

14th November 2019

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, I Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on **Thursday 21st November 2019 at 7.30pm. The press and public are welcome to attend.**

Prior to the meeting, **at 7.00 pm**, James Daplyn of Cumbria County Council will provide an update on progress with the Penrith Road flood alleviation project.



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 17th October 2019 (pages 30 - 34).
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 Interest**
To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.
5. **Police Attendance**
To receive the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team - a Police Community Support officer will attend when on duty and available.
6. **Matters to be received from the Public**
Such matters may be received throughout the meeting, however, items raised should not be discussed for longer than 10 minutes and the Chairman reserves the right to curtail repetitious matters. Public participation shall not be longer than half an hour throughout the meeting.
7. **Matters to be raised by Councillors**
An opportunity for Councillors to raise any **unforeseen** matters which are not on the agenda, with the consent of the Chair, and which do not require a decision – items raised should not be discussed for longer than 10 minutes.
8. **Blencathra Hunt**
At the request of Councillor Todd, to consider whether the Blencathra Hunt should be requested not to attend the Market Square on Boxing Day 2019.
9. **Keswick to Threlkeld Trail Reinstatement**
To receive a report on the response from the Lake District National Park Authority to the Town Council's efforts to date to prevent a tarmac surface finish to the reinstated path and to agree a way forward.

- 10. Applications for Development**
- i) To examine applications for development and agree observations to be submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority
 - ii) To receive update on National Park planning decisions
- 11. Consultation on Planning Application – Allerdale BC**
To consider observations, if any, to consultation on proposed removal of public pay phone at Eskin Street (letter enclosed).
- 12. Allerdale Borough Council Plan 2020-30- Consultation Draft**
To consider the report of the Working Group.
- 13. Request from Keswick Museum**
To consider a request from Keswick Museum for a reduction in the cost of hiring banner space in the Market Square from 1st April – 7th June and on Station Street from 4th August to 31st October 2019 – normal charge £50 per week.
- 14. Mayor’s Report**
To receive details of the Mayor’s engagements and meetings attendance for the period 11th October – 14th November 2019.
- 15. Reports from Ward Representatives**
To receive reports from the following representatives:
- i) Allerdale Borough Council
 - ii) Cumbria County Council
 - iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative
- 16. Payment of Accounts**
To confirm the payment of accounts for November 2019 as approved by the Inspection Committee (to be circulated at the meeting):
- i. For the Town Council
 - ii. For the Trusts
- 17. Clerk’s Report**
To receive the Clerk’s report.
- 18. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**
To receive a report from Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership – Council representative Councillor Lansbury.
- 19. Minutes of Committee Meetings**
To receive for information the Minutes of the Events committee meeting held on 29th October 2019.
- 20. Correspondence**
To consider the following correspondence:
- i) Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy – response to letter about the climate emergency
 - ii) Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs – response to letter calling for water companies’ statutory obligations to be extended to cover management of flood risk

Prior to the following business the Chairman will move the following 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’

- 21. Minutes of Committee Meetings**
To receive the draft Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 10th October 2019

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 17th October 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Alexandra Boardman
Alan Dunn
Tony Lywood
Allan Todd

Markus Campbell-Savours
Steve Harwood
Duncan Miller

Allan Daniels
Sally Lansbury
Adam Paxon

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), James Robson and David Sawday (Keswick Ministries), 1 member of the press and 9 members of the public.

116. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Titley, Dr Geoff Davies (Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) North Distinctive Area Parishes' representative), and the Police.

117. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Special Town Council meeting held on the 10th October 2019 (pages 28-29).

118. Requests for Dispensations

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

119. Declarations of Interests

The following declarations of interests in respect of items on the agenda were received:
Councillor Tony Lywood – LDNPA member.

120. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team. 22 crimes had been reported since the last meeting with no incidents of antisocial behaviour (comparative figure for 2018 was 40). No officers were available to attend the meeting.

121. Matters to be received from the Public

- i) A resident of Threlkeld who had attended the last LDNPA Board meeting advised that the issue of Highways England funding for the reinstatement of the Keswick to Threlkeld railway path being reviewed if the surface was not tarmac had been referred to the Friends of the Lake District.
- ii) A local hotelier raised the proposal for a 70 bedroom Premier Inn on the former Ravensfield site which had recently been publicised. He advised that a campaign had been launched against this.
- iii) A local resident asked if any action could be taken to stop residents placing cones outside their properties to prevent parking in the back streets. County Councillor Lywood undertook to raise this with the enforcement officers at Cumbria Highways.
- iv) David Sawday advised that Keswick Ministries was seeking a local caterer to provide coffee etc. on the new site at the Pencil factory.
- v) James Robson of Keswick Ministries referred to information which had been published in the Keswick Reminder regarding the dates for the Keswick Convention. In 2021 all three weeks would be in the Cumbria school summer holiday period and he explained that this was an anomaly due to changes in school holiday dates, not to any change of policy by Keswick Ministries. The first week would still be in term time for 92% of the schools in the country.

122. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Harwood referred to the LDNPA Board meeting the previous day which had been attended by several Councillors. Councillor Lywood, as a Board member, had raised the subject of the Keswick to Threlkeld railway path and the Council's vote of no confidence in the Chief Officers of the LDNPA. A written statement had been read out by the Deputy Chair and there had been no opportunity for discussion or comment. This statement would be examined and a response submitted in due course. Efforts would continue to be made to prevent a tarmac surface finish to the reinstated path. Councillor Lywood was thanked for his intervention on this.

123. 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/2019/0168	Fell 1 No. Conifer Tree 10 Myrtle Villas, Keswick, CA12 5LW <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2212	Erection of timber shed 5 Vendace Court, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4EU <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2220	Proposed single storey extension to existing dwelling and the replacement of an existing garage Braeside, Rogerfield, Keswick, CA12 4BP <i>Support - sufficient 'garden ground' for this single storey extension which should not affect neighbouring properties. Garage roof covering of 'grey felt' not appropriate for this new build in such a prominent position. Suggest local slate more appropriate</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2228	Amendment to permitted occupancy period, condition 2 on planning permission 7/2009/2249, use as a caravan site (currently from 1 March to 15 January the following year; proposed - to all year round) Low Briery Holiday Village, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4RN <i>Object - for avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the caravans are used for holiday purposes only we feel that existing condition should be retained</i> OBJECT
<i>Note: the Clerk was asked to write to the Head of Development Management at the LDNPA to ascertain why the application had been approved before the Council had had the opportunity to comment as a statutory consultee.</i>	
7/2019/2229	Extension to form improved workshop service area and office The Hub, Elliot Park, Keswick, CA12 5NZ <i>Support – provided that the LDNPA Planning Officers are satisfied with the information to ensure that the existing trees are retained</i> SUPPORT

- 7/2019/2232 Erection of a stairwell extension to replace the existing entrance porch, addition of 2 no. rear balconies and installation of side gate
24 Stanger Street, Keswick, CA12 5JU
Support (in principle) - however discrepancy between drawings and planning application in relation to the wall finish. As it is in the conservation area it is felt strongly that the front elevation of the extension should be stone faced with sandstone quoins to match existing
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2237 Demolition of building
Former HiQ Tyre Services, Helvellyn Street, Keswick, CA12 4EH
For information only
- 7/2019/2238 Extensions & alterations (revised scheme following approval 7/18/2134 & 7/18/2323)
Hillcroft, 17 Lonsties, Keswick, CA12 4TD
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2239 Demolition of existing 1.5 storey dwelling and construction of replacement new 2 storey dwelling with associated groundworks and landscaping.
Nandi Hills, Lonsties, Keswick, CA12 4TD
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2243 Change of use and extension to ground floor launderette building to form residential accommodation
24 Helvellyn Street, Keswick, CA12 4EN
Support - subject to a section 106 Agreement
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2250 Two storey extension to dwelling
44 Trinity Way, Keswick, CA12 4HZ
Support - appropriate design which is in keeping with neighbouring properties, unless objections from neighbours
SUPPORT

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

124. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 13th September 2019 – 10th October 2019.

125. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Daniels reported that the Borough Council were to convert the former Keswick Mountain Bikes building on Otley Road into four affordable one bed flats. He and his colleagues on the Borough Council were pressing for action on a number of issues including overgrowth on Bell Close car park and cleaning of alleyways. He and Councillor Lansbury were on a group looking at Climate Change.
Councillor Lansbury advised that consultation had started on the Borough Council's new 10 year plan for 2020-2030 with a deadline for response of 7th November. The Clerk pointed out that no notification had been received of this and an extension would be

required to enable the Town Council to respond. It was agreed to form a Working Group comprising the three Allerdale Borough Councillors plus Councillors Dunn and Harwood to advise on a response. The Mayor asked for an update regarding the pedlar trading on the Market Square and Councillor Campbell-Savours reported that a response from legal counsel was still awaited.

- ii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lywood reported that work on the Howrahs footpath was about to start. He advised that funding was available for dropped kerbs and Councillor Daniels asked for consideration to be given to providing these at Greta Gardens. Councillors were invited to attend a walkabout with a County Highways officer when issues could be raised. He thanked Tricia Horner of Keswick in Bloom who had been instrumental in sourcing and positioning three new planters to replace the flower towers which had been removed from the Market Square.
- iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – a written report was received from Dr Davies. Councillor Paxon offered to lead a group to study the Glover Report referred to in the report – Councillor Campbell-Savours agreed to participate.

126. Request for Speed Indication Devices

The Mayor provided an update on the request to Cumbria Highways for Speed Indication Devices at Chestnut Hill and High Hill. The one on Chestnut Hill was to be installed in the near future and the Police and Crime Commissioner had agreed to support the request for one at High Hill to be treated as a special case in view of the proximity of Keswick School.

127. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 116 - 126, amounting to 21,466.76 (twenty one thousand four hundred sixty six pounds and seventy six pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP117 - FP117, amounting to 8,233.26 (eight thousand two hundred thirty three pounds and twenty six pence)

128. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the quarterly budget comparisons.

129. Lights to the Lake

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk providing an update on the situation regarding the request to the Borough Council for funding to provide new street lighting from the underpass to the boat landings. The three Keswick Borough Councillors agreed to follow this up with the appropriate members and officers of the Borough Council with a view to securing funding in the budget for 2020/21 for this project.

130. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Health and Safety Policy Statement be approved and adopted.

131. Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum

RECEIVED the notes of the Town Liaison Forum held on 17th September 2019.

132. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) (Site Allocations) – main modifications consultation

133. Minutes of Committee Meetings

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Chairman

Date



Keswick Town Council update from Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

Your area priorities are:

Drug use in the night time economy:

The Proactive Team will be specifically deployed to the town centre during weekend evenings and will consider their use of stop search powers should the grounds exist to do so. They will take positive action should a person be found in possession of a controlled substance.

Pro-active Team update

The pro-active team have no returns for Keswick in October however they are aware of the issue surrounding drug misuse and are looking to address this in due course.

PCSO Engagement Activity

In October I continued to conducted patrols at Fitz Park to monitor any youth related anti-social behaviour. I also conducted high vis-patrols within the town center.

Shop Watch meeting held on the 2nd October and attendance was poor, PCSO Crome has reminded shop keepers this is there scheme which the police will support but attendance needs to improve.

A drop in surgery was held in the library on the 25th October which was advertised but there was nothing to report.

I attended all schools within the Keswick area giving talks on personal safety during Halloween and Bonfire night.

Pub Watch meeting was held at The Golden Lion on the 7th October which was well attended and there were no nominations for either a warning or banning.

On the 16th Oct I attended a Team Around the Family at the Barnados center.

Crime Figures

For the month of October there have been 22 crimes recorded and no ASB incidents for the area of Keswick. Below is a breakdown of the incidents.

2 Thefts

1 Criminal Damages

3 Assaults

1 Harassments

2 Burglaries

4 public order offences

1 Road traffic Collision

2 Possession of a controlled substance.

ASB figures

None

These reports will give you a better overview and enhanced location of the incidents. You will also be able to see other incidents in your neighbourhood parishes.

Crime figures can be obtained via the Cumbria Police Website:
Alternatively use the following link:

<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Your-Area/Your-area.aspx>

Once you have opened the link follow the below

- Find your Neighborhood
- Enter your location / postcode
- Explore crime map
- Click on area
- Click on each incident for details

For road traffic collision data please follow the below link (search by post code as it defaults to Gateshead): -

<http://gis2.gateshead.gov.uk/GatesheadMaps/RRS/>

Protect yourself:

- Where possible don't walk alone after dark.
- Keep to well-lit streets avoiding alleys and shortcuts.
- Watch out for your friends, stay together and get home safely.
- Consider getting a registered taxi home.

Report anything suspicious

Please let us know as soon as possible if you see anyone behaving suspiciously; many criminals are apprehended due to information from members of the public. Telephone 101, or if a crime is in progress 999. If you have information regarding crime you can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, you will not be asked for your name or any details.

You can follow Cumbria Police specifically use the links below:-

www.twitter.com/cumbriapolice

www.twitter.com/Allerdalepolice

or

www.facebook.com/cumbriapolice

www.facebook.com/groups/AllerdaleFocus/

Contact can be made to: call 101

For emergency always call 999

Your local Inspector is Inspector 1915 Rachel Gale

Your local Sergeant is Sergeant 1614 Lorraine Murphy

Your local Police Community Support Officer is: PCSO 5214 Peter Crome

Email: peter.crome@cumbria.police.uk

Thank you.

Lynda Walker

Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Request - Trail Hunting [REF:168725619851]

-----Original Message-----

From: Enquiries [mailto:enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk]

Sent: 10 May 2019 15:44

To: lynda@keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Request - Trail Hunting [REF:168725619851]

Dear Lynda

Thank you for your email.

Hunting wild animals was outlawed in England and Wales by the Hunting Act of 2004: National Trust land is no exception.

The law does allow what is known as trail 'hunting' to continue. This activity involves people on foot or horseback following a scent along a pre-determined route with hounds or beagles. It effectively replicates a traditional hunt but without a fox being chased, injured or killed.

The Trust does license trail 'hunts' in some areas and at certain times of the year, where it is compatible with our aims of public access and conservation.

We believe the overwhelming majority of hunts act responsibly, and we hope our clear, robust, and transparent set of conditions will allow participants to enjoy a version of this legal activity that's compatible with our conservation aims.

Any activity associated with the term 'hunting' continues to provoke strong emotions on both sides of the debate. We recognise our reforms will not satisfy everyone.

Our charity's core aim is to look after the places in our care and that remains our top priority when considering whether to license any outdoor activity. This would be true whether it's mountain biking or a food festival.

But our charity was also established for the nation's benefit and to provide the widest spectrum of public access and enjoyment. We therefore always look to welcome people to our places and to host the broadest range of outdoor activities on our land.

We believe this should include trail 'hunting', where it is consistent with our conservation aims and is legally pursued.

Following a review of the changes that we made to the way we license trail hunts in 2017 we have further enhanced our approach to managing and monitoring trail hunts on our land.

Our changes include:

- Tightening up the information available on our website, including details of specific licensed dates and the areas of Trust land on which hunts are permitted
- The creation of a national Trail Hunt Management Team to provide additional guidance and support to local teams

- The introduction of formal monitoring of hunts on the ground, led by this new team

These measures, in addition to those introduced ahead of the 2017-18 trail hunting season, reaffirm the importance of adherence to licence conditions and enable us to further safeguard our commitments to both conservation and access.

Revised licensing conditions

Why do we publish specific dates and areas where trail hunts take place on your website?

It's been a long standing licence condition for all hunts to publicly provide details of areas and times. We are now publishing details on our own website, including specific dates, to ensure they are accessible.

Why do we ban animal-based scents?

We believe it's right to minimise as far as possible the risk of foxes or any wild animal being accidentally chased during a trail hunt; moving to artificial scents is part of achieving that aim. It is up to trail hunts to decide which artificial scent they use, and we will check this periodically.

How will hounds or beagles trained with fox scent be retrained? Will they become useless for hunts?

Our licence system for all outdoor activities places the onus on the parties undertaking the activity. How they retrain is a matter for the trail hunts themselves. We believe it's right to reduce as far as possible the risk of foxes or any wild animal being accidentally chased.

How do our licence conditions regard hounds, hunt followers and terrier men?

The licensed hunt is responsible, under the conditions of the licence, for the behaviour of the hounds and followers associated with it. This means that bad behaviour from followers or hounds will affect our decisions as to whether to licence, or continue to licence a hunt. Terrier men have no place in a trail hunt and are explicitly prohibited under our licence conditions.

Unlicensed hunts

Are we aware of reports of unlicensed trail hunts using Trust land and what are we doing about it?

We take any reports of unlicensed trail hunts on our land very seriously and we seek urgent clarification from the relevant trail hunts. In prior years we've declined to issue, have suspended, or have revoked trail hunting licences when either licence conditions have been breached or where we have lost confidence in a trail hunt's ability to adhere to the conditions.

Trail hunts understand that they need to apply for a licence if they wish to use Trust land. The majority of trail hunts are responsible and recognise the importance of working with us to ensure this lawful activity takes place in a safe way, within the law. Clearly, it is unacceptable to disregard the long established rules and wilfully disregard landowners.

Will we take legal action if unlicensed incursions continue?

We take any validated reports of such incidents seriously and they are considered on a case by case basis dependent on the available facts and evidence. Hunts, like other groups, do not require licences to cross our land if they remain on bridle ways, public footpaths, or other public rights of way.

Are we just ignoring the unlicensed trail hunts?

No. Our staff record any incidents where unlicensed trail hunts take place. We then decide what action to take as a result and on a case by case basis, having consideration to our obligations as a charity.

If anyone witnesses anything that they believe to be illegal, we advise them to contact the police directly, in addition to reporting the incident to National Trust staff.

Trail hunt routes

Why do we publish trail hunt areas and not specific trail hunt routes?

We've always required trail hunts to be transparent and provide details of where and when the activity will take place.

Information on our website includes details of the specific dates on which named hunts are permitted to use our land and maps of the licensed areas through which they will pass. This provides transparency for visitors to make informed decisions over whether or not they want to avoid or see trail hunts in defined areas on specific days of the year.

Following discussions with a range of stakeholders, including with the police, we decided not to publish details of start and end points, or specific hunt routes. This decision was made in order to protect public safety by minimising the potential for confrontation between groups of differing opinions and the potential for public disorder.

Where do you publish information?

As a charity with five million members, we believe we should be transparent and share information of public interest in an easily accessible way.

We publish details of the areas, together with the dates on which trail hunts are licensed to take place on our list of licensed trail hunts.

In addition, all hunts are required to provide an email address to enable members of the public to contact them with questions regarding hunt dates and locations on our land, which can also be found on that page.

The application window to apply for licences for trail hunting on NT land closed on 30 September 2018. Local teams are now carefully considering each application. There is no set time frame within which a decision will be made. Information on where licensed trail hunts take place on our land will be provided on our website once formal decisions have been made and communicated to the parties concerned.

Licensing procedures

How do we monitor trail hunts under licence?

This season, our staff will be carrying out on the ground monitoring of licensed hunts, including random scent sampling and spot-checks for those trail hunts that we licence. If any of the terms of our licence agreements are proven to have been breached during these checks, we'll take strong, immediate action with the relevant hunt.

How do hunts apply for licences to trail hunt on our land? How long do we take to fully consider each application?

Any hunt that wishes to apply for a licence to trail hunt on our land has to submit an application form to their local estate manager in the first instance. Completed application forms should be accompanied by a number of supporting documents – such as proof of insurance and written permissions from tenants.

These documents are then reviewed along with the potential impacts on our conservation and access objectives in order to determine whether a licence will be issued. There's no set timeframe in which a decision will be made.

Under what circumstances do we suspend trail hunt licences?

Any potential breaches in our licensing regime are taken very seriously. We may suspend or revoke licences when we suspect conditions have been broken or where we have lost confidence in a trail hunt's ability to adhere to the conditions.

We will always establish the facts from all relevant parties before concluding any investigation. We will not go into detail over specific allegations against hunts.

What happens if our tenants give permission for a trail hunt without our knowledge?

We keep in regular contact with our tenant farmers. Since the creation of trail hunting post-2004 Hunting Act, we've led on licensing this type of outdoor activity; tenants have never been the licensor. Hunts need to seek permission from the Trust directly but we also ask hunts to gain tenant's consent for any trail hunt likely to cross their occupied land. Tenant farmer permissions are given in writing.

Why are we recruiting a national trail hunt management team?

To help ensure trail hunts follow our new licence conditions, we have agreed to step up our existing monitoring regime as soon as possible. To do this we are augmenting our existing teams with some new and dedicated, national support. Recruits should be in place for the start of the new season in the autumn.

How are hunt meets on Boxing Day and New Year's Day licensed?

The hunt meets that take place at some of our sites do so under strict conditions. Even when no trail hunt is planned, hunts must still apply for an activity licence to access our land. We only grant any licence to a hunt after assessing the potential impact on conservation or visitor access.

As these meets are just ceremonial events, with any trail hunting happening on land that we do not manage, these activity licences do not mirror all of the details in our trail hunting licences.

However, should these groups intend to use our land for trail hunting, they must apply separately for our standard trail hunting licence, and the details of their planned event(s) will be published on our website.

Given our limited resource as a charity, we aren't able to enter into further correspondence and our position can be found on our website by searching 'trail hunting position'. Answers to frequently asked questions are also available on the site.

Thank you for getting in touch.

Kind regards
Amy-Louise Sothern
Supporter Services Centre
National Trust

Our Ref: SLM/CM/EJL

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22 May 2019



Ms Lynda Walker
Town Clerk
Keswick Town Council
Council Offices
50 Main Street
Keswick
Cumbria CA12 5JS

Dear Ms Walker,

Thank you for your letter of 8 May 2019 regarding trail hunting on land owned by United Utilities.

We do licence trail hunts and our licences are set in accordance with the Hunting Act 2004. We also monitor the hunts – our employees will attend meets to ensure they are acting in accordance with the licence.

We do appreciate concerns about hunts which is why we regularly monitor them and will take action if the hunts operate outside the conditions of the licence. However, we advise anyone who suspects that illegal activity is taking place to report this to the police for investigation as it is their responsibility to examine such matters.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, our Stakeholder Manager, Ian McCoy (ian.mccoy@uuplc.co.uk) would be delighted to meet with members of the Town Council to answer any further questions you may have.

Yours sincerely



Steve Mogford
Chief Executive

Planning Applications received between 11/10/2019 - 14/11/2019

Plan ref	Location	Description of Proposed Development
T/2019/0190	West View Guest House, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ES	Removal of 1 small evergreen tree (T1), 1 ash (T2) and shrubbery in rear garden
T/2019/0193	Land opposite 40 Lake Road, Keswick, CA12 5DQ	Cherry Tree (C) - prune, crown thin, remove crossing and damaged branches and remove branches hanging low over the seat and public path
7/2019/2258	Former HiQ Tyre Services, Helvellyn Street, Keswick, CA12 4EH	Development of 5 no. 2 - bedroom apartments for local occupancy
7/2019/2262	Land off Springs Road, Keswick	Non - material amendment to planning application 7/2019/2104 (Creation of a new surface water detention basin (including new access track and site entrance), with a new below ground connection to Castlehead drain, emergency spillway, landscaping and associated works) for the inclusion of an underground perpendicular field drain to intercept groundwater flow, 3 proposed inspection chambers with manhole covers and the re - profiling of the land above the drain
7/2019/2266	48 Lakeland Park, Keswick, CA12 4AT	Revised application for single storey extensions to front & rear and conversion of garage
7/2019/2267	Foxton Garth, Lonsties, Keswick, CA12 4TD	Single storey side/rear extension to split - level detached house & first floor side balcony
7/2019/2270	6, Grange Park, Keswick, CA12 4AY	Demolition of conservatory & porch. Addition of dining and play room extension with porch, following withdrawal of planning application ref 7/2019/2226
7/2019/2274	Castlehead House Hotel, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5DD	Amendment to design of house type on plot 6, condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2018/2103 for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of six dwellings
7/2019/2279	Crosthwaite Parish Rooms, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NN	Level access proposals
7/2019/2289	Site at War Memorial Gardens, Greta Bank, Off Penrith Road, Keswick	Non - material amendment to planning permission 7/2019/2101 (new below - ground pumping station with outfall into the River Greta, Motor Control Centre kiosk building with integrated replacement bus shelter. Reinstatement of landscaping, hardstanding and associated works) - Minor changes to the kiosk including smaller overall dimensions, change from a double hipped to a single hipped roof, additional single access door, smaller window frames at bus stop shelter & reduced width of bus shelter entrance
7/2019/2291	Manor Crest, Manor Brow, Keswick, CA12 4AW	Proposed ground floor infill extension, first floor side extension, loft conversion, facade alterations, raised terrace and all associated works

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Interested parties are invited to let the Town Clerk have their comments, in writing, prior to the meeting regarding any of the planning applications on this sheet.

Decisions Received from LDNPA

Planning Decisions Received between 11/10/2019 & 14/11/2019

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
7/2019/2210	October-19	The Archway, 17 St Johns Street, Keswick	CA12 5AE	Convert existing garage into a workshop and separate studio	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2019/2211	October-19	The Archway, 17 St Johns Street, Keswick	CA12 5AE	Convert existing garage into a workshop and separate studio	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2019/2212	September-19	5 Vendace Court, Keswick, Cumbria	CA12 4EU	Erection of timber shed	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2019/2220	September-19	Braeside, Rogerfield, Keswick	CA12 4BP	Proposed single storey extension to existing dwelling and the replacement of an existing garage	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2019/2225	September-19	50, Wordsworth Street, Keswick,	CA12 4BZ	Demolition of existing wooden shed and erection of a replacement shed	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2019/2228	October-19	Low Briery Holiday Village, Penrith Road, Keswick	CA12 4RN	Amendment to permitted occupancy period, condition 2 on planning permission 7/2009/2249, use as a caravan site (currently from 1 March to 15 January the following year; proposed - to all year round)	OBJECT	GRANTED		
7/2019/2232	September-19	24, Stanger Street, Keswick	CA12 5JU	Erection of a stairwell extension to replace the existing entrance porch, addition of 2 no. rear balconies and installation of side gate	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2019/2237	September-19	Former HiQ Tyre Services, Helvellyn Street, Keswick	CA12 4EH	Demolition of building	For information only	Approval not required		
7/2019/2238	September-19	Hillcroft, 17, Lonsties, Keswick	CA12 4TD	Extensions & alterations (revised scheme following approval 7/18/2134 & 7/18/2323)	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2019/2239	September-19	Nandi Hills, Lonsties, Keswick	CA12 4TD	Demolition of existing 1.5 storey dwelling and construction of replacement new 2 storey dwelling with associated groundworks and landscaping.	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2019/2243	September-19	24 Helvellyn Street, Keswick	CA12 4EN	Change of use and extension to ground floor launderette building to form residential accommodation	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2019/2250	September-19	44, Trinity Way, Keswick	CA12 4HZ	Two storey extension to dwelling	SUPPORT	GRANTED		

Our Ref: PB/2019/0041
This Matter is being dealt with by: Kerry Bamford
Direct Line: 01900 702731
Email: planning@allerdale.gov.uk



31/10/2019
Keswick Town Council
50
Main Street
Keswick
Cumbria
CA12 5JS

Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on planning application

Reference No: PB/2019/0041
Applicant: Mr Rick Thompson BT
Proposal: Removal of public pay phone
Location: Phone Box Adjacent To 18 Eskin Street Keswick

An application for the above works has been received. This application has been submitted in accordance with the Office of Communications (Ofcom) guidance. A site notice for these works has also been displayed by BT. Please email any observation which your Council has to planning@allerdale.gov.uk stating the reference number and Parish/Town Council name.

So that the Council can process the application within the requisite time limits of the guidance your response is requested by **21/11/2019**. If your response is not received within this time limit it is possible that your observations may not be taken into account.

An additional consultation will be undertaken on the Council's "first notice" whether they agree or object to BT's works. This enables your Council a further opportunity to comment prior to the Council issuing their second and "final notice" to BT.

Could you please mark any correspondence for the attention of Kerry Bamford.

Please note that all the information contained in this application can be viewed by the public and on our website www.allerdale.gov.uk/planningapplicationsearch.

Yours faithfully

Kerry Bamford



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KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
21ST NOVEMBER 2019

**ALLERDALE COUNCIL PLAN 2020-2030 – CONSULTATION DRAFT
REPORT OF WORKING GROUP**

The Working Group of Councillors Campbell-Savours, Daniels, Dunn, Lansbury and Harwood met on 5th November to study the Borough Council's Ten Year plan. The Plan (copy attached) outlines the priorities and objectives that the leadership of the Council believes will help to make Allerdale a place where communities can thrive. The consultation questions are:

1. Do you agree with the priorities set out in the draft Council Plan 2020-2030?
2. Do you agree with the objectives identified under each of the priorities?
3. Is there anything that you think should not be included in the Plan?
4. Is there anything missing (key challenges or issues) that you think should be included in the Plan?

The following issues were raised under each of the main objectives:

Objective: A financially secure Council

- Future budget shortfall predicted – Rate Support Grant will have disappeared by next year which will mean more emphasis on need to move to shared services with other local authorities
- Loss of Council tax from second homes – should target issue of holiday lets and second homes and look at how to increase income
- Should review small business rate relief policy especially with regard to holiday lets and how this affects funding to provide local Council services

Objective: Outstanding Local Services

Actions: Make it easy for customers to contact us

- Information on website needs to be improved
- Need to improve communications and information to help residents and visitors identify responsibility across the three tiers of government e.g. clarification on maintenance of verges, trees, drains etc.

Objective: Thriving towns and villages – seven thriving localities

Actions: Create deliverable town plans that enable our towns to adapt to the changing nature of the High Street

- Need to engage with communities and to recognise particular issues faced by Keswick and the diverse nature of the seven towns and respond accordingly
- Need seven day servicing for licensing and other enforcement issues (suggest Town Centre managers could have an enforcement role to help with nuisance issues e.g. busking, pedlars etc.)
- Car parking improvements should include clear signposting (including parking availability) to easily accessed parking for visitors that protects parking for local residents

Objective: Invest to grow

Actions: Develop a housing company to provide the right homes in the right places at the right price

- Important to develop homes which are locally affordable
- Need to identify vacant sites and premises owned by Allerdale BC which can be developed

Objective: A cleaner, greener Allerdale

- Key objectives should be carbon neutrality by 2030 and to improve biodiversity

Key activity: Improve street cleanliness

- Cleaning streets on Sundays should be reinstated (especially in tourist areas)
- Need to recognise Keswick-specific problems and invest in the equipment necessary to deal with dog urine and fouling

Key activity: Enhancements to nature reserves and open spaces

- Should include strategic re-wilding
- We don't believe the 'cleaner greener' aspect is adequately covered in the plan

Objective: Build resilient communities

- Need to include flooding i.e. address community safety issues *including flooding*

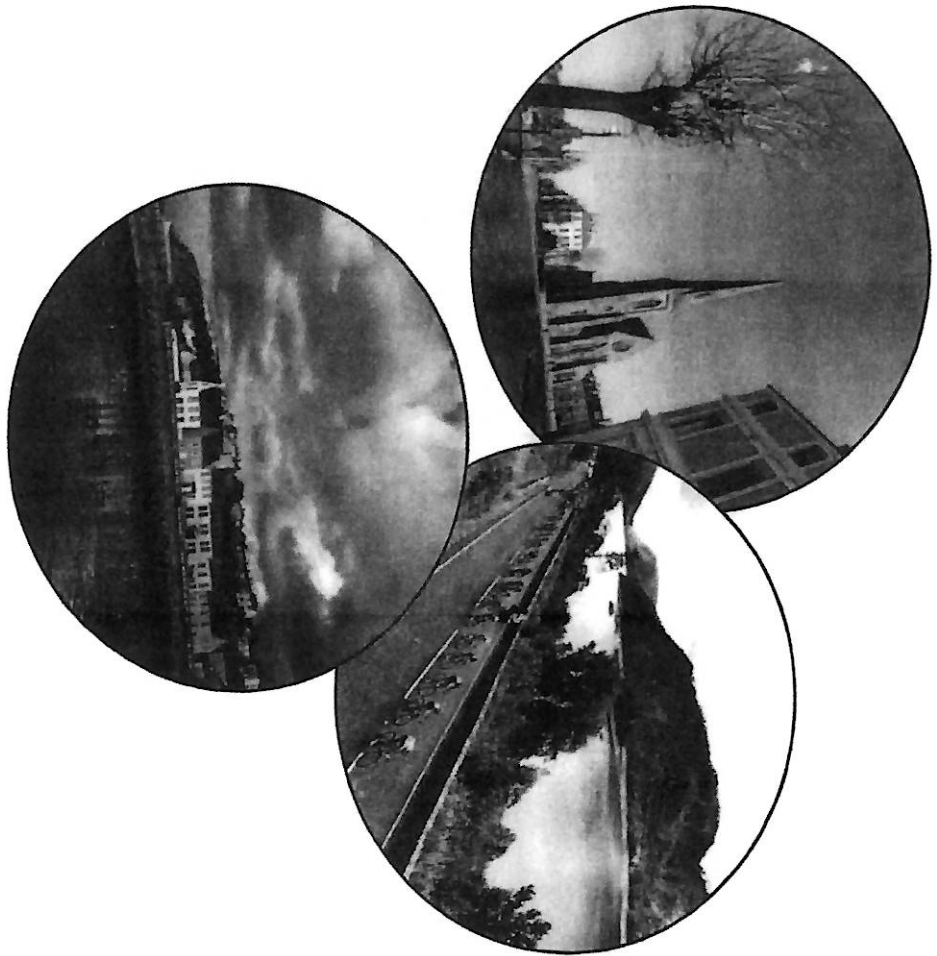
Objective: Collaborate with others to support our area and our communities

- Need to support development of youth centres and adult education – youth club provision is inadequate

Note: For many years the people of Keswick have resented the fact that the leisure facility provided by Allerdale BC caters for tourists, children and not the local adult population. Whilst Allerdale BC views this facility as non profit-making and claims that this is subsidised, we believe that a facility that caters for tourists and residents would create a sustainable facility

General comments:

The Council is keen that Keswick's position in terms of being a gateway for visitors coming to Allerdale and income from car parking is recognised and protected, and that local assets are maintained in recognition of this contribution to the local economy.



Council Plan 2020 – 2030

CONSULTATION DRAFT
24 September – 7 November 2019

Introducing our Council Plan

This is our proposed Council Plan for the next ten years. We hope that you can take the time to read through it and give us your views.

In putting this plan together we have developed the priorities and objectives that we believe will help to make Allerdale a place where our communities can thrive. To ensure that everyone can prosper in our area we need to work towards a sustainable future – for our economy, our environment, and our communities – as well as creating a sustainable footing for the Council so that we can continue to provide the services that our communities need.

There are key things that we need to do to deliver a sustainable future including: making sure that the Council is on a sound financial footing; ensuring we deliver high quality services; making sure our neighbourhoods are clean and tidy as well as addressing wider environmental issues; supporting our towns as key service centres for all of our communities; taking action to ensure we have the right good employment opportunities to keep people in and attract people to Allerdale.

We recognise that only through collaborating with others will we achieve our ambitions for our area. Building positive partnerships with the people and communities we serve and our partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors is key to all of the ambitions set out in this plan and it will be vital for us to make sure that we fulfil our role as local leaders able to influence and work well with others. We will be inviting comments on this draft Plan from a wide range of organisations and people so that they can give us their views as our plans take shape.

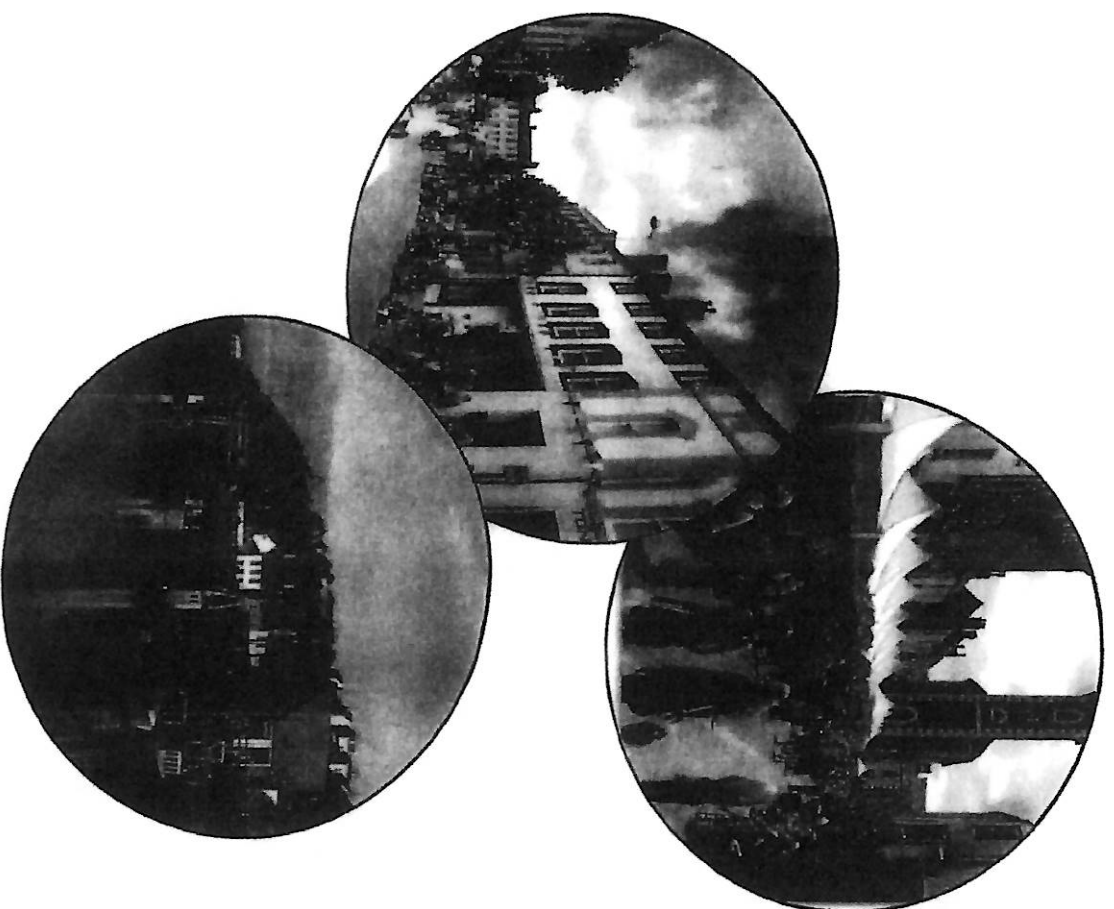
We believe in the importance of being open and transparent in all that we do, providing the public with the information that they need to decide if we are performing well and responding to their needs. So we will regularly report on progress against our Council Plan.

We welcome any views that you have on the draft Council Plan to help us shape our plans for the future.

Councillor Marion Fitzgerald
Leader of Allerdale Borough Council

Our priorities:

- **A financially secure council**
- **Outstanding local services**
- **Thriving towns and villages**
- **Invest to grow**
- **A cleaner, greener Allerdale**
- **Resilient communities**



A financially secure council

To achieve this we will:

- Address the budget deficit
- Become self-sufficient by 2030
- Become more commercial
- Become more efficient

A cleaner, greener Allerdale

To achieve this we will:

- Make sure our neighbourhoods are clean and tidy
- Reduce waste and increase recycling
- Improve and protect our open spaces and green infrastructure
- Ensure environmental sustainability is at the heart of our policies
- Use our assets to encourage green technology

Invest to grow

To achieve this we will:

- Use our asset portfolio to create new or different opportunities (at Lillyhall, Oldside, Reedlands Road, and Derwent Valley)
- Develop a housing company to provide the right homes in the right places at the right price
- Utilise the Allerdale Investment Partnership, the Local Enterprise Partnership and Britain's Energy Coast to stimulate growth
- Work with partners on key economic sites and opportunities

Outstanding local services

To achieve this we will:

- Make it easy for customers to contact us
- Ensure we get it right first time
- Be bold in our use of technology
- Look at different and better ways to deliver services

Thriving towns and villages

To achieve this we will:

- Create deliverable town plans that enable our towns to adapt to the changing nature of the high street
- Give people a reason to visit our towns (festivals, events, cultural and sporting activities, markets)
- Support businesses (with advice, finance, and accommodation)
- Ensure there are suitable, affordable, decent homes for all
- Increase the number of people living in our town centres
- Build communities, not just homes

Resilient communities

To achieve this we will:

- Promote healthy, active lifestyles
- Address community safety issues
- Engage with our communities, and our town and parish councils
- Prevent and reduce homelessness
- Address inequalities
- Collaborate with others to support our area and our communities

Consultation questions:

1. Do you agree with the priorities set out in the draft Council Plan 2020-2030?
2. Do you agree with the objectives identified under each of the priorities?
3. Is there anything that you think should **not** be included in the Plan?
4. Is there anything missing (key challenges or issues) that you think should be included in the Plan?

A consultation is available on the Allerdale Borough Council website at: www.allerdale.gov.uk/consultation

Please submit your response by 7 November 2019.

If you would prefer to respond by email or in writing or to request a hard copy of the survey please contact Strategy, Policy and Performance:

Telephone: 01900 702719

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11 November 2019

Dear Keswick Town Councillors

**Request for reduction in hire charge for banner space – Keswick Museum
Meeting 21 November 2019**

Would it be possible for Keswick Town Council to consider reducing the cost of hiring the banner space for Keswick Museum again please? We will be reorganising both galleries next year (closed during January) and we would like to advertise our new exhibition for 2020.

Space has been provisionally booked from 1 April – 7 June (Market Square) and from 4/5 August - 31 October (Station Street). The banner is a valuable marketing tool for us helping visitors access this part of the town.

As a registered charity, Keswick Museum needs to raise funds each year to cover the costs of running the Museum and ensuring the story of Keswick and surrounding area is told to both visitors and locals alike. The council's support is invaluable to us, ensuring that we can continue to provide services to our community through areas such as our learning programme and free events such as lunchtime talks and Heritage Open Days programme.

I hope you will consider this request favourably and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

Becks Skinner

Manager Keswick Museum

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 21st NOVEMBER 2019

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE

For period 11th October 2019 – 14th November 2019

Friday 11 th October	Meeting with CCC Highways about SID on High Hill, held in Council Chamber, accompanied by Councillor Lywood
Saturday 12 th October	Keswick Lions Charter Dinner, held in Skiddaw Hotel, Keswick
Tuesday 15 th October	Official opening of Fox Tap Bar at Keswick Brewery, Brewery Lane
Wednesday 16 th October	Attendance at LDNPA Board Meeting, held at Murley Moss, Kendal, accompanied by Councillors Harwood, Miller and Paxon
Wednesday 16 th October	Interview with Daily Express reporter, held at Merienda, Keswick, accompanied by Councillor Lywood
Thursday 17 th October	WW1 memorial tree and seat “blessing” held at Lower Fitz Park, accompanied by Councillors Paxon and Miller
Tuesday 22 nd October	Staffing Committee meeting, held in Council Chamber
Tuesday 22 nd October	Celebration of completion of building works, held at Keswick Hospital
Tuesday 22 nd October	Meeting with Chair of “No Go Gondola”, held at Ashtree Avenue, Keswick
Saturday 26 th October	Meeting of Friends of St. John, held at St. John’s Church, Keswick
Sunday 27 th October	Attendance at Choral Evensong, held at St. John’s Church, Keswick
Monday 28 th October	Meeting with Keswick Ministries, held in the Rawnsley Centre, accompanied by Councillor Titley
Tuesday 29 th October	Events Committee meeting, held in Council Chamber
Monday 4 th November	Meeting with CCC Highways about dropped kerbs, held in Market Square and St. John’s Street, accompanied by Councillor Lywood
Wednesday 6 th November	Visit to Derwent Pencil Factory in Lillyhall, accompanied by Councillors Miller and Titley
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Sunday Service, held in St. John’s Church, followed by the parade to the War Memorial, Keswick

Monday 11th November	Armistice Day Service, held at the War Memorial, Penrith Road
Tuesday 12th November	The High Sheriff of Cumbria Judges Service, held at Carlisle Cathedral
Wednesday 13th November	A- board audit, held on Bank Street, accompanied by Councillor Daniels
Wednesday 13th November	Budget meeting, held in Council Chamber
Thursday 14th November	FOLD meeting, held in Crosthwaite Parish Rooms

Report from the North DA Parishes Member of the LDNPA – October 2019

On October 23rd, Park Strategy & Vision Committee considered the Annual Monitoring Report¹ (AMR) for the year 2018-19. The AMR is a document that all Local Planning Authorities are required to produce, and it provides two basic types of information:

- data on the performance of the Development Management Service;
- evidence about the effectiveness of Local Plan policies.

While the report contains a great deal of information, I shall focus on matters particularly relevant to the North Distinctive Area. Policy CS04 of the 2010 Core Strategy anticipates that about 25% of all development in the LDNP will take place in the North DA. Given the target of 60 new dwellings a year in the Park, this means that the annual target for the North DA is 15. The actual figures in the AMR are as follows.

- 23% of planning permissions were in the North DA
- 18 houses (2 affordable and 16 local need) were granted planning permission
- 20 houses (9 affordable and 11 local need) were built

The following are the headlines for employment floorspace (use classes B1, B8 and sui generis).

- An additional 466m² was completed
- An additional
- 877m² of new floorspace was granted permission
- No employment floorspace was lost through change of use permissions

In summary, housing and employment floorspace delivery in the North DA remain ahead of target. Demand for restaurants and cafes continues to grow: there was a net loss of 48m² of A1 premises (shops) and a net increase of 49m² in class A3 (food and drink outlets).

The planning inspectors appointed to carry out the examination for the new Local Plan have now issued their draft timetable² for the hearings. It sets out which “Main Matters” will be considered and when. The first day of the hearings, which will take place in the Board Room at Murley Moss, is set for Tuesday, 26th November. You can follow the progress on the Examination Page³ of the LDNPA website.

Geoff Davies

Geoff.Davies@lakedistrict.gov.uk

¹ https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0011/1734779/2019_10_23-Annual-Monitoring-Report-2018-2019-Annex-1.pdf

² https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1728664/INS004_Lake-District-Draft-Timetable-04.10.19.pdf

³ <https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-review/examination>

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
21ST NOVEMBER 2019

CLERK'S REPORT

The past month has been busy with budget preparations and appraisals on top of the normal workload.

Keswick Transport Study

The Keswick Transport Study is now entering its final stages and the Stage 4 (Final) report is almost complete and should be available for the January Town Council meeting.

Lights to the Lake

Following discussions with Allerdale Councillors Allan Daniels and Sally Lansbury, a site visit took place with Allerdale officers on 6th November. I am still waiting for final confirmation of the number of lights for which Allerdale is currently responsible on the stretch from the underpass to the boat landings and wait to hear from the officers concerned. As the early dark nights start, I am now receiving complaints regarding the safety of this stretch of pavement.

CALC 3 tier meeting

Councillor Harwood and I attended this meeting on 24th November and raised awareness of the Council's vote of no confidence in the Lake District National Park Authority. I have received several emails of support from other Councils within the area of the National Park. The meeting was chaired by the Leader of Allerdale BC and items included the County Council's 'winter ready' plans, the Borough Council's ten year plan, and updates on footway lighting and domestic waste collection. It is likely that the Borough Council's plans to transfer responsibility for street lighting will be changed so that Town and Parish Councils will only be asked to pay for the electricity supply from April 2021, and not to take on ownership of the lights in their areas. A rough estimate of the number of lights affected in Keswick is 72 and a figure of £30 per light has been quoted as the cost of electricity.

Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership

A partnership meeting took place on 1st November which received an update on emergency 'readiness' from the Project Manager – a report is included elsewhere on the agenda. The main item was a review of the Emergency Exercise which took place on Saturday 5th October which was a valuable learning tool and was supported by the Borough and County Councils and the emergency services.

Neighbourhood Planning

I attended a training session organised by CALC on Neighbourhood Planning with Councillor Harwood on 6th November at Cockermouth. As most Councillors will know, an area was designated for Keswick in 2017 and a Steering Group was set up chaired by the Revd Charles Hope. Work on the Keswick Plan was put on hold pending the finalisation of the Lake District National Park Authority's Local Plan to avoid duplication and because the last plan to be adopted is the one which carries the most weight when planning applications are decided. The position will need to be reviewed early next year.

CALC AGM

This took place on Saturday 9th November at Wigton and was attended by Councillors Harwood and Titley who may wish to report.

Town Liaison Forum 10th December

The next Keswick Ministries Town Liaison forum to discuss issues relating to the Keswick Convention is on Tuesday 10th December at 2.00 pm. Agenda items can be put forward via myself or direct to Keswick Ministries. Councillors Campbell-Savours and Paxon are the Council's representatives with Councillor Miller as deputy.

Christmas Lights Switch On

The Christmas Lights will be switched on by representatives of the Fire Service in Keswick on Friday 22nd November at 7.00 pm. This will be preceded by a switch on of the lights in Packhorse Court by 'Peter Rabbit' at 5.25 pm. Keswick School Jazz Band and St Herbert's Choir will be performing in Packhorse Court from 4.30 pm with Committed 2 Rock Choir performing on the stage in the Market Square from 6.00 pm. A Christmas market will be on the Market Square all day.

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Report to Keswick Town Council – October 2019

Since our last report in April 2019 Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership (KCERP) has undertaken our annual autumn training and bi-annual emergency exercise.

By being a partner in this, Keswick Town Council provides invaluable support to this community organisation.

Over the last six months KCERP has achieved the following:

The Partnership has held 2 Trustee meetings.

We currently have 80 volunteers registered with us, as well as pledged support from Keswick WI and Keswick School Borders. This gives us a huge pool of people to call on.

We have provided a number of training sessions for volunteers.

We held a community emergency exercise based on a flooding scenario on Sat 5 October. In addition to the exercise giving our volunteers the experience of an emergency situation we also had the involvement of the statutory services with Allerdale Borough Council opening a reception centre at St Herbert's School and the Environment Agency, Fire & Rescue, Police, Cumbria County Council and Mountain Rescue. We are also able to open up the exercise to other Cumbrian Volunteer response groups, this was taken up by the groups from Kendal, Cockermouth, Appleby and Ulverston. This alongside the exercise being observed by Nottingham Trent University and filmed by Film Cumbria allows us to share our learning and experience. The involvement of the statutory agencies helps to improve and build on good working relations.

The Partnership is grateful for the support of Keswick Town Council, particularly the time and support given by Lynda Walker and Sally Lansbury in their roles as Trustees and the use of the Council Chamber for training and in the event of an emergency.

The financial support given is essential for the ongoing maintenance of this critical voluntary response.

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council Events Committee held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Tuesday 29th October 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Councillor Paul Titley (Chair) (PT)
 Councillor David Burn (Mayor) (DB)
 Lynda Walker (Town Clerk) (LW)
 Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer KTC) (CP)
 Sue Plant (Events Co-ordinator) (SP)
 Anna Chippendale (ABC Events Manager) (AC)
 David Quainton (Keswick Rotary Club) (DQ)
 Dave Roberts (Keswick Lions Club) (DR)
 Karen Mullarkey (Keswick Tourism Association) (KM)

28. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Allan Daniels (AD)
 Councillor Sally Lansbury (SL)
 Councillor Tony Lywood (TL)
 Phil Byers (Geraud Markets) (PB)
 Chris Harper (Podgy Paws) (CH)
 Rachel Kearns (George Fishers) (RK)
 Vanessa Metcalfe (Keswick Tourism Association) (VM)

29. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on the 12th September 2019 (pages 7-8).

30. Christmas Lights Switch On – Friday 22nd November 2019

- CP updated on arrangements for the installation of the lights and Bluetooth training
- Mik Brown will be the MC – SP is the main contact and will arrange to meet Mik to confirm running order
- Committed 2 Rock – SP is the main contact - on stage at 6.00 pm and will stay on stage until after switch on at 7.00 pm
- Firemen – PT is main contact and will stand in to switch on lights as Deputy Mayor if they are called out (spokesman needed for the group doing the switch-on - PT)
- DQ confirmed arrangements for Packhorse Court area (approximate timings) – 4.30 pm start with Keswick School Jazz Band (pending confirmation); 5.00 pm St Herbert's choir; 5.25 pm Peter Rabbit switch on. Peter Rabbit to go on stage just before 6.00 pm (shop is celebrating 10 year anniversary)
- Rotary will be collecting for Hospice at Home
- SP to check KTA website to ensure Packhorse Court covered
- SP to confirm whereabouts of switch on button
- Poster to be used for social media
- AC confirmed she was putting publicity together for all switch-ons in the ABC area and that others had a Facebook page. SP to send information through to KM to put on KTA's Facebook page
- DR suggested Rotary be asked to provide stewards as they would be doing the street collection – DQ to do. Briefing to take place after barriers put out on the Square – meet at 4.00 pm in the hall of the Council office building.
- SP to contact ABC re rubbish collection, as per Midsummer Rock night.

31. VE/VJ Day Celebrations 2020

i) VE Day

- C2R to perform – discussion about song list – agreed on ‘wartime’ songs
- Possible to insert excerpts from Churchill’s wartime speeches into running order
- Swing Band agreed to perform for a small fee
- PT to speak to Revd Hope re ringing of bells at 7.00 p.m. at St Johns, DB to speak to Vicar of Crosthwaite Church
- No progress on ‘community group’ stalls in Market Square – contact list still needed – LW to ask office staff to put together. PT and DB to follow up contacts.
- PT to speak to Simon Grizedale re moving chairs nearer the time
- Cake - PT to discuss with Lake District Hotels
- AC confirmed that no funding would be available for VE Day
- AC has asked for flag to be fixed on Council office building before the day
- AC discussed oral history project with the Manager of Keswick Museum. Will also contact others as suggested by PT.
- Display space still needed for collection of memorabilia

ii) VJ Day

- Choral Society to perform - have contacted PT – may be a charge for cost of hiring additional rehearsal rooms
- Cockermouth Mechanics Band booked
- PT has spoken to GK re playing trumpet (also to check with Charles Hope’s daughter)

32. Proposed Coffee and Chocolate Festival

PT said that progress with this proposal was disappointing. He had been in touch with a couple of local businesses but there was little or no interest. He proposed to put the idea on hold until he could generate more interest and possibly secure a major partner.

33. Updates from Partners

- AC reported that free car parking was on offer from ABC for late night shopping events leading up to Christmas. This could possibly be combined with the switch on event and she would check to confirm, also whether it was for the whole day.
- KM reported on Live Advent – seven dates still to fill
- DR confirmed Victorian Fayre to go ahead as normal
- Lions Santa Dash to take place on 15th December

34. Budget Monitoring

No change since last meeting.

35. Dates for 2020

- Provisional switch on date Friday 20th November 2020
- Midsummer Festival dates 26th, 27th and 28th June 2020

36. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 10.30 am.

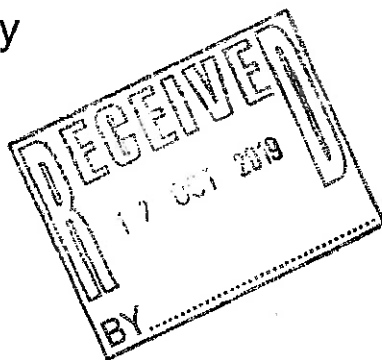
 Chair

 Date



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Our ref: MCB2019/20241/AC

16⁵ October 2019

Dear Lynda

Thank you for your letter dated 24 September, to the Prime Minister, regarding the climate emergency. Your letter has been passed to this Department and I have been asked to reply.

There is no doubt that climate change is one of the most profound global challenges we face. The decisions we make today will affect the future of our planet for generations to come, and the Government fully recognises that action is urgently needed in our own country and across the world.

The UK is making strides to address this. We are the first major economy in the world to legislate for a net zero target. On 27 June, the UK Government set a legally binding target to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions from across the UK economy by 2050. This world-leading target will bring to an end our contribution to climate change. Achieving this must be a shared endeavour between Government, devolved nations, local authorities, business, civil society and the British people - as well as the rest of the world.

In October 2017, the Government published its Clean Growth Strategy, setting out our policies and proposals for meeting future carbon budgets and illustrative pathways for the 2050 target. We have set out strong frameworks under the Clean Growth Strategy and Industrial Strategy and will continue to build on the strengths we have already developed in areas such as offshore wind, smart systems and green finance. More details about the Clean Growth Strategy can be found online at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/clean-growth-strategy.

We are continuing to invest in renewable energy through funds such as the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund which will see up to £455 million in support for key clean growth areas including £170 million for the industrial decarbonisation challenge. This forms part of the largest increase in public spending on UK science, research and innovation in almost 40 years.

By 2025 the Government will introduce a Future Homes Standard for new build homes to be future-proofed with low carbon heating and world leading levels of energy efficiency, to create healthy homes that are fit for the future, have low energy bills, and are better for the environment.

We have the largest installed offshore wind capacity in the world, with 34% of the global capacity. Over half of our electricity from low carbon sources last year - 33.0% renewables, 19.5% nuclear.

We are committed to providing up to half a billion pounds for further Contract for Difference auctions for less established technologies, such as offshore wind, with the last auction taking place in spring 2019. The auction resulted in 12 new renewable energy projects which will be powering over 7 million homes at record low prices.

As we transition to a low carbon economy, oil and gas will play a smaller role in meeting the demand for energy over time. However, there will continue to be a need for oil and gas, which are projected to provide around two-thirds of our total primary energy demand in 2035, and all scenarios proposed by the Committee on Climate Change setting out how we could meet our 2050 net zero emissions target include demand for oil and natural gas. An orderly transition, underpinned by oil and gas, is crucial to maintaining security of supply.

Following consultation in November 2016 we have confirmed our commitment to put an end to unabated coal power generation from 2025. Coal is the most carbon intensive fossil fuel, twice as carbon intensive as gas, and is responsible for harmful air pollution. Consensus that unabated coal is not consistent with meeting our decarbonisation objectives. Coal used for electricity generation emits approximately twice the level of carbon dioxide (CO₂) as natural gas for each unit of electricity.

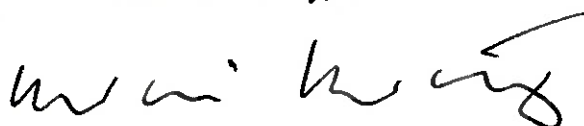
As a result of our existing policies, including carbon pricing and our support for renewables, we have already made great headway in reducing our reliance on coal, which fell from 39% in 2012 to 5% in 2018. The contribution of renewables is now at record levels. In May the UK went without running coal power generation for over two weeks - the longest coal - free period in the country since the 1880s. Given our success in building new, clean energy, we are confident there will be no impacts on electricity supplies as a result of our intervention.

The UK Government places additional taxes on the extraction of oil and gas to ensure a fair return for the nation. Companies engaged in the production of oil and gas on the UK Continental Shelf are subject to headline tax rates on their profits that are more than double those paid by other businesses, and to date the sector has paid over £340 billion in production taxes. Together with our G20 partners, the UK has adopted the following definition of a fossil fuel subsidy: "A fossil fuel subsidy is any government measure or programme with the objective or direct consequence of reducing below world market prices, including all costs of transport, refining and distribution, the effective cost for fossil fuels paid by final consumers, or of reducing the costs or increasing the revenues of fossil-fuel producing companies". Using this definition, the UK does not have any such subsidies. The UK supports the G20 commitment to rationalise and phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption and sees clear benefits in doing so.

We are supportive of local energy and have established the BEIS Local Energy Programme. As part of this, we have funded Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) to produce an energy strategy for their area, identifying energy saving opportunities and a pipeline of low carbon projects. Alongside this, we have also established five regional Local Energy Hubs who aim to increase capacity amongst local authorities and LEPs and support the development of low carbon projects in local areas, by providing commercial, technical and project management support.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely,



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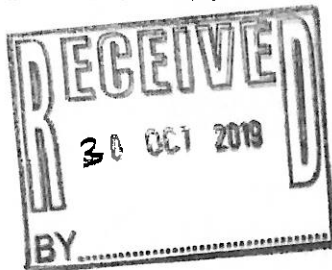
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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 23 August to the Secretary of State calling for water companies' statutory obligations to be extended to cover the management of flood risk. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area and I apologise for the delay in doing so.

The Government recognises the impact the recent flooding incidents have had on householders and businesses and sympathises with those affected.

Water companies are Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) for the purposes of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. Water companies contribute to flood risk management by acting as statutory sewerage undertakers. They have a duty under section 94 Water Industry Act 1991 to ensure that the area they serve is "effectually drained". This includes drainage of surface water from the land around buildings as well as provision of foul sewers.

The Water Industry Act does not set standards but sewerage systems should be designed to cope with at least a 1 in 30 year storm event and should take account of climate change. That Act also highlights the need for long term resilience of water and wastewater systems and to promote long-term planning and investment.

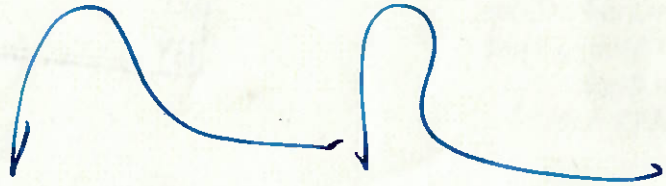
Every five years, the Government issues a Strategic Policy Statement to the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-policy-statement-to-ofwat-incorporating-social-and-environmental-guidance>). This sets out the Government's strategic priorities for regulation of the water sector in England. The current Strategic Policy Statement sets out expectations that Ofwat will challenge and incentivise companies to:

- a) Develop innovative and strategic solutions such as promoting, adopting or maintaining sustainable drainage systems or co-investing in flood risk management, working creatively with partners "upstream" as a means of effectively draining their area and delivering multiple benefits where possible.
- b) Assess the resilience of their system and infrastructure, including whether their major water treatment works and sewage treatment plants are appropriately resilient against extreme flood events.

By the end of 2019, the Government will set out its policies to better prepare the country for flooding and coastal erosion in a Government policy statement on flooding and coastal erosion. Informed by this Government policy, the Environment Agency (EA) will update its national strategy for flood and coastal erosion risk management. Taken together, these documents will ensure the country is on the right footing to better manage and adapt to the risks of flooding and coastal erosion.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact the Secretary of State about this important issue. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance with this or any other matters in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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