

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 19th December 2019 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Alexandra Boardman	Markus Campbell - Savours	Allan Daniels
Alan Dunn	Steve Harwood	Sally Lansbury
Duncan Miller	Adam Paxon	Paul Titley
Allan Todd		

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), Dr Geoff Davies (Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) North Distinctive Area Parishes' representative), David Sawday (Keswick Ministries), 1 member of the press and 6 members of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Mayor thanked representatives of Keswick First Responders for all their work on behalf of the community of Keswick and area. Jackie Knights, Chair of the Keswick First Responders Committee, said that it was a privilege and honour to serve the community. She explained that the group had been in existence for 18 years and there were currently 20 First Responders. The organisation was reliant on donations and some supplies were provided by North West Ambulance Service. Chris Guy (Treasurer) and Elaine Alston (Fundraising Officer) were also present.

155. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lywood.

156. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 21st November 2019 (pages 35-40).

157. Requests for Dispensations

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

158. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:

Councillor Alan Dunn – item 8 (i) applications nod. T/2019/0214 and 7/2019/2313 (friend of the applicant)

Councillor Alexandra Boardman – item 8 (i) application no. 7/2019/2314 (lives nearby)

159. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team. 17 crimes had been reported for the month of November and 4 Antisocial Behaviour incidents for the area of Keswick (comparative figure for 2018 was 26). No officers were present.

160. Matters to be received from the Public

A local resident raised the issue of the poor condition of the 'Howrah's' public footpath which had recently been 'repaired' by Cumbria County Council. He suggested that this could be an opportunity to demonstrate the benefits of a 'modern' surface such as Ultritec which had been requested as the surface for the Keswick to Threlkeld multi-user trail. The Mayor said that the Town Council was aware of the problem and that County Councillor Lywood was taking the matter up with the County Council. Councillor Harwood agreed that it would be appropriate to push for a trial of this surface material.

A local resident stated that the footpath from the underpass to the lake was poorly lit and that the surface was unsatisfactory. This matter was covered at agenda item 15.

161. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Titley commented on the small Christmas tree which had been placed by a member of the public on the Market Square. He explained that this could present a safety issue as the plate covering the hole in which the tree had been placed had been removed. If the tree were removed this would leave a possible trip hazard. Councillor Dunn asked that the Events Committee reconsider the provision of a Christmas tree in this location next year.

162. 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/2019/0214	Fell one beech tree 11 St. Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AP <i>No comments made.</i> SUPPORT
T/2019/0217	T1 - Apple tree - Reduce due to size 21 Stanger Street, Keswick, CA12 5JU <i>No comments made.</i> SUPPORT
T/2019/0218	Strip ivy, deadwood, crown reduce, crown raise and prune 1 x English oak (T1) Central Car Park, Poplar Street, Keswick <i>No comments made.</i> SUPPORT
T/2019/0224	Crown reduction 1 ash 2 Archway House, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5DD <i>No comments made.</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2245	Extensions & alterations to outbuilding Claremont House, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, CA12 4LT <i>No comments made.</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2261	Enclose existing porch area with glazed hardwood frames 3 George Street, Keswick, CA12 4EB <i>Support in principle. Subject to confirmation the area concerned is within the legal ownership of the property.</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2269	Change of use of vacant retail store to 4 No 1 bed dwellings 18 Otley Road, Keswick, CA12 5LE <i>Support – suggest Allerdale Borough Council consider a free parking space for the 4th flat.</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2272	Provision of replacement shop fronts to 85 & 87 Main Street. 85 - To set the window and door back to the original position i.e. set

- back 1 m from existing window elevation, 87 - To create a new entrance doorway into the property
Millets Outdoor Centre, 85, Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DT
Support - note that the existing and proposed plans are incorrectly annotated.
SUPPORT
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Millets Outdoor Centre, 85 Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DT
Support - note that the existing and proposed plans are incorrectly annotated.
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2290
Minor material amendment (condition2) to existing planning permission reference 7/2018/2006 (redevelopment of former Cumberland Pencil Factory site) comprising of 1) single storey plant room to rear elevation of existing building 2) enclosure of existing escape stairs on side and rear elevations 3) removal of existing chimney
Former Pencil Mill Factory, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NG
Support in principle, subject to receipt of details of the cladding proposed. Following the Grenfell Tower tragedy the planning group are being extra cautious as they understand the cladding is to be manufactured by the same company as for Grenfell Tower.
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2296
Extension to provide ensuite shower room and utility room to private dwelling
3 Larch Grove, Keswick, CA12 4HJ
No comments made.
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2301
Alterations to existing dwelling and subdivision to form two separate self-contained dwellings
7 The Bungalows, Windebrowe Avenue, Keswick, CA12 4JH
Support - good reason to sub-divide this property which provides accommodation for a family member.
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2302
Extensions, alterations & parking area
58 Windebrowe Avenue, Keswick, CA12 4JG
Support - balanced & appropriate design.
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2304
Alterations & extensions
3 Manesty View, Keswick, CA12 4JF
Support - unless concerns from near neighbours.
SUPPORT

- 7/2019/2309 Non material amendment to planning application 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 change for additional outfall and manhole cover and chamber plus associated pipework and infrastructure Site at War Memorial Gardens, Greta Bank, off Penrith Road, Keswick
No comments made as already approved by LDNPA.
- 7/2019/2313 Extraction unit and flue
The Wainwright, Lake Road, Keswick, CA12 5BZ
Object - Following representations from adjoining residential properties, with windows in close proximity, we would ask that an alternative solution be found to the excessive noise and smell issue.
OBJECT
- 7/2019/2314 Change of use to A3 (café & restaurant)
Doctors Surgery, 13 Bank Street, Keswick, CA12 5JY
Object - with residential properties above and close by there will be a potential noise issue due to extended hours applied for.
Note: Windermere premises of the applicant advertised as opening 11 am to 11 pm Mon – Sun. Can we ensure these comments are seen by the appropriate licensing authority?
OBJECT
- 7/2019/2317 Erection of single storey dwelling with associated parking for local occupancy
Land at Vendace Court, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 4EU
Support - in keeping with the Vendace Court development.
However, we do have concerns that the previous development on this site may have been restricted to avoid this property being local and affordable.
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2322 Loft conversion and install Dormas to rear elevation and single storey rear extension
56 Wordsworth Street, Keswick, CA12 4BZ
No comments made.
SUPPORT
- 7/2019/2323 Operation of Temporary self-catering Campsite for 3 weeks. To run in conjunction with the Keswick Convention in 2020.
Crosthwaite Conference Centre, Church Lane, Keswick, CA12 5QG
No comments made.
SUPPORT

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

163. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meetings attendance for the period 15th November 2019 – 12th December 2019.

164. Update on meetings with Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) re Keswick to Threlkeld Multi User Trail

The Mayor gave an outline of the issues raised at a meeting with the Deputy Board Chair and senior officers of the LDNPA held on 3rd December 2019, when it had been reiterated that no change to the surface proposed for the Keswick to Threlkeld Multi User Trail was possible.

Councillors had asked for the opportunity to present the case to all Board members at their next meeting on 18th December 2019. Other issues which had been covered included the request for access to the path for schoolchildren, the possible future reinstatement of the CKP railway and the re-opening of the old station toilets. Discussion had also taken place regarding the Keswick Conservation Area Appraisal, public consultation on which was due to start in the new year, and pre-planning advice provided to Premier Inn. LDNPA officers stated that it was normal practice to provide such advice, particularly for larger applications, and that this was given without prejudice.

Councillor Harwood reported following the Board meeting held on Wednesday 18th December 2019 which he had attended with the Mayor, Councillor Dunn and the Clerk. He had made a request for an independent adviser to test the case for the tarmac surface on the trail. A prepared statement had been made by the Board Chair in response. The Clerk was asked to include an item on the agenda for the January Town Council meeting to consider the way forward on this issue.

165. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives
Councillor Campbell-Savours reported that he had now received a report on the various street trading issues in Keswick setting out the problems faced in dealing with these. He asked for an item to be placed on the agenda for the January Town Council meeting.
Councillor Daniels reported on a petition which had been submitted to the Borough Council regarding the Climate Change emergency. He also advised that support on planning issues could be provided by the Borough Council.
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – no report submitted.
Councillor Miller reported that problems had been experienced on Manor Brow and Ambleside Road recently which was busier than usual due to the closure of Penrith Road. Black ice had caused an accident and he asked that the County Council be requested to increase treatment on this route.

Councillor Campbell-Savours left the meeting.
- iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Dr Geoff Davies presented a written report. He also referred to the Conservation Area Appraisal which the Parks Strategy and Vision Committee had now approved for public consultation. An interesting tour of the town had taken place with the Conservation Officer.

166. Payment of Accounts

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

- i. The Town Council, vouchers 147 - 171, amounting to 26,406.76 (twenty six thousand four hundred and six pounds and seventy six pence)
- ii. The Trusts, vouchers HP158 - FP154, amounting to 18,005.39 (eighteen thousand and five pounds and thirty nine pence)

167. Budget for 2020/2021 and Grant Payments

The draft budget for 2020/21 was presented for approval together with recommended grant payments to local organisations.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the draft Budget for the financial year 2020/21 be approved
- ii) That the precept for 2020/21 be set at £270,641

iii) That the list of recommended grants be approved

168. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Alan Dunn – Keswick Tourism Association.

169. Lights to the Lake

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk. Councillor Daniels confirmed that he had approached the Portfolio Holder at Allerdale BC who had stated that no additional funding beyond the £3,000 offered was possible to improve the lighting from the underpass to the foreshore. It was noted that no contribution had been offered by the Theatre by the Lake.

170. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

171. Minutes of Liaison meetings

RECEIVED for information:

- i. the draft Minutes of the CALC Allerdale District Annual Meeting held on 24th October 2019
- ii. the notes of Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum held on 10th December 2019

172. Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:

- i. Allerdale Borough Council – Footway Lighting in Allerdale – noted.
- ii. Keswick Museum – request for support
Councillor Lansbury reported that Councillor Campbell-Savours had met the Chair of the Trustees to discuss ways in which assistance could be provided, however, no revenue cost support was available from Allerdale BC.
- iii. Cumbria County Council – notice of intention to make Traffic Regulation Order
RESOLVED that no objections be put forward but that a request be made for legal status to be given to the No Overnight Parking signs on Church Lane and Longbridge, Portinscale.

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'

173. Staffing - Staffing Committee Minutes

RECEIVED for information the draft Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 3rd December 2019.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Chairman

Date