

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held at the **Quaker Friends Meeting House, Elliot Park, Keswick** on Thursday 21st October 2021 at **7.30 pm**.

Present:**Chairman**

Councillor Alan Dunn

Councillors

David Burn
Sally Lansbury
Peter Terry

Allan Daniels
Tony Lywood
Paul Titley

Steve Harwood
Adam Paxon

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

The meeting began with a minutes silence following the tragic death of Sir David Amess MP.

121. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Boardman, Campbell-Savours and Miller. All reasons for apologies were accepted.

122. Minutes

To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 16th September 2021 (pages 25-29) and 20th September 2021 (page 30).

123. Presentation of Mayor's Cadet

The Mayor's Cadet for the year was presented to the Mayor who congratulated him on being chosen for the role.

124. Requests for Dispensations

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

125. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Terry gave a personal explanation with regard to planning application 7/2021/2258 in that he was a neighbour of the applicants. He would remain in the room and vote on the application.

126. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team and to raise any issues of concern.

127. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public gave information that they had received in regard to the pedestrian crossing at Tithebarn Junction. They had been in communication with Cumbria County Council, who said that as there had been no accidents in the last five years, no action would be taken. Signals could not be put at the junction, as there wasn't appropriate space available, and a zebra crossing would not be appropriate. The member of the public requested if there were any further comments from Keswick Town Council.

Councillor Harwood responded that letters had been sent to the Lake District National Park, but had not responded as yet. The expiration date for the appeal to be lodged had not yet passed.

Councillor Lywood responded that it was Cumbria County Council's intention to stand by the need to build or fund the crossing as laid out in the planning conditions.

A member of the public spoke in respect to agenda item 13. Keswick in Bloom were thanked by Councillors for their efforts so far. Councillor Terry had requested that Keswick in Bloom be involved with the Welcome Back fund discussions, however they were concerned that items could be added into Keswick Town Centre, with no appropriate maintenance contract in place, and left for Keswick on Bloom to take on. However, Keswick in Bloom do wish to work with Councillors and increase collaboration.

128. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Terry gave an update to members regarding the exposed electricity cables at the Leisure Centre. These have now been fixed, and new light fixtures have been put in place.

129. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED a report from the Mayor covering the period 10th September 2021 – 14th October 2021.

130. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location
7/2021/2228	2 no. local needs dwellings Bristowe Hill, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2021/2258	Excavation of banked garden and replacement with a walled parking space with steps leading to property front door Sunny Bank, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, CA12 4LR <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2021/2259	Approval of details reserved by condition No. 5 (External materials) & No. 6 (Guest Parking) on planning permission 7/2020/2039 - Erection of Hotel (C1) with restaurant/bar at ground floor, together with means of access, car parking, creation of loading/delivery bay and ancillary works. Premier Inn Hotel, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5NX <i>For information only, no comments required</i>
7/2021/2264	Approval of details reserved by condition no 3 (details of Granite Sets, Heritage Paving and timber canopy) and condition no 6 (lighting fixtures) on planning approval ref 7/2020/2228 for conversion of an existing car park to the north-east side of the existing public house to form an external customer and landscaped area the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, 2-6 Bank Street, Keswick, CA12 5JY <i>For information only, no comments required</i>
7/2021/2266	Change of use of guest house (c1) to dwelling (c3) 22, Stanger Street, Keswick, CA12 5JU <i>Support – Subject to condition that the dwelling is occupied by a person/family as their Only or Principal Home</i> SUPPORT
7/2021/2268	Reinstatement of two dwellings to be used as individual holiday let accommodation, from one dwelling currently used as family home and B&B 29, Church Street, Keswick, CA12 4DX

Object – we object to the loss of a family dwelling to be used as holiday let accommodation

OBJECT

- 7/2021/2269 Replacement of existing windows with double glazed wooden windows
Royal Oak House, Flat 1, Station Street, Keswick, CA12 5HE
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2021/2270 Amendment to design for units 1 and 2 to amend the fenestration and to remove the curved wall and recessed step in wall on planning permission 7/2021/2103 (Development of 2 no. apartments and 2 no. cottages). Provision of details relating to the materials of the windows, doors & walling and policy CS16 compliance.
Acorn Garage, Helvellyn Street, Keswick, CA12 4EH
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2021/2271 Conversion of garage to provide a one-bed local occupancy unit
24, Ratcliffe Place, Keswick, CA12 4DZ
Support – we support the creation of a one bed local occupancy unit on this restricted site.
Object to front elevation design of this new end to an existing terrace in the conservation area. The bland window style does not complement the form and detail of the existing houses in the terrace and the infill vertical slate hanging is out of character. This should be designated as a 1 person 1 bedroom dwelling as it is well below the minimum space standard for a 2 person dwelling as defined in Appendix B of Housing Policy 15
SUPPORT/OBJECT
- 7/2021/2274 Erection of detached garage
Greycote, Eleventrees, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4LW
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2021/2289 Erection of fence
Cumbria House, 1, Derwentwater Place, Keswick, CA12 4DR
Support – support in principle but the details submitted does not show how it relates to the existing low stone retaining wall on this boundary which should be retained
SUPPORT
- 7/2021/2294 Approval of details reserved by condition no 3 (timber panel, mouldings and other external joinery) of planning permission 7/2021/2218 - alterations to shop front, installation of air conditioning units and internal alterations
Millets Outdoor Centre, 85-87, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5DT
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2021/2295 Demolition of existing rear single storey extension and re-build new single storey rear and side extension
94, Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HY
No comments made

SUPPORT

7/2021/2297

Proposed external alteration work to existing dwelling to include construction of a domestic garage and garden store building, new vehicular access and parking area off Crosthwaite Road and the construction of flood resistant barrier wall
 Driftwood Cottage, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG
*Support/Object – there are 3 elements to this application.
 Support (1) the proposed new garage/workshop and parking at the rear subject to the use of permeable surfacing.
 Support (2) the Construction of flood resistant barrier walls
 Object (3) the loss of front garden resulting in reduction of are able to absorb flood waters. Object to proposed use of non permeable surfacing and to any further creation of parking provision with hard surfaces of Crosthwaite Road which will exacerbate future flooding in this high risk area. The new safe parking provision at the rear negates the need for this additional provision*

SUPPORT/ OBJECT

7/2021/2302

Replacement awing, reinstatement of hanging sign
 Merienda Coffee Shop, 10, Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5JD
*Support reinstatement of Hanging Sign.
 Object to new replacement awning with a projection of 2 metres. This is in the narrow section of the pedestrian area directly opposite the Moot Hall and appears to relate to the separate application for external seating which we do not support. It would be an unnecessary encumbrance at busy times in a constrained area*

SUPPORT/ OBJECT

7/2021/2303

External moveable seating area
 Merienda Coffee Shop, 10, Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5JD
Whilst we support the Café culture in the Town Centre we object to its introduction in the constrained part of a busy pedestrianized area. We support the current policy that external Café seating be accommodated in the designated central area in front of the Moot Hall and this would be a departure from that aim. We would not object to the retention of the existing bench seating across the shop frontage to minimize the intrusion into the pedestrian area

OBJECT

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

131. Welcome Back Fund

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Visitor Management Group act as a Working Group for this matter.

132. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lansbury updated Councillors on the Allerdale Borough Council meeting which was held recently in Keswick. The turn out from the public had an impact, and consultants have been appointed to look at steps forward for a new pool and leisure centre, with Friends of Keswick Leisure due to meet with them. Councillor Lansbury stated that it would be good to have representatives from Keswick Town Council to take part, and it was decided that Councillors Dunn, Harwood and Lywood would be invited to take part.

The path at Calvert Way was beginning to be worked on. Councillor Daniels stated that he had met with Atkinsons, and that any future applications for the second phase of Calvert way would have a new path to connect to the railway bridge.

- ii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lywood gave an update on a number of matters. There was a backlog for traffic data, so the request for data for Chestnut Hill would take some time. Premier Inn have begun work on the site in Keswick. Cumbria County Council had allocated £500,000 for roads in Keswick, and they were looking at the situation regarding a crossing on High Hill.
Councillor Lywood had attending the Keswick Transport Study meeting on 23 October 2021 at the Skiddaw Hotel regarding the TRO for the Back Streets area. The initial proposal was that a permit scheme would be introduced between the hours of 10am and 4pm, and that yellow lines would be put in place around corners. The key would be to move people to alternate parking, away from the back streets area. This will go forward into the next stage of consultation and may not go ahead as yet.
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes’ Representative **RECEIVED** the report of the Lake District National Park Authority Parishes’ Representative. Councillor Lywood added that the map showing local occupancy houses had been distributed to Councillors, however it would not include any houses which had previously been owned by Housing Associations/Local Authorities.

133. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from the following representatives:

- i) Keswick in Bloom – Council representative Councillor Peter Terry

134. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 137 -157, amounting to £45,876.30 (forty five thousand, eight hundred seventy six pounds and thirty pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP105 – FP115, amounting to £8,870.67 (eight thousand eight hundred and seventy pounds and sixty seven pence)

135. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the quarterly budget comparisons.

136. Update from Visitor Management Working Group

RECEIVED an update from the Visitor Management Working Group.

137. Update from Climate Change Working Group

RECEIVED an update from the Climate Change Working Group.

138. Consultations

Consideration was given to the Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan Public Consultation, to discuss if Keswick Town Council wished to respond.

RESOLVED that Councillor Lansbury draft a response, which will be circulated to all Councillors, then passed onto Cumbria County Council as Keswick Town Council response.

139. Minutes of Committee Meetings

RECEIVED for information the draft Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 29th September 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Chairman

Date