

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 16th January 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor David Burn

Alexandra Boardman
Alan Dunn
Duncan Miller

Markus Campbell - Savours
Steve Harwood
Paul Titley

Allan Daniels
Sally Lansbury

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), 1 member of the press and 17 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, Rose Lord, Strategy and Partnership Adviser (Conservation Officer), Lake District National Park Authority, shared the final recommendations of the Keswick Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Report prior to formal public consultation. Following consideration of comments submitted during the consultation, the final report would be adopted by the Park Strategy and Vision Committee and a separate consultation would then be carried out on changes to the Article 4 area, and a Local Development Order may follow. She stressed that advice would be available to ensure that work carried out was done appropriately. Rose was thanked for an excellent report.

174. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lywood and Paxon, Dr Geoff Davies and the Police.

175. **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 19th December 2019 (pages 41- 46).

176. **Resignation of Councillor**

The Clerk reported the resignation of Councillor Allan Todd which had been received on 20th December 2019. An election had been called to fill the vacancy, and this would take place by 18th March 2020.

177. **Requests for Dispensations**

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

178. **Declarations of Interests**

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

Councillor Duncan Miller (personal) – item 9 (i) application no. 7/2019/2336 – friend of the applicant

Councillor Markus Campbell-Savours (personal) – item 9 (i) application no. 7/2019/2336 – friend of the applicant

179. **Police Attendance**

RECEIVED the new format newsletter of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team. No officers were present.

180. **Matters to be received from the Public**

Jo Alberti of Keswick Fair Trade Campaign requested Councillor representation on the organisation following Councillor Allan Daniels' resignation. Councillor Campbell-Savours agreed to take on this role.

Glenn Savage of Fair Parking for Keswick supported the recommendations of the Keswick Transport Study and urged Councillors to endorse the Study and to keep up the pressure to see its implementation.

A resident of Threlkeld updated on action taken regarding the Lake District National Park Authority's recent decisions regarding the Keswick to Threlkeld trail and other issues.

181. **Matters to be raised by Councillors**

Councillor Titley spoke about the consequences of the prolonged closure of Penrith Road on the condition of other routes being used as a diversion, particularly the increase in potholes. He urged the highway authority to ensure that the necessary repair work would be carried out as a priority and to put in place additional traffic restrictions to avoid this happening with future schemes.

The Clerk provided an update on the Penrith Road closure which would now be in place until 19th February due to delays caused by wet weather before Christmas. Traffic lights would then be put in place.

182. **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/2019/0233	Crown raise group of holly trees (G1); fell 2 beech trees (T1 & T2) Bishops House, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DD <i>Support - Following investigation into the reason for the dramatic reduction of T2 beech tree the group is happy with works</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2292	Two storey side and rear extension with single storey to front elevation, alteration to front and rear garden to enlarge patio and form additional parking 7 Fenton, Keswick, CA12 4AZ <i>Support in principle but concern about increased traffic generated on a difficult access road due to significant increase in number of bedrooms.</i> SUPPORT
7/2019/2333	Approval of details reserved by condition on planning permission ref. 7/2018/2147 - condition no 3 roofing details Keswick Methodist Church, Southey Street, Keswick, CA12 4HH No comments made
7/2019/2336	Construction of new dwelling Maiden Moor, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ER <i>Object – On the grounds of the height of the building and overlooking issues.</i> OBJECT

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

183. **Mayor's Report**

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 13th December 2019 – 9th January 2020.

184. **Reports from Ward Representatives**

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives
Councillor Lansbury reported that consultation had started on the Borough Council's budget and urged Councillors to submit comments. Councillor Daniels reported on discussions regarding changes to parking permits and disabled parking arrangements on Allerdale owned car parks. Councillor Campbell-Savours reported that he had taken up the issue of poor street lighting between the underpass and the lake and secured a promise that lights would be put into working order where necessary.
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – no report received.
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Dr Davies submitted a written report.

185. **Keswick to Threlkeld Multi User Trail**

The Mayor reported that a response was still awaited from the LDNPA to letters regarding possible errors in the calculation of whole life costs of a tarmac surface, and the Council's response to the Board statement issued at the meeting on 18th December 2019. The compromise put forward to part-surface with tarmac on the 'urban' section of the trail and use ultritec on the remaining parts had not been accepted. Concerns were expressed regarding the timescale for the work and the need for timely action which currently had to be agreed at monthly Council meetings.

RESOLVED that a working group comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Harwood and Lansbury be set up to monitor developments and report back to the Council, with delegated authority to correspond with appropriate bodies via the Clerk.

186. **Keswick Transport Study**

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk containing the final version of the Keswick Transport Study.

RESOLVED that the Town Council:

- i. Endorse the principle of the packages of improvements (as summarised in Proformas 1-8 in the Keswick Transport Study's Non-Technical Summary)
- ii. Agree to work with partner organisations to explore the opportunities to secure funding to deliver the packages of improvements through internal and external funding opportunities
- iii. Agree to the establishment of a Programme Delivery Board to ensure the co-ordinated delivery of the package of improvements.

187. **Payment of Accounts**

RESOLVED that the accounts for January 2020 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment for:

- i. The Town Council, vouchers 172 - 192, amounting to £63,456.50 (sixty three thousand four hundred and fifty six pounds and fifty pence)
- ii. The Trusts, vouchers HP186 - FP173, amounting to £6,849.38 (six thousand eight hundred and forty nine pounds and thirty eight pence)

188. **Quarterly Budgets**

RECEIVED for information the third quarter budget comparisons.

189. **Clerk's Report**

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

190. **Committee Meetings**

RECEIVED the draft Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 7th January 2020.

191. **Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:

- i. CALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party 27th May 2020 – nomination request.

RESOLVED that the Mayor be nominated for one of the four places available

- ii. R W Booth – Johnathan Otley and Springs Road Flood Detention Basin

RESOLVED that the Clerk follow this up with Cumbria County Council

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’

192. **Legal - Street Trading**

RECEIVED an update from Councillor Campbell-Savours who undertook to monitor the situation and to obtain a regular update from Allerdale Borough Council.

193. **Bridges Guidance**

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

The meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

Chairman

Date