

## 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.

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**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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:

<b>Plan Ref.</b>	<b>Description of Development Location</b>
T/2019/0168	Fell 1 No. Conifer Tree 10 Myrtle Villas, Keswick, CA12 5LW <i>No comments made</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
7/2019/2212	Erection of timber shed 5 Vendace Court, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4EU <i>No comments made</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
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> <b>SUPPORT</b>
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> <b>OBJECT</b>
<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> <b>SUPPORT</b>

- 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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Chairman

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Date