

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held remotely using the Zoom app on Thursday 17th September 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Paul Titley

Alexandra Boardman	David Burn	Markus Campbell- Savours
Allan Daniels	Alan Dunn	Steve Harwood
Sally Lansbury	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Adam Paxon	Peter Terry	

Also present were Lynda Walker (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer - RFO), 1 member of the press and 6 members of the public.

85. Apologies

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

86. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 20th August 2020 (pages 16 -20).

87. Requests for Dispensations

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

88. Declarations of Interests

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

89. Police Report

Inspector Waddell and PC Thistlethwaite were in attendance for this item and commented on the recent increase in antisocial behaviour and drug use which were the main issues in Keswick.

Councillor Boardman raised the problem of noise nuisance and antisocial behaviour in Bank Street and was assured that these issues would be addressed using the multi-agency approach. Councillor Campbell-Savours asked for advice concerning the 'pedlar' operating in the Market Square conflicting with the market and complicating social distancing. Inspector Waddell undertook to raise this with the Environmental Health department at Allerdale Borough Council and report back via the Clerk. Councillor Lansbury asked for attention to be given to illegal parking in Derwent Street and PC Thistlethwaite agreed to monitor this and take action as appropriate. Councillor Burn asked for similar problems in St Johns Street to be given attention. The Mayor asked if the crime statistics for violence and sexual offences could be presented separately and Inspector Waddell agreed to follow this up. The Police were thanked for their attendance.

90. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were received from the public.

91. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Terry commented on 'al fresco' dining in the Market Square which had increased recently. County Councillor Lywood advised on the process for obtaining permissions. Councillor Terry apologised for comments made at the previous meeting as it was not his intention to offend Councillors.

92. Review of Temporary One-Way System – Station Street/St John’s Street

The Clerk outlined how the packages of improvement in the Keswick Transport Study were being implemented and monitored including the proposed Community Parking Scheme. Members of the public present asked for the scheme to be prioritised and actioned as soon as possible in view of the problems being experienced by residents of the ‘back streets’. Councillor Lywood updated on actions taken by the County Council to resolve issues arising from the new one-way system in Station Street/St John’s Street.

RESOLVED that the Council’s thanks be passed onto Laura McClellan at Cumbria Highways for her assistance.

93. 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/2020/0104	Fell 2 x Cypress trees 70 Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5DX <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2020/2039	Erection of Hotel (C1) with restaurant/bar (A3/A4) at ground floor, together with means of access, car parking, creation of loading/delivery bay and ancillary works Former Ravensfield Care Home, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5NX <i>Object on the grounds of:</i> Size <i>The proposal for a 71-bedroom hotel is too large for this restricted site.</i> Car Parking <i>Our concerns regarding the level of parking provision remain as stated in our original response to this planning application.</i> Site Drainage <i>This remains a serious concern.</i> Flood Risk issues <i>Our concerns regarding flood resilience remain as stated in our original response and we support the principal points made by Keswick Flood Action Group given their in-depth local knowledge and experience of this part of town.</i> OBJECT
7/2020/2160	To extend the dwelling at the front and to the side of the dwelling - including building second storey over the part of the garage roof 48 Millfield Gardens, Keswick, CA12 4PD <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2020/2191	Approval of details reserved by condition no. 3 of planning permission 7/2019/2104 (Landscaping scheme): Creation of a new detention basin (including new access track and site entrance), with a new below ground connection to the Castlehead Drain, emergency spillway, landscaping and associated works. Land adjacent to Spring Road, Keswick, CA12 4AH <i>For information only, no comments required</i>

- 7/2020/2197 Demolition of flat roof garage and construction of annex/studio
Fenton Lea, 2 Fenton, Keswick, CA12 4AZ
Neutral – it is unclear what planning policy applies for additions to a domestic property of this type. We would wish to ensure that the new accommodation proposed could only be used in connection with the existing dwelling and the annexe should not be used for holiday letting purposes
NEUTRAL
- 7/2020/2199 Change of Use of Guest House (C1) to Holiday Letting Accommodation (C3) (following withdrawal of application 7/2020/2142)
Fell House, 28 Stanger Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5JU
Object – No details have been provided to show how the existing building would be adapted to the change of use applied for. No consideration has been given to the alternative option of providing self-contained holiday accommodation within the constraints allowed in Class C1 which would not require a change of use. 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 a local housing need a less attractive option
OBJECT
- 7/2020/2202 Proposed extensions and alterations to dwelling including demolition of prefab garage
7 Grizedale Close, Keswick, CA12 4JL
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2020/2204 Amendment to local occupancy condition, condition no. 3 of planning approval 7/2012/222 - Local needs dwelling.
Serendipity, Eleventrees, Keswick, CA12 4LW
Support – It is understood the applicant is applying for the local occupancy condition to be changed to cover the North Distinctive Area of the National Park in line with the condition applied to current permissions granted
SUPPORT

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

94. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – a written report was received from Dr Davies. Councillor Lywood added comments regarding the implications of the proposed new planning regulations.
- ii) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Daniels reported on the lease arrangements between the Borough Council and Wetherspoons for the land at the side of their premises in Bank Street. Councillor Lansbury said that pressure would continue to be applied to the Borough Council to retain cash payments at parking machines.
- iii) Cumbria County Council – no further information provided.

95. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 72-77, amounting to £597.63 (five hundred ninety seven pounds and sixty three pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP78 – FP83, amounting to £6,476.40 (six thousand four hundred and seventy six pounds and forty pence)

96. CCTV

Councillor Burn and the RFO provided an update on the cost of providing CCTV cameras to link into the Police monitoring system, which had increased since the original quotation had been received. Councillor Terry expressed concerns about the privacy of residents in the area covered by the cameras. It was agreed that this issue be taken up with the Police and CCTV providers.

RESOLVED that the additional cost of £1,406.35 be met from General Reserves and that an earmarked reserve of £6,400 be set up to cover any 'out of scope' call outs plus system failure when out of the warranty period.

97. A Boards

Consideration was given to the report of Councillors Burn and Daniels.

RESOLVED that monitoring of A Boards in the Market Square and surrounding area should continue to take place.

98. Climate Change – Green Working Group

RECEIVED an update from Councillor Boardman including a set of suggested 'Local Procurement Rules' for inclusion in the Council's Financial Regulations. Councillor Terry presented a report on proposals for a 'Himalayan Balsam Bashing' event.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Council's Financial Regulations be amended to include local procurement rules and that the revised Regulations be presented for adoption at the next Council meeting
- ii) That the Council's Events Committee be asked to consider the proposed 'Balsam Bashing' event at its next meeting.

99. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that all Councillors be invited to consider grant applications for the additional £2,000 available in the current financial year, and that grant awards be agreed at the next Council meeting.

100. Liaison Meetings

RECEIVED the notes of Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum held on 8th September 2020.

101. Correspondence

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – response re Car Parking Payments
- ii) Allerdale Borough Council – response re Otley Road Recycling Centre

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'

102. Minutes of Staffing Committee Meeting

RECEIVED the draft Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 10th September 2020.

RESOLVED: that the Committee's recommendations be approved.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Chairman

Date