

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick on Thursday 19th August 2021 at **7.30 pm**.

Present:**Chairman**

Councillor Alan Dunn

Councillors

David Burn

Allan Daniels

Duncan Miller

Paul Titley

Alexandra Boardman

Steve Harwood

Adam Paxon

Markus Campbell Savours

Sally Lansbury

Peter Terry

Also present were Vivien Little (Town Clerk), 1 member of the press, and 4 members of the public

76. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lywood.

77. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 15 July 2021 (pages 13-17).

78. Requests for Dispensations

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

79. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Burn declared a personal interest in planning application number 7/2021/2222 as the adjoining semi-detached was owned by close friends. He would remain in the room, but not vote on this item.

Councillor Terry declared a personal interest in planning application number 7/2021/2222 as he lived next to the property. He would remain in the room and vote on the item.

80. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

81. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public wished to raise an objection in regard to planning application 7/2021/2199. They first of all stated that they appreciated the opportunity to state their views in a public forum. Whilst they wanted to stress that they were not against Keswick Youth Club, they felt that a car park in that place was inappropriate and dangerous, especially given the number of children who live in the terrace row of houses in the same area. There is no other car park in Keswick which impinges on properties in the same way that this proposed car park does. They acknowledged that Highways had no objection to the application, however they felt that the junction coming out of the proposed car park was extremely dangerous. They also expressed grave concern that the Youth Club had not consulted with the residents on the site.

A second member of the public also wished to raise an objection in regard to planning application 7/2021/2199. They also expressed concern that the Youth Club had not contacted residents to discuss the application. There had been no consideration given to the local residents who had been there for a long time, and who now felt that if the car park happened, they couldn't use their gardens, as they would be concerned about the safety of their children.

Councillor Campbell-Savours addressed the members of the public as the Town Council's appointed Outside Body representative for the Youth Club, and he agreed to meet with them when he could and discuss the lack of communication with them.

82. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Daniels showed a photograph of the Moot Hall which was currently surrounded by scaffolding. He stated that the large advertising sign on the scaffolding would be reduced. The other banner was there without permission, and as that room was sub-let by the Lake District National Park Authority, Councillors suggested that it would be an idea to write to the LDNPA to inform them that the banner is inappropriate in that location.

Councillor Terry then stated that he apologised with regard to the email which he sent to Councillor Lywood following last month's debate over the placement of the Speed Indicator Device on Chestnut Hill, and as far as he was concerned, the episode was closed.

83. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location
7/2021/2091	Demolish single storey extension to rear and form two storey and single storey extension to rear Skiddaw Glen 11a, Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HW <i>Support in principle – subject to the design of the first floor bathroom extension being reduced in height by extending the existing roof down in lieu of the gable end proposed taking note of the objection raised by the neighbouring property at Gower</i> SUPPORT
7/2021/2172	Provision of 2 no. conservation style rooflights to the front elevation, replacement of existing rooflight with 1 no. dormer window and 1 no. conservation style rooflight to the rear elevation of the property 2, High Street, Keswick, CA12 5AQ <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2021/2185	Conversion of part of garage into additional bedroom, involving lifting the existing garage roof and replacing 15, Lakeland Park, Keswick, CA12 4AT <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2021/2190	Consent to display 1No. Externally illuminated wrap around fascia. 1No. Externally illuminated projection sign. Boots The Chemists Ltd, 31, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5BL <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2021/2191	Replacement single & two storey rear extension, replacement windows & doors, front porch, solar panels & garden bike store 5, St Herbert Street, Keswick, CA12 4DF

Support in principle what is a well considered scheme of alterations and extension to the existing dwelling providing improved living accommodation to modern standards. However we are concerned about the proposal to incorporate solar panels on the front west facing roof in an area being considered as an extension of the Conservation Area taking in older traditional buildings

SUPPORT

7/2021/2195

Increasing size of front and rear dormer windows

21, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5NY

Although not in the Conservation Area we object to the non traditional form and detail of extended roof dormer windows proposed given the traditional detail of the existing building

OBJECT

7/2021/2199

Proposed temporary car park and store building

Keswick Youth Centre, The Old Mill, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NJ

This would be an inappropriate development in what is a confined residential area. We have concerns over the health and safety of residents and their children whose space to socialise immediately outside their homes is restricted to this area. We also have safety concerns about drivers exiting the proposed car park because of the restricted view of High Hill afforded to drivers

OBJECT

7/2021/2200

Change of use from Class C1 (B&B) to Class C3 for use as a Holiday Let

43 , Eskin Street, Keswick, CA12 4DG

Keswick Town Council wish to object to any further change of use from C1 to C3 (holiday let) category. We feel there is a sufficient number of holiday lets within the town and any further loss of C1 businesses reduces the diversity of accommodation within the town. Eskin Street is primarily a residential area, and we have concerns over the social and environmental impact of this proposed change. Given that this property is unlikely to be mixed hereditament, we also have concerns regarding how the 'one family group' condition would be managed.

OBJECT

7/2021/2202

Use of building as seven self-contained, short-term, holiday letting accommodation suites (Use Class C1)

Howe Keld, 5-7, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ES

For information only, no comments required

7/2021/2205

Alterations and extensions to dwelling including the demolition of flat roofed garage and conservatory and construction of an independent connected annexe

13, Briar Rigg, Keswick, CA12 4NN

Support – subject to condition that it is retained as one dwelling and the independent annexe is not used for holiday letting purposes

SUPPORT

7/2021/2207

Single storey rear extension and alterations
Crispin Way, Manor Brow, Keswick, CA12 4BA

No comments made

SUPPORT

7/2021/2209

Amendment to design, Condition No. 2 (plans) on planning permission ref. 7/2015/2271 for the construction of a single storey bedroom extension, conservatory, front porch and a first floor extension to accommodate a new stair with access to a first floor seating area

Riverside, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG

No comments made

SUPPORT

7/2021/2212

Amendment to local occupancy to correspond with House Provision SPD May 2021, condition 3 on planning permission 7/2013/2115, Erection of single dwelling

Land Adj The Screes, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, CA12 4LR

Support – this Local Occupancy Clause area change is in line with LDNPA's Housing Document published in May 2021

SUPPORT

7/2021/2214

Replace 6 single glazed windows with like-for-like double glazed replacements

2- Twentyman Court, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4HQ

No comments made

SUPPORT

7/2021/2216

Replacement of existing conservatory with larger sunroom and minor amendments to existing raised patio to suit new outline
The Hill, Lonsties, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4TD

No comments made

SUPPORT

7/2021/2217

Alterations to shop front, installation of air conditioning units and internal alterations

85 - 87 Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DT

No comments made

SUPPORT

7/2021/2218

Alterations to shop front, installation of air conditioning units and internal alterations

85 - 87 Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DT

No comments made

SUPPORT

7/2021/2222

Extensions, alterations and flood resilience works
Peel Green, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5PB

Support in principle subject to the hard paved areas around the new extension being in a permeable finish

SUPPORT

7/2021/2226

Change of use from guest house to holiday let

51, Helvellyn Street, Keswick, CA12 4EP

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OBJECT

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

84. Licensing Applications

RECEIVED Licensing Group report on licensing applications received.

85. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 9 July 2021 – 12 August 2021.

86. Planning Motion

Consideration was given to a motion from Councillor Daniels to ask Keswick Town Council to support a motion from Steve Reed, MP, Shadow Secretary for Communities and Local Government, the wording as follows:

'Planning Works best when developers and the local community work together to shape local areas and deliver necessary new homes; and therefore calls on the Government to protect the right of communities to object to individual planning applications.'

RESOLVED that Councillor Daniels' motion be supported, and a letter be sent to Steve Reed in support of the motion.

87. Transport for the North Consultation

Consideration was given to a motion from Councillor Lansbury which requested that Keswick Town Council prepared a response to the strategy

RESOLVED that Councillor Lansbury and Councillor Titley as part of the Climate Change Working Group be given delegated authority to respond to this consultation on Keswick Town Council's behalf, and any Councillors who wished to contribute to the consultation response should submit their thoughts to Councillors Lansbury and Titley.

88. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative:-

RECEIVED the report of the LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

- ii) Allerdale Borough Council:-

Councillor Daniels stated that Allerdale Environmental Health was looking into the noise at the Crafty Baa, as there an increased level of noise especially at night.

Councillor Campbell-Savours gave an update regarding the holiday home neighbourhood watch scheme, with some properties being identified as being in breach of conditions. Allerdale Borough Council were beginning to take action regarding this.

Councillor Lansbury gave an update on the Station Platform and the toilets, as negotiations on the lease had not completed. There was a meeting scheduled with the Allerdale Borough Council Leader, Councillor Mike Johnson, and Allerdale BC were looking into the Changing Places funding to help toilets for disabled there.

- iii) Cumbria County Council – no update was provided.

89. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council , vouchers 95 – 109, amounting to £38,498.51 (thirty eight thousand, four hundred and ninety eight pounds and fifty one pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP69 – FP79, amounting to £12,196.88 (twelve thousand one hundred and ninety six pounds and eighty eight pence)

90. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the quarterly budgets comparison.

91. Traffic Concerns

Consideration was given to a motion from Councillor Harwood.

RESOLVED that a letter be written to Cumbria County Council supporting Councillor Harwood's motion.

92. Policy Adoptions

RESOLVED to adopt the following policies for Keswick Town Council:

- i) Data Protection Policy
- ii) Data Breach Policy
- iii) Privacy Policy

93. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that:

- i) no response to be given to the National Resilience Strategy;
- ii) that Keswick Town Council do not remain in the Rural Market Towns Group; and
- iii) that no further action is taken regarding busking.

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'

94. Staffing Committee

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting dated Friday 16 July 2021 (pages 5-6) and Monday 2 August 2021 (pages 7-9).

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Chairman

Date