

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held at the **Crosthwaite Parish Rooms, Main Street, Keswick** on Thursday 16th September 2021 at **7.30 pm**.

Present:

Chairman

Councillor Steve Harwood

Councillors

David Burn

Alexandra Boardman

Markus Campbell Savours

Allan Daniels

Sally Lansbury

Tony Lywood

Duncan Miller

Peter Terry

Paul Titley

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

95. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Daniels, Dunn and Paxon.

96. Minutes

Councillor Terry wished to bring up an inaccuracy in the previous minutes in that his apology was not directed at Councillor Lywood, but at any implication that he was disparaging to Keswick Town Council or its Councillors.

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign with the above amendment as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on held on the 19th August 2021 (pages 18 -24).

97. Requests for Dispensations

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

98. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Burn gave a personal explanation in regard to planning application 7/2021/2224 as he knew the owners well. He would remain in the room, but would not vote on this item.

99. Police Attendance

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

100. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public had submitted a paper in response to an item discussed at the previous meeting (minute number 91, 19 August 2021), as well as agenda item 16 on this agenda. He had undertaken an informal count of the number of people crossing the road at Tithebarn Junction, which averaged around 140 people every hour. The risk of an accident was high, and while there was no clear acceptable solution, but something needed to be done soon.

Councillor Harwood responded that while he appreciated the concerns raised, the key issue was that was that the matter was outside Keswick Town Council's control and with Cumbria County Council as the Highways Authority, and that the puffin crossing would need to be installed before the hotel could open. By sending the letter to be discussed at agenda item 16, it was hoped that discussion with the appropriate authorities could be encouraged. Concern was raised that the crossing could not be placed anywhere else. The puffin crossing also formed an element of the Keswick Transport Study, so it would be difficult to get money for a further study on High Hill.

101. Matters to be raised by Councillors

No matters were raised as urgent by Councillors.

102. Keswick Museum Update

This item was withdrawn before the start of the meeting.

103. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location
7/2021/2184	<p>Insertion of roof lights, removing side door to access track and infill with slate, replace existing timber sash windows with like for like timber double glazed sash windows 37, Station Road, Keswick, CA12 4NB <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2021/2210	<p>First floor balcony to front elevation of detached house Foxton Garth, Lonsties, Keswick, CA12 4TD <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2021/2224	<p>Change of use from Guest House (C1) to Holiday Letting Accommodation (C3) 37, Eskin Street, Keswick, CA12 4DG <i>Object – Keswick Town Council object to a change of use from a Guest House (C1) to Holiday Letting Accommodation of this type (C3). It is noted that previous applications have been approved which restricts holiday lettings of this type to one family or group for a limited period. Where this is reliant on off – site management we are concerned about the social and environmental impact which is difficult to control in a predominantly residential area</i> OBJECT</p>
7/2021/2229	<p>Proposed extensions and alterations to existing dwelling including demolition of existing single storey garage/utility room – Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 7/2020/2171 to allow amendments to design previously approved Nandi Hills, Lonsties, Keswick, CA12 4TD <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2021/2232	<p>To replace all four timber windows at the rear of the property of which are decaying with like for like uPVC composite wood effect opening/fully functional sash windows (the two first floor windows would be of dark wood look and the two second floor windows would be of white wood look) 87a, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5DT <i>Support due to the fact that these windows are at the rear of the property therefore less visible, and wooden windows as less efficient than UPVC windows.</i> SUPPORT</p>

- 7/2021/2245 Change of use from guest house (Class C1) to residential dwelling (Class C3)
Larry's Lodge, 39 Eskin Street, Keswick, CA12 4DG
Support – subject to a condition that the dwelling is occupied by a person/family as their Only or Principal Home
SUPPORT
- 7/2021/2254 Erection of single storey dwelling with associated parking for affordable local occupancy
Land at Vendace Court, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 4EU
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2021/2257 (CLEUD - Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development)
Use of The Annex at Tollbar cottage as an independent dwelling
Toll Bar Cottage, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4JR
For information only, no comments required

- ii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park planning decisions.
iii) **RESOLVED** that no comment was to be made on the request from WHP Telecoms regarding a proposed communications installation at Wythop Woods, Bassenthwaite.

104. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 13 August 2021 – 09 September 2021.

105. 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 Lansbury gave an update on progress regarding the provision of toilets at Station Platform. Members of Allerdale Borough Council had met with members of Keswick Community Asset Company to discuss the potential of working together, which was broadly positive. An Expression of Interest had been submitted in regard to putting a Changing Places toilet on the Station Platform.
Councillor Campbell-Savours updated Councillors on one of the actions from the Keswick Transport Study, in that Allerdale BC had received a quotation for dynamic signs to show availability of parking spaces, which was in the region of £250,000. At this moment in time it was unsure what further progress would be made in regard to this. The next full Council meeting of Allerdale Borough Council was to be held at the Rawsley Centre, and Councillor Campbell-Savours encouraged as many Councillors as possible to attend to show the depth of local feeling regarding the closure of the swimming pool.
- iii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lywood gave an update regarding the upcoming stakeholder consultation for the TRO on the Back Streets, which he would be attending both in his capacity as Cumbria County Council Councillor and Keswick Town Councillors. There was still concerns that if cars were displaced from the Back Streets, they would move to the likes of Windebrowe Avenue to find somewhere free. With regard to the pedestrian crossings on High Hill, Councillor Lywood informed Councillors that Cumbria County Council were insisting that Premier Inn fulfil their planning obligation to put a crossing in where originally agreed. There had been a petition presented to the Allerdale Local Area Committee for a crossing further up High Hill, for the benefit of school children crossing. On another note, the roundabout at Tithebarn Junction has been commissioned to be repainted, which should happen soon.
On the subject of Local Government Reform, there had been a new minister put in charge of this following the recent Cabinet reshuffle, Kemi Badenoch. Discussions were ongoing as to ward

boundaries, and what level of representation these should have. The Shadow Authority will be elected in 2022, and they will be responsible for what is happening to assets. Keswick Town Council will have a choice as to whether to take on specific assets if they are offered.

Councillor Daniels arrived at 8.21pm.

106. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 110-136, amounting to £28,896.12 (twenty eight thousand eight hundred and ninety six pounds and twelve pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP82 – FP93, amounting to 9,034.19 (nine thousand thirty four pounds and nineteen pence)

107. Audit for the year ending 31 March 2021

RESOLVED to approve and accept the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2021 including the certificate of conclusion of the External Audit and to report that there were no matters arising.

108. Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation on Statement of Gambling Policy 2022-2025

Consideration was given to whether Keswick Town Council should respond to the Allerdale Borough Council consultation on proposed changes to the Statement of Gambling Policy.

RESOLVED that the proposed changes be supported.

109. Travelling by train to Hospital Outpatient Appointments in Newcastle

RECEIVED for information a report from Councillor Burn. Councillor Burn was congratulated on the work he had put into this matter.

110. Traffic Matters

Consideration was given to a motion from Councillor Harwood to respond to a response to a letter from David McGowan, Lake District National Park Authority.

RESOLVED that the proposed letter be sent to David McGowan, Lake District National Park Authority.

111. Temporary Toilets at Keswick to Threlkeld Train

Consideration was given to a motion from Councillor Titley as follows:

“That a Working Group of Keswick Town Council be formed to examine the possibility of ourselves working with Allerdale Borough Council, Lake District National Park Authority to enable a temporary toilet to remain in place at the Keswick end of the Keswick to Threlkeld Trail, as the current temporary solution will be removed at the end of October. This could fill a stop-gap until permanent toilets are set up.”

RESOLVED that the Visitor Management Working Group consider this matter.

112. Foreshore

RECEIVED a verbal update from Councillor Terry.

113. Clerk’s Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the offer of six months free membership of the Rural Towns Market Group be taken up.

114. Reports from representatives on Outside Bodies

- i) **RECEIVED** the Battersby Hall Charity report.

115. Liaison Meetings

RECEIVED the notes of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils three tier Meetings for 17 September 2020 and 25 May 2021.

116. Events Committee

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee minutes dated 18 May 2021 (pages 11-12), 1 June 2021 (page 1) and 23 August 2021 (Pages 2-3).

The meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.

Chairman

Date