

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE
Selflessness – Integrity – Objectivity – Accountability – Openness – Honesty – Leadership

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held on Thursday 20th January 2022 at 7.30p.m at the Rawnsley Centre, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NP.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Steve Harwood

Councillors

Alexandra Boardman
Allan Daniels
Peter Terry

David Burn
Duncan Miller
Paul Titley

Markus Campbell – Savours
Adam Paxon

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

181. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alan Dunn, Sally Lansbury and Tony Lywood.

182. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 16th December 2021 (pages 44-48).

183. Requests for Dispensations

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

184. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Boardman gave a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest with regard to Agenda item 12. She stated that she would leave the room for the duration of this item.

Councillor Campbell-Savours made a statement regarding Agenda item 12 in that he was disappointed that rumours had circulated regarding whether he knew the owners of the bar in question. He felt that if Councillors had been informing others of this, it was shocking, and he wished his comments be noted as it was categorically incorrect.

185. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team. Inspector Gale and PCSO Nichol were in attendance. Inspector Gale gave an update on figures regarding crimes this year, as compared to a three year average. One of the more concerning reports was that there were increases in criminal damage, as well as anti-social behaviour. Inspector Gale urged Councillors to encourage residents to report these to 101, as it can be highlighted to the local PCSO, and an overall picture be built.

Inspector Gale also gave an update regarding Helvellyn Street, and progress that was made regarding community protection notices.

186. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public spoke with regard to Agenda item 12. They owned a guest house in the vicinity of the bar in question, and wished to raise for consideration the noise issues which had been frequent. Visitors to the guest houses had raised complaints regarding the noise. For the previous 5-8 months there had been a number of complaints; music, smoking, public urination, fighting and groups of people staggering out of

the bar. Music was played five times a week, sometimes so loudly that televisions in the guest houses could not be heard.

Any time this had been brought up with the Crafty Baa, it had gone unanswered.

A member of the public spoke in defence of the Crafty Baa in question. A letter had gone out recently to all residents regarding the matter, encouraging residents to contact them if they were concerned about anything, and that this letter had been sent out in good faith. The Crafty Baa intended to be more receptive to concerns, and apologised for any distress which had been caused.

They reassured everyone present that sound proofing had been installed, to industry standards, and that regular monitoring regarding decibel levels was in place, and which were consistently under the level required.

187. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Daniels had received an email of complaint regarding the flower bed on Heads Road, which was owned by Cumbria County Council but had been neglected, and was seeking that the Town Council contact Cumbria County Council in order to repair it, whereby it would be maintained either by SusKes or one of the local guest house owners.

Councillor Paxon raised concerns over the venue which was hosting the Town Council meeting, as he felt that the Council should be meeting in a venue which was impartial, especially given as there could be controversial items on the agenda. He requested that other venues be considered in the future. The Clerk responded that at the time of organising this meeting, Covid-19 cases were still high, and this was the only suitable venue for social distancing which was available for this night.

Councillor Terry brought up concerns regarding the accuracy of the Allerdale Recycling and Bin Collections calendar over the Christmas period. Councillor Campbell-Savours stated that he would bring this up with Allerdale.

Councillor Terry also brought up a matter regarding the fact that integrated networks would be digital only from 2025, and was concerned regarding office function after this date. The Clerk stated that it would be more appropriate to bring this up with the office directly.

The Clerk reminded all Councillors that matters received under this item were for urgent matters which required no decision only.

188. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location
7/2021/2346	Formation of new fire exit door onto Kings Arms Court by extending existing window opening. Internal alterations for retail and café activities: Use Class E (a) and (d) Formation of new fire exit door onto Kings Arms Court by extending existing window opening. Internal alterations for retail and café activities: Use Class E (a) and (d) <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2021/2351	Demolition of building of timber and brick construction Building on Station Field, Brundholme Road, Keswick <i>For information only</i>

- 7/2021/2363
 Amendment to the roof material from Cumbrian to Welsh slate for units 1 & 2, condition 5 on planning permission 7/20212270 (development of 2 no. apartments & 2 no. cottages)
 Acorn Garage, Helvellyn Street, Keswick, CA12 4EH
Object – The new development is in the Conservation Area and was approved with a condition requiring the roofs of the Helvellyn Street frontage to be in local green Cumbrian slate. Whilst examples have been provided of isolated individual buildings in the locality where Welsh slate has been used, the predominant roof covering in this area is local green slate. To approve this request would be a green light for any future new buildings to be allowed to use Welsh slate. The recently completed local affordable needs housing development behind the Methodist Church on Southey Street have used local green slate and we feel strongly that this condition should remain for this new development to maintain high standards in the conservation area
OBJECT
- 7/2021/2364
 Proposed additions to existing Base Station installation at rooftop at The Skiddaw Hotel, Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5BN. Please refer to drawings
 Skiddaw Hotel, 31, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5BN
Support – This is a Cellnex application relating to the provision of 5G as the next generation of mobile connectivity. The application confirms that it operates on much lower energy required to transmit the same volume of data as previous 2G, 3G and current 4G systems. This contributes to the aim of reducing CO2 emissions towards the goal of achieving net zero by 2050 and in this context we feel it should be supported
SUPPORT
- 7/2021/2369
 Installation of dormer with balcony above existing two-storey flat roof element to the rear elevation
 4, Victoria Street, Keswick, CA12 5LP
Neutral – Subject to any comments made by neighbouring properties
NEUTRAL
- 7/2021/2372
 Addition of 2 airtsource heat pump units to provide heating, cooling and ventilation
 Keswick Scout Hall, Museum Square, Keswick, CA12 5DZ
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2021/2374
 Operation of a Temporary self catering Campsite for 3 weeks, to run in conjunction with the Keswick convention in 2022
 Crosthwaite Conference Centre, Church Lane, Keswick, CA12 5QG
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2022/2006
 Erection of a new detached building consisting of 3 no. light industrial units
 Greta Motor Body Works Ltd, Industrial Estate, Southey Hill, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NR

Support in principle subject to Environment Agency approval of the measures proposed in the Flood Risk Assessment provided relative to the high level of flood risk in this location and United Utilities concerns regarding drainage proposals on the original application 7/2021/2017 being addressed

SUPPORT

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

189. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 10th December 2021–13th January 2022.

190. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives:
Councillor Daniels updated Councillors on progress which had been made regarding the waste caused by the markets. Allerdale Borough Council were meeting with stall holders regarding this, and were investigating purchasing biodegradable containers which stall holders could then purchase. They were also going to experiment with recycling bins in Market Square.
Councillor Campbell-Savours informed Councillors that the next Allerdale Borough Council meeting would be held at the Rawnsley Hall, and he was bringing a motion on notice regarding second homes, and a holiday let licensing scheme. He was encouraging as many people as possible to attend.
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative - **RECEIVED** the written report of the Cumbria County Councillor.
- iii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative - **RECEIVED** the report of the Lake District National Park Authority Parishes' Representative.

Councillor Boardman left the room at 7.55pm

191. Written Notice of Special Resolution

RECEIVED a Written Notice of Special Resolution, at the request of Councillors Burn, Daniels and Terry. 'That the Town Council resolves to rescind the resolution in Minute No. 170 i.e. 'that Keswick Town Council are concerned with the disruption to neighbouring properties caused by live amplified music at the Crafty Baa, and therefore to formally request that Allerdale Borough Council review the live music licence.'

RESOLVED that the above resolution be rescinded.

192. Crafty Baa

RECEIVED a motion from Councillor Burn as follows:

'Keswick Town Council is concerned about the disturbance to nearby properties caused by noise levels from the Crafty Baa. We request of Allerdale Borough Council that the Premises License be reviewed and that the playing of music be suspended until adequate sound proofing/noise management measures are firmly in place.'

RESOLVED that Keswick Town Council is concerned about the disturbance to nearby properties caused by noise levels from the Crafty Baa. If Keswick Town Council does not see improvements to this situation within three months of this meeting, we will request of Allerdale Borough Council that the Premises License be reviewed and that the playing of music be suspended until adequate sound proofing/noise management measures are firmly in place.

Councillor Boardman returned to the room at 8.20pm

193. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for January 2022 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment for:

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 199 – 223, amounting to £30,197.52 (thirty thousand one hundred ninety seven pounds and fifty two pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP165 – FP173, amounting to £7,080.68 (seven thousand eight pounds and sixty eight pence)

194. Environmental Working Group

RECEIVED an update from the Environmental Working Group.

The meeting closed at 8.48 p.m.

Chairman

Date