

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held remotely using the Zoom app on Thursday 18th March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Paul Titley

Councillors

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 Vivien Little (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), one member of the press and three members of the public.

Prior to the meeting, David Sawday, Chief Operating Officer, and James Robson, Ministry Director, both of Keswick Ministries, gave an update on progress which had been made towards this year's Keswick Convention in the face of coming out of Covid lockdown, and adhering to government guidelines. There was an understanding that the people of Keswick were naturally concerned regarding an influx of visitors, and the potential for infection rates rising. David Sawday assured Councillors that Keswick Ministries were working with the Cumbria Safety Advisory Group, and were doing everything possible to ensure the possibility for infection was low. This year, the Keswick Convention were introducing a system of pre-registration which would open midway through April in order to have an idea of numbers attending, though they stated that some attendees would not pre-register. The Mayor thanked Keswick Ministries for their update and the work they had put in place to help allay fears.

213. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

214. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 18th February 2021 (pages 46 – 52).

215. Requests for Dispensations

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

216. Declarations of Interests

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

217. Police Report

No report was available from the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

218. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were raised by the public.

219. Matters to be raised by Councillors

No matters were raised by Councillors.

220. 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/2021/0029	Pollard 1 oak tree (T1). Crown reduce 1 sycamore tree (T2) by 2m 29, Calvert Way, Keswick, CA12 4LZ <i>Object – Insufficient evidence has been provided for what appears to be a drastic cutting back of trees which are part of a significant row of mature trees along the roadside at the rear of Calvert Way houses – particularly the Oak Tree</i> OBJECT
T/2021/0035	T2- Lime tree - Fell - 5 DAY NOTICE due to condition of tree. T3, T4, T5 & T6 - Lime trees - Crown lift to highway and footpath clearance height (approx 5.2 mtr road / 2.4 mtr path). T7 - Yew tree - Prune back growth over parking bays and highway clearance. Greta Grove House, Flat 1, Elliott Park, Keswick, CA12 5NF <i>For information only, no comments required</i>
T/2021/0040	Fell 1 silver birch (T1) Acorn House, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DL <i>Object – Insufficient evidence provided for removal of a prominent mature tree in a location within the Conservation Area</i> OBJECT
7/2021/2022	Demolition of existing side conservatory and build new two storey 3, Fenton, Keswick, CA12 4AZ Support – <i>no comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2021/2035	Proposed rear, side and front elevations Grassmoor, Halls Mead, Keswick, CA12 4BE Support – <i>no comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2021/2037	Replacement conservatory 9, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4HF <i>Object – the principle of building a new conservatory to replace the existing is acceptable but we object to the design as proposed. This house is within the</i>

Conservation area and we object to the low pitch roof using 'Tapco' synthetic plastic slates when a design solution exists whereby natural slate to match the existing house could be used.

OBJECT

7/2021/2040

Erection of Hotel (C1) with restaurant / bar ground floor, together with means of access, car parking, creation of loading/ delivery bay and ancillary works without compliance with condition 7 (puffin crossing) of planning permission reference 7/2020/2039 - financial contribution to be used towards improving town centre car park signage in place of condition

Former Ravensfield Care Home, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5NX

Object – The condition was imposed to mitigate the impact of higher traffic volumes and pedestrian movements at busy times caused by a large 71 bedroom hotel with limited on site car parking. The proposal submitted by the applicant fails to address the scale of the problem which will apply for many years into the future. We note in CCC Highways response to this application that they would have recommended refusal of the original application if this condition had not been included. This application should be STRONGLY resisted.

OBJECT

7/2021/2044

Removal of asbestos roof and removal of walls above 1.3m. Erection of bin store and garden store Dalkeith Guest House, 1 Leonard Street, Keswick, CA12 4EJ

Support – no comments made

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7/2021/2047

Dwelling

The Coach House, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NH
For information only, no comments required

7/2021/2048

Use of building as a single dwelling, or as 1, 2 or 3 units of residential letting accommodation as indicated on attached floor plan

Greta Hall, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NH
For information only, no comments required

7/2021/2049

To re-roof a single storey kitchen and form a seating area on the first floor

11, Wordsworth Street, Keswick, CA12 4HU

Object – The application form indicates that work has not started which is incorrect. The proposed

outdoor first floor patio area with glazed balustrade is clearly intended as a sitting out space. This would have a significant overlooking impact on the adjoining property at 9 Wordsworth Street which has windows at the rear and to the side of a projecting extension directly facing towards the proposed sitting area, which we consider to be intrusive

OBJECT

7/2021/2054

Non material amendment to planning permission ref 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) to substitute dual pitched roof for lean to pitch roof to ground floor extension 34, Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HP
For information only, no comments required

7/2021/2067

Demolition of existing single storey garage and kitchen. Construction of new single storey extension to accommodate store, kitchen, utility & WC. Increase in size of existing 2 storey extension to create larger bathroom.
38, Wordsworth Street, Keswick, CA12 4BZ
Support – no comments made

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ii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park Planning Decisions.

221. Proposed Sustainability Charge for access to the Lake District National Park.

Consideration was given to a motion from the Mayor that Cumbria County Council be asked to carry out a feasibility study into the case for a sustainability charge on motorists entering the Lake District National Park. The Mayor spoke to his paper on the agenda, and Councillor Harwood spoke to his statement on the agenda against the idea of a sustainability charge. The general feeling was that a study would be a useful exercise, and didn't commit to any course of action at this stage. Two members of the public present spoke in favour of the proposal.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Cumbria County Council requesting that a feasibility study be undertaken into the case for a sustainability charge on motorists entering the Lake District National Park.

222. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 12th February 2021 – 11th March 2021.

223. Local Government Reorganisation Update

i) Consideration was given to a proposal from the Mayor to respond to support the single unitary authority proposal and reject the two part solutions.

RESOLVED that the Keswick Town Council response to the government consultation be deferred to April to ensure Councillors have a full opportunity to read all the proposals thoroughly.

- ii) Consideration was given to a motion from Councillor Lywood to return the car parks, foreshore and Town Hall to Keswick Town Council control, and request from Allerdale Borough Council to provide a list of Keswick assets which they current own.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Allerdale Borough Council requesting a list of all Keswick-based assets which they own.

224. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – Councillor Lansbury reported that it appeared that the Lake District National Park had obtained funding for trailer-type portaloos on the Keswick to Threlkeld Trail.
Councillor Campbell-Savours reported that the Allerdale Second Home project group was going through covenants which were in place when housing was transferred to Housing Associations. He would give a full update when there was more information.
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – Councillor Lywood reported that the signs on St John’s Street would be put in place imminently. He also reported that the settlement figure was £10 million less than originally thought for road repairs.
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Dr Davies submitted a written report prior to the meeting, but had sent his apologies.

225. Climate Change Working Group

RECEIVED an update from the Council’s Working Group and to consider the motion from Councillor Alexandra Boardman that Keswick Town Council support in principle the creation of pollination havens.

RESOLVED that Keswick Town Council support in principal the creation of pollination havens.

226. Visitor Management Working Group

RECEIVED an update from Councillor Burn. Councillor Terry raised concerns that residents of Latrigg Close along the trail had lost their privacy, and requested that this be continued to be raised at the Working Group.

RESOLVED that Threlkeld Parish Council be asked to send a representative to the Visitor Management Working Group.

227. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for March 2021 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment:

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 187 – 202, amounting to £24,484.27 (twenty four thousand four hundred and eighty four pounds and twenty seven pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP219 – FP186, amounting to £5,026.55 (five thousand and twenty six pounds and fifty five pence)

228. Station Platform

Consideration was given to a motion put forward by the Mayor to consider making representations to Allerdale Borough Council to progress a lease at the Old Station Platform to provide facilities for users to the Keswick to Threlkeld trail.

RESOLVED that representation be made to Allerdale Borough Council to progress a lease at the Old Station Platform to provide facilities for users of the Keswick to Threlkeld trail.

229. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- i) Keswick Youth Centre – Councillor Campbell-Savours – full report to be submitted at the next meeting.

230. Minutes

- i) **RECEIVED** for information the minutes of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils Allerdale District meeting held on 20 January 2021; and
- ii) **RECEIVED** for information the notes of the Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum from Tuesday 9 February 2021.

231. Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following correspondence:

- i) Letter from Lake District National Park Authority regarding multi-agency approach to visitor management

RESOLVED that the letter be noted.

Prior to consideration of 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’

232. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 16 and 23 February 2021, and 2 March 2021.

233. Request from local resident

Consideration was given to the local resident.

RESOLVED that the resident be written to with suggestions.

The meeting closed at 9.33 p.m.

Chairman

Date