

## KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 21st November 2019 at 7.30 pm.

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### Present:

Chairman  
Councillor Paul Titley

Alexandra Boardman  
Steve Harwood  
Allan Todd

Allan Daniels  
Sally Lansbury

Alan Dunn  
Adam Paxon

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 9 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, James Daplyn of Cumbria County Council gave a progress update on the Penrith Road flood alleviation project and advised that an extended road closure would be needed until 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 due to unforeseen complications, with a revised project end date of mid-March 2020. An option to provide traffic lights rather than extend the road closure had been discounted as it would further lengthen the project completion date. He promised to provide a further update in two months' time.

### 134. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burn (holiday), Campbell-Savours, Miller (holiday), Lywood and the Police

### 135. Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (pages 30 - 34).

### 136. Requests for Dispensations

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

### 137. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:  
Councillor Titley – item 10 (i) application no. T/2019/0190 (applicant is his daughter).

### 138. Police Attendance

**RECEIVED** the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team. 16 crimes had been recorded since the last report, with no incidents of anti-social behaviour (comparative figure for 2018 was 37). No officers were available to attend the meeting. The Chair asked the Clerk to request that a PCSO or Police Officer attend the next meeting if possible.

### 139. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public said that she had attended a recent event celebrating 20 years of Community First Responders and suggested that this was an opportunity for the Town Council to thank the current local volunteers. The Clerk was asked to extend an invitation to the Chair of the Keswick First Responders Committee to the next meeting.

### 140. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Daniels asked whether anything could be done to change the timing of the bus service used by students of Keswick School who had to wait for approximately an hour for transport home after school finished for the day. The Clerk was asked to write to the bus operators.

Councillor Titley passed on some useful information which he had obtained at a recent LDNPA meeting concerning transport issues.

**141. Blencathra Hunt**

Councillor Todd put forward a proposal to write to the organisers of the Blencathra Hunt to request that they should not attend the Market Square on Boxing Day in the future due to concerns of local residents regarding alleged animal cruelty caused by killing of foxes during hunt meetings. Following a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the letter be not sent.

**142. Keswick to Threlkeld Trail Reinstatement**

Councillor Harwood reported that the Chairman of the LDNPA Board had offered to meet a small group of Town Councillors following a request for an opportunity for representatives of the Town Council to speak at the next LDNPA Board meeting. This offer had been accepted and any Councillors who wished to be part of the delegation were asked to notify the Clerk. It was **RESOLVED** that the opportunity for a discussion at the next LDNPA Board meeting should still be pursued and that Councillor Harwood be delegated to speak on behalf of the Town Council.

**143. 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/2019/0190	Removal of 1 small evergreen tree (T1), 1 ash (T2) and shrubbery in rear garden West View Guest House, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ES <i>Support, although would prefer ash tree to be moved rather than removed.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
T/2019/0193	Cherry Tree (C) - prune, crown thin, remove crossing and damaged branches and remove branches hanging low over the seat and public path Land opposite 40 Lake Road, Keswick, CA12 5DQ <i>No comments made.</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
7/2019/2258	Development of 5 no. 2 bedroom apartments for local occupancy Former HiQ Tyre Services, Helvellyn Street, Keswick, CA12 4EH <i>Support - Good design and in keeping with surrounding properties. All five apartments are subject to a 'New Build' Local Occupancy condition</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
7/2019/2262	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 Land off Springs Road, Keswick <i>For information only</i>

- 7/2019/2266 Revised application for single storey extensions to front and rear and conversion of garage  
48 Lakeland Park, Keswick, CA12 4AT  
*Object - Following representations to Councillors, we object to the applicant proceeding to build a larger extension than originally approved without giving neighbouring properties affected the right to comment.*
- The extension now proposed is approx. 1 metre longer at the rear, increased in width, and much closer to the rear boundary than shown and has a full pitched roof in lieu of the original hipped roof. Whilst the increased width is not an issue, the increased length and additional mass of the pitched roof is significantly more intrusive and overshadowing when viewed from no. 49. The extension should not be allowed to go beyond the length previously approved and the hipped roof retained which could be extended across the back for the increased width proposed. Preferable if extension finish was consistent*
- OBJECT**
- 7/2019/2267 Single storey side/rear extension to split-level detached house and first floor side balcony  
Foxton Garth, Lonsties, Keswick, CA12 4TD  
*No comments made*
- SUPPORT**
- 7/2019/2270 Demolition of conservatory and porch. Addition of dining and play room extension with porch, following withdrawal of planning application ref 7/2019/2226  
6 Grange Park, Keswick, CA12 4AY  
*Object - The layout and proximity of this extension impacts 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 neighbour at no 5 who has objected strongly, by letter, to this application. This house is one of a group of 10 dwellings all of a similar stylised design. The flat roof extension over the play room introduces an 'out of character' element which we also feel is totally inappropriate*
- OBJECT**
- 7/2019/2274 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  
Castlehead House Hotel, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5DD  
*No comments made*
- SUPPORT**
- 7/2019/2279 Level access proposals  
Crosthwaite Parish Room, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NN  
*Support -making the building more accessible*
- SUPPORT**
- 7/2019/2289 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 and reduced width of bus shelter entrance

Site at War Memorial Gardens, Greta Bank, Off Penrith Road, Keswick  
*Given the biodiversity crisis (especially for pollinators), suggest that the shelter should have a flat roof that could then become a 'green' roof planted with bee - friendly flowers.*

*As per comments on planning application 7/2019/2101 Support – Sympathetic design using local materials and betterment of the area. Although disappointed that the new proposal lacks the visual impact of the original design as illustrated in the on-site publicity.*

7/2019/2291

Proposed ground floor infill extension, first floor side extension, loft conversion, facade alterations, raised terrace and all associated works  
 Manor Crest, Manor Brow, Keswick, CA12 4AW

*Object - Manor Brow is a prominent road leading in and out of the town centre lined with individual two storey houses on the south side which follow a design style of hipped roofs, as does this house. As a consequence of a significant expansion of roof space accommodation it is proposed to change the form of this house to a standard pitched roof with gable end walls. In this particular case, and on this scale, it is considered this will have a detrimental impact on the townscape in this part of town. The alterations and design of the roof space accommodation is a significant departure from the general style of design in this location and creates an overbearing visual impact when viewed from the Halls Mead cul de sac which it looks down onto. Whilst improvements to the existing house are generally acceptable the extent of additional roof space accommodation seriously detracts from the setting of this house in relation to surrounding properties*

**OBJECT**

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

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

**Proposed Removal of public pay phone at Eskin Street**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be put forward and that the telephone box be suggested as a possible location for a defibrillator.

**145. Allerdale Borough Council Plan 2020-30- Consultation Draft**

Consideration was given to the report of the Working Group.

**RESOLVED** that the comments in the report be put forward to the Borough Council as the Town Council's response to the consultation.

**146. Request from Keswick Museum**

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick Museum for a reduction in the cost of hiring banner space in the Market Square from 1<sup>st</sup> April – 7<sup>th</sup> June and on Station Street from 4<sup>th</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the normal cost of banner space hire be reduced by one third for the full period requested.

**147. Mayor's Report**

**RECEIVED** details of the Mayor's engagements and meetings attendance for the period 11th October – 14th November 2019.

**148. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council  
Councillor Lansbury reported on a site visit with the Borough Council's Keswick 'Champion' and other officers which took place on 6<sup>th</sup> November. She was also liaising with the organisers of Keswick Mountain Festival on a waste management strategy for the event. Scrutiny of the proposed waste management arrangements was taking place. She advised that Councillor Campbell-Savours was continuing to pursue complaints about illegal street trading in the Market Square and was also compiling information concerning the number of second and holiday homes in Keswick.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – no report received.
- iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Dr Davies submitted a written report and responded to questions from Councillors regarding planning conditions applied to local needs housing.

**149. Payment of Accounts**

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

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 127-146, amounting to £40,510.13 (forty thousand five hundred and ten pounds and thirteen pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP135-FP138, amounting to £7,222.99 (seven thousand two hundred and twenty two pounds and ninety nine pence).

**150. Clerk's Report**

**RECEIVED** the Clerk's report.

**151. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**RECEIVED** a report from Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership – Council representative Councillor Lansbury.

**152. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

**RECEIVED** for information the Minutes of the Events committee meeting held on 29th October 2019.

**153. Correspondence**

Consideration was given to 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 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'*

**154. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

**RECEIVED** the draft Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 together with a report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations in the report be approved to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020.

The meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

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Chairman

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Date