management</i> SUPPORT
T/2019/0141	Thin out dominant species at area (T1) Wooded area of land adjacent to 11 Coleridge Court, Keswick, CA12 5QE <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2195	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> SUPPORT
7/2019/2199	Car port 17 Crosthwaite Gardens, Keswick, CA12 5QF <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2204	Replacement ground floor and first floor windows to front elevation 5 Helvellyn Street, Keswick, CA12 4EH <i>Support - Significant improvement on existing</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2207	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> SUPPORT

- 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 19th 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 9th August 2019 – 12th 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 11th 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 9th August 2019 and 17th 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

Chairman

Date