

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held using the Zoom app on Thursday 16th July 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Paul Titley

Alexandra Boardman
Allan Daniels
Sally Lansbury
Adam Paxon

David Burn
Alan Dunn
Tony Lywood
Peter Terry

Markus Campbell–Savours
Steve Harwood
Duncan Miller

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

45. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Geoff Davies (Lake District National Park Authority).

46. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th June 2020 (pages 7-10).

47. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that no requests for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest had been received.

48. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interests in respect of items on the agenda were received.

49. Police Report

No report was received from the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team and no officers were present.

50. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were received from members of the public.

51. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Harwood asked that consideration be given to resuming face to face meetings now that some restrictions had been eased. The Clerk outlined the current advice from the National Association of Local Councils. It was agreed to include an item to review this on the agenda for the next meeting. Councillors Daniels, Harwood and Miller offered to assist.

Councillor Terry commented on the cracked glass on the roof of the former railway station building which was a danger to the public. Councillor Campbell-Savours advised that he would raise this issue with Allerdale Borough Council.

Councillor Terry asked whether restaurants which had now re-opened were providing toilet facilities. Councillor Boardman reported that she had visited three and all had toilets available for the public.

Councillor Terry said that he was disappointed that there were no bollards on Station Street/St John's Street as part of the temporary one-way system to safeguard pedestrians. County Councillor Lywood advised that the scheme had been introduced to provide more space for pedestrians and would be reviewed after 21 days. Councillor Dunn commented on the number of vehicles ignoring the one-way signs by the cinema and asked if more signage could be provided.

52. 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/2020/0072	<p>Fell two mature beech trees 25 St. Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AE <i>Object – the trees concerned are designated in the conservation area plan as being important in contributing significant landscape value to the area. They appear to be in good health and no specialist details have been provided to justify their removal. The reasons stated on the application form could apply to many mature trees within the conservation area and to remove them would significantly impact on the landscape quality in this location. We would recommend that Tree Preservation Orders be applied to these trees.</i></p> <p>OBJECT</p>
T/2020/0078	<p>T1 & T2 - Silver Birch - reduce to lower growth 21 St Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AE <i>No comments made.</i></p> <p>SUPPORT</p>
7/2020/2141	<p>To allocate a section of the highway in the centre of Keswick (Market Square) for the placement of tables and chairs The Round, 21 Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5BL <i>No comments made.</i></p> <p>SUPPORT</p>
7/2020/2142	<p>Change of Use of Guest House (C1) to Holiday Letting Accommodation (C3) Fell House, 28 Stanger Street, Keswick, CA12 5JU <i>Object – no details have been provided to show how the existing building would be adapted to the use applied for. Planning Policy C22a indicates that re-use of an existing building for holiday letting accommodation will only be considered if the building is not suitable for conversion to meet a local housing need. We do not consider the viability appraisal for conversion to self-contained apartments is valid and believe the building could be adapted to meet a local housing need. We are concerned that a precedent should not be established which could be applied to all existing guest houses thereby making conversion of similar properties to meet local housing needs a less attractive option.</i></p> <p>OBJECT</p>
7/2020/2144	<p>Permanent retention of concrete apron and double access gates installed as site access as part of United Utilities West Cumbria Water Supply Project Field on Chestnut Hill, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, CA12 4LR Support in principle – subject to a drainage channel being provided across the site entrance to prevent rainwater running onto the main road (A591), which should discharge to a soakaway in the field behind.</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>

7/2020/2148 Alterations and extension to provide an annexe. To include a bedroom, lounge/kitchen/dining area and utility room following withdrawal of application ref 7/2020/2084
34 Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HP
Object – the alterations made to the original application are of a minor nature and do not change the basis of our original objection. The proposal is a significant first floor extension to an existing substantial 3 storey dwelling creating what is effectively a separate apartment with an independent entrance. It could generate additional parking demand in an already congested area. The reasons stated for its intended use could change over time and do not outweigh the considerable impact this would have on the adjoining dwelling at No. 32 and other neighbouring properties. This is located in the Article 4 direction area and we consider that the detailed design of windows is out of character with the traditional features of the existing house.
OBJECT

7/2020/2150 2no. timber sliding doors to replace timber folding gates approved under application 7/2017/2065
12 Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4HF
No comments made.
SUPPORT

7/2020/2153 Erection of a single storey timber outdoor storage building on the west wall of the house
7 Vendace Court, Keswick, CA12 4EU
Support – subject to any objections from neighbours
SUPPORT

7/2020/2157 Rear extensions & alterations
27 Briar Rigg, Keswick, CA12 4NN
No comments made.
SUPPORT

- ii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park planning decisions.
RESOLVED that a letter of clarification be submitted in relation to the Council's comments on application no. 7/2019/2317 in view of the information contained in the Planning Officer's report.

53. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes' Representative – Dr Davies submitted a written report. Councillor Lywood supplemented this with additional information on the status of the planning application for the proposed Premier Inn on the Ravensfield site, the financial situation of the authority which may lead to job losses, and the changing demography of visitors to the national park.
- ii) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lansbury gave an update from the multi-agency hub and advised on the appropriate reporting mechanism for issues relating to litter, health and safety, track and trace etc. She also advised that a community garden scheme was planned for Millfield Gardens. Councillor Daniels advised that the authority was looking at significant income losses from car parking. Councillor Campbell-Savours commented on the current condition of the water in the Leisure Pool which was discoloured due to lack of cleaning during closure of the pool. This could be safe and ready for use again in two weeks and was not a health and safety issue.

- iii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lywood commented on a number of matters:
- The one-way system on Station Street/St John’s Street would be in place for 21 days followed by a possible further 21 days. He asked for an item on the agenda for the next meeting to review its effectiveness.
 - A byelaw had been passed to prohibit cycling on Longbridge, Portinscale
 - £2,000 was now available for the proposed mural on the new bus shelter at Penrith Road
 - Photographs of potholes could now be sent to him or to Councillor Campbell-Savours for attention by the highway authority

54. Annual Accounts

RESOLVED that the statement of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2020 be approved for signature by the Chairman.

55. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 1

RESOLVED that section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2019-20 - of the AGAR be approved for signature by the Chairman.

56. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 2

RESOLVED that section 2 - Accounting Statements 2019-20 – of the AGAR be approved for signature by the Chairman.

57. Internal Auditor’s Report for Year Ending 31st March 2020

RECEIVED the report of the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2020.

58. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 35 – 45 amounting to £22,045.82 (twenty two thousand and forty five pounds and eighty two pence).
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP29 – FP42 amounting to £11,617.05 (eleven thousand six hundred and seventeen pounds and five pence).

59. Climate Change Working Group Update

Councillor Boardman gave an update on behalf of the Climate Change Working Group. A meeting had taken place with Trudy Harrison MP following the letter from the Town Council. The next ‘Green Get Together’ had been arranged and Suskes were redeveloping their website to include the recycling index.

60. Clerk’s Report

RECEIVED the Clerk’s report.

61. Revised Grievance and Disciplinary Policies

RESOLVED that the revised Grievance and Disciplinary procedures be approved and adopted.

62. Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following:

- i) Letter from a former Keswick resident - naming of the tunnel on the K2T Multi-user trail
RESOLVED that a letter of support be sent to the LDNPA.
- ii) Great North Air Ambulance – thanks for grant – noted.
- iii) Bob and Judy Barnby – Station Street/St John’s Street one way system – noted.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman

Date