

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

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick on Thursday 16th June 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Steve Harwood

Councillors

David Burn	Allan Daniels	Louise Dunn
Lewis Forsyth	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Adam Paxon		

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

28. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Dunn, Lansbury and Titley. Their apologies were noted and accepted by full Council.

29. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 19th May 2022 (pages 1-6).

30. Presentation of Mayor's Cadet

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

31. Death of Councillor

The Clerk gave a verbal update following the death of Councillor Peter Terry. The notice of vacancy would be posted on Tuesday 21 June, following the Councillor's funeral.

32. Requests for Dispensations

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

33. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Paxon declared a personal interest in regard to planning applications 7/2022/2136 and 7/2022/2142 as he was the Town Council's nominated outside body representative on Keswick Youth Club. He would remain in the room and vote on the items.

Councillor Forsyth declared a personal interest in regard to planning applications 7/2022/2136 and 7/2022/2142 as he had a prior working relationship with Keswick Youth Club. He would remain in the room and vote on the items.

34. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

35. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public spoke in regard to planning applications 7/2022/2136 and 7/2022/2142. They were a resident of the area close to the land in question. While they had no issues with the Youth Club itself, the building proposed was not to their mind a 'good' building, as the design was overbearing, with varying height. The garden gates of the properties beside the site opened out onto the area concerned.

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36. Matters to be raised by Councillors

No matters were raised by Councillors at this meeting.

37. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location
7/2021/2348	Amendment to opening hours for external customer seating area, condition 5 on planning permission 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 (Appeal) Appeal by Wetherspoon for change to opening hours <i>RESOLVED that no further comments/observations be sent to the Appeal Inspector</i>
7/2022/2065	Proposed vehicular access and parking area Driftwood Cottage, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG <i>Support – Support but regret the loss of landscaped garden frontages along Crosthwaite Road, particularly the hedgerows, when provision has been made for parking at the rear of these properties. However the precedent has already been set for a number of houses on this road. As CCC Highways have no comments to make we reluctantly support this proposal</i> SUPPORT
7/2022/2101	Improvements to form accessible entrance and associated alterations to front elevation and boundary treatments including entrance canopy (revised scheme) Keswick Senior Citizens, Heads Road, Keswick, CA12 5HA <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT

- 7/2022/2119** Installation of dormer to rear elevation
4, Victoria Street, Keswick, CA12 5LP
Object – this is a resubmission of a withdrawn application earlier this year. Objections raised previously regarding direct overlooking from the dormer extension proposed towards 1 and 2 Brundholme Mews remain relevant. We consider the extension proposed creates an uneasy balance in the conservation area and should not be supported
OBJECT
- 7/2022/2131** Amendment to opening hours, condition 5 on planning permission
7/2006/2340 for change of use to builders and timber merchants and plumbers merchants (storage and distribution of builders materials and plumbing and heating materials and hire of tools with trade counters and offices and ancillary retail sales) and changes to external elevations
Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd, Browfoot Works, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4LH
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2022/2132** Proposed replacement of 2no. windows and door to rear extension
10, Eskin Street, Keswick, CA12 4DH
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2022/2133** Proposed telescopic glazed enclosure for the existing swimming pool
Skiddaw Grove Hotel, Vicarage Hill, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5QB
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2022/2136** Proposed youth centre and residential development following refusal ref
7/2019/2166
Keswick Youth Centre, The Old Mill, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NJ
Defer for further consultation until July Town Council meeting. The Town Council would like an extension to comment on this application until Friday 22nd July 2022
DEFER UNTIL JULY
- 7/2022/2142** Proposed temporary car park and store building following refusal of
application ref 7/2021/2199
Keswick Youth Centre, The Old Mill, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NJ
Support – We would not normally support a new car park on this site but as a temporary facility to assist in the applicant's ability to fund a much-needed new Youth Centre we are prepared to support this application subject to a time limit of 5 years. Following discussion with the applicants and noting concerns of neighbouring properties, changes have been made to the original proposal which we feel are acceptable subject to meeting the requirements of CCC Highways
SUPPORT
- 7/2022/2143** Amendment to condition no 2 (amended elevations) and condition no 4
(use of unit 01 for purposes of local occupancy in lieu of unit 03) on



approval ref 7/2021/2059 for proposed alterations to the front entrance, rear elevation and internal layout to provide local needs dwelling
27, Station Street, Keswick, CA12 5HH

No comments made

SUPPORT

7/2022/2153

Approval of details reserved by condition 13 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 work) - Local employment scheme (for information only)
Former Ravensfield Care Home, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5NX

No comments made

SUPPORT

7/2022/2159

Approval of details reserved by condition 7 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 work) - Puffin Crossing (for information only)
Proposed Hotel On Former Ravensfield Site, High Hill, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5NX

Object – We object strongly to the proposed location of a new Puffin pedestrian crossing at the position indicated in such close proximity to the busy Tithebarn Street junction. The experience of temporary traffic lights for the 3 weeks period of the Keswick Convention last year resulted in significant traffic jams at busy times through the Town Centre, Borrowdale Road and High Hill. This does not appear to relate in any way to the use of the Hotel and we believe it will create a level of congestion which is unacceptable within the town. The environmental impact of queuing traffic with engines running will be significant, particularly in the main holiday periods throughout the year. We urge an urgent reconsideration of this requirement as a condition of the planning permission granted. However we remain concerned for pedestrian safety and would require Premier Inn to fund an alternative solution.

OBJECT

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

38. Licensing Applications

RECEIVED Licensing Group report on licensing applications received for the period 13th May – 9th June 2022.

39. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED that details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 19th May 2022 – 9th June 2022.

40. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 1

RESOLVED that the Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 – of the AGAR be approved for signature by the Chairman.

41. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 2

RESOLVED that the Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021-22 – of the AGAR be approved for signature by the Chairman.

42. Annual Accounts

RESOLVED that the statement for accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 be approved for signature by the Chairman.

43. Internal Auditor's Report for Year Ending 31 March 2022

RECEIVED the report of the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31 March 2022.

44. Review of Bank Mandate

Consideration was given to the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that amendments to the bank mandate be made as set out in the report.

45. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 47 – 65, amounting to £3265.38 (three thousand two hundred and sixty-five pounds and thirty-eight pence)
- ii) For the Parks' Trusts, vouchers HP32 – FP53, amounting to £7580.09 (seven thousand five hundred and eighty pounds and nine pence)

46. Committee Appointments

RESOLVED that Councillor L Dunn be appointed to the Staffing Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

47. Outside Bodies

RESOLVED that:

- i) Rather than representatives be appointed due to existing pressures on Councillors, these organisations be asked to come and speak to Council on an annual basis; and
- ii) The Clerk to write to Keswick in Bloom and Keswick Fair Trade, explaining the situation and informing them that if a Councillor was required for a major event, to contact the Town Council offices.

48. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives – Councillor Daniels gave an update regarding the recent Overview and Scrutiny meeting at Allerdale, where the Keswick Leisure pool was discussed, as there was disappointment that the original promise for a shovel ready proposal was not going to be met.
A complaint had been lodged with Environmental Health at Allerdale BC regarding overnight parking at Lakeside Car Park, with human excrement being found.
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – Councillor Lywood reported that the Premier Inn puffin crossing was intended to still go ahead in the proposed site.
- iii) Cumberland Council Representative – Councillor Campbell-Savours was not in attendance.
- iv) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – **RECEIVED** the report from Dr Geoff Davies, Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

49. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that:

- i) a report relating to noise and antisocial behaviour be brought to Council in July;
- ii) pressure be kept on Allerdale Borough Council to hold them to account over the future of Keswick Leisure Pool;

- iii) a report setting out ideas for raising the profile of the Town Council be brought to Council in July; and
- iv) Rev. Charles Hope be invited to the August Town Council meeting to discuss ways to work with Keswick based organisations to create a Keswick Smarter Group.

50. Visitor Management Group

Consideration was given to the report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken on this matter at this time.

51. Policy adoptions

To adopt the following policies:

- i) Training Policy;
- ii) Risk Management Policy; and
- iii) Grants Policy

RESOLVED that all the above policies be adopted.

52. Events Committee

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on Monday 30 May 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.47 p.m.

Stephen Starwood
Chairman

21.07.2022
Date