

**KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held at St John's Church, Church Lane, Keswick on Thursday 15th July 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

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**Present:****Chairman**

Councillor Alan Dunn

**Councillors**

David Burn

Steve Harwood

Duncan Miller

Paul Titley

Markus Campbell-Savours

Sally Lansbury

Adam Paxon

Allan Daniels

Tony Lywood

Peter Terry

Also present were Vivien Little (Town Clerk), 1 member of the press, and 2 members of the public

**57. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Boardman.

**58. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (pages 8-12).

**59. Requests for Dispensations**

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

**60. Declarations of Interests**

Councillor Harwood declared a personal interest in Planning application number 7/2021/2179 as the applicant was his son and their partner. He would remain in the room and vote on the item.

Councillor Titley declared a personal interest in Planning Application number 7/2021/2181 as his daughter lived next to the address. He would remain in the room and vote on the item.

Councillor Campbell-Savours declared a personal interest in application number 7/2021/2169 as he lived close to the applicant. He would remain in the room and vote on the item.

**61. Police Report**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

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

1 member of the public requested to speak regarding Planning Application 7/2021/2169. The member of the public spoke in support of the application. Whilst the Council accepted his point of view, the recommendation of the Planning Group stood, and the Town Council would not change their comments to be submitted on this item.

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

No matters were received from Councillors.

**64. Applications for Development**

- i) **RESOLVED** that the following observations be submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority:

<b>Plan Ref.</b>	<b>Description of Development Location</b>
T/2021/0104	Fell 1 dead willow tree - 5 day notice

4, St. Johns Old School, Church Lane, Keswick, CA12 5PZ  
*For information only, no comments required*

- T/2021/0110 Tree 1 - Oak - Fell - Tree has Honey fungus and decay at base of tree. Tree leaning towards buildings, footpath and road. Tree 2 - Ash - Fell - Tree has Ash die back and damage to root system. Tree next to buildings, public footpath and road. Trees 3 to 7 - Oaks - Remove deadwood  
 Keswick Ministries, Skiddaw Street, Keswick, CA12 4BY  
*Support - subject to new semi mature trees being planted where trees are recommended to be felled*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2021/2167 Replacement of a collapsed boundary wall with a wooden fence 3, Shu Le Crow Gardens, Keswick, CA12 4HG  
*Object – given its location within the conservation area we object to the replacement of a previously stone wall with a wooden fence. To preserve the historic character of this area we feel this boundary feature should be reinstated as a stone wall*  
**OBJECT**
- 7/2021/2168 Change of use from launderette (Sui Generis) to Retail Bakery (Class E(a))  
 Launderclean, 24, Helvellyn Street, Keswick, CA12 4EN  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2021/2169 Gable and dormer extension, minor alterations to existing approval ref. 7/2020/2288  
 16, Springs Road, Keswick, CA12 4AQ  
*Object – 16 & 17 Springs Road are 2 adjoining semi- detached dwellings where a prominent feature is that the roof is hipped on both sides – typically seen in many locations in the town. This application proposes to reform the roof on one side only at no. 16 with a new gable end and rear dormer. This is a major change to what was previously approved on application 7/2020/2288. It would completely unbalance the form of this block in an unacceptable way which would be detrimental to the character of the area*  
**OBJECT**
- 7/2021/2173 Replacement windows and internal alterations  
 40 , St Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AG  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2021/2178 Flat roof terrace  
 18 A, St Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AS  
*Support in principle- subject to the balustrade detail matching the existing balcony at 20 St. Johns Street*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2021/2179 Proposed new entrance porch and ground floor wc extension  
 121 Windebrowe Avenue, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4JB  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**

- 7/2021/2180 Side extension  
Oakden, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DL  
*Object – we support the principle of extending the existing ground floor accommodation but object to the removal of the existing mature boundary hedge in a visually prominent location within the conservation area*  
**OBJECT**
- 7/2021/2181 Change of use of guest house (c1) to dwelling (C3)  
Parkfield, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ES  
*Support but clarification is requested on why the Change of use from guest house (C1) to dwelling (C3) is required.*  
**SUPPORT**
- 7/2021/2188 New conservatory to front of dwelling  
Tall Trees, Lonsties, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4TD  
*No comments made*  
**SUPPORT**

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

#### 65. Mayor's Report

**RECEIVED** details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 18 June 2021 – 8 July 2021 .

#### 66. Reports from Ward Representatives

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Daniels informed Councillors that he had attended the opening of four new houses built by KCHT, helped with a grant from Allerdale Borough Council of £250,000.  
Councillor Lansbury had attended a meeting of the Transport for the North, as they began to consult on decarbonisation of transport in the north. There was another session planned for 14 July, but this would not be specific to Allerdale. A number of Councillors and members of staff were undergoing the certified Carbon Literacy training.  
Councillor Campbell-Savours brought Councillors up to date on progress regarding the leisure pool. Friends of Keswick Leisure Group has been set up, and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were scrutinising the decision at their meeting this week.  
Councillor Lywood questioned if there had been any progress on the parking signs after Councillor Fitzgerald's visit last month. The temporary AA signs paid for by LNDPA were about to be put into place, however there was no progress with any funding from Allerdale Borough Council.
- ii) Cumbria County Council - Councillor Lywood provided an update on the TRO for St John's Street. There would be an assessment in February 2022, when the temporary order runs out. At this stage it could be made permanent or extended for another 18 months. If this does continue, there would be a consultation and money would need to be found to do the works necessary. There was discussion regarding the success of the Speed Indication Device on Chestnut Hill. Councillor Terry expressed concern that there didn't appear to be much difference caused by it, however a number of the other Councillors felt that it had improved the situation.
- iii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes' Representative – **RECEIVED** the report from Dr Geoff Davies.

#### 67. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 65-94, amounting to £54,298.13 (fifty four thousand two hundred and ninety eight pounds and fourteen pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP52 – FP61, amounting to £6,109.17 (six thousand one hundred and nine pounds and seventeen pence)

**68. Allotments at Hawthorns, Penrith Road, Keswick**

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the updated Terms of Reference be approved.

**69. Public Transport Links**

Consideration was given to a motion from Councillor Lywood seeking support for an initiative to link public transport to the areas of high unemployment that are now not connected to Keswick, which is in dire need of more workers within our tourism industry.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council fully support this motion.

**70. Climate Change Working Group Update**

- i) Consideration was given to a motion from Councillor Lansbury regarding the ‘Great Big Green Week’ and whether Keswick Town Council should take part in this.  
**RESOLVED** that Councillors support the idea in principle and that Councillors will consider ways to get involved.
- ii) **RECEIVED** an update from Councillor Boardman.

**71. Correspondence**

Consideration was given to the following:

- i) Update from Councillor Boardman on the Highways Information Asset Management System Launch Briefing for Parish Councillors.  
**RECEIVED** the update from Councillor Boardman.

**Prior to the following business the Chairman moved the following 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’*

**72. Back up report**

Consideration was given to the report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations contained within the report be agreed.

**73. Christmas Lights Contract**

Consideration was given to the report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations contained within the report be agreed.

**74. Staffing Matters**

Consideration was given to the report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations contained within the report be agreed.

**75. Staffing Committee**

**RECEIVED** for information the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting dated Monday 21 June 2021 (pages 1-2) and Monday 5 July 2021 (pages 3-4).

The meeting closed at 9.09 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date