

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 18th August 2022 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Steve Harwood

Councillors		
Allan Daniels	Alan Dunn	Sally Lansbury
Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller	Jean Murray
Paul Titley		

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

75. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burn, L Dunn, Forsyth and Paxon. Their apologies were noted and accepted by Councillors.

76. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 21 July 2022 (pages 13-17).

77. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that there were no requests for dispensation.

78. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

79. Police Report

There was no police report received at this meeting.

80. Matters to be received from the Public

No member of the public raised any matter at this meeting.

81. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Titley gave an update on the recent Events Committee meeting. At a future meeting, Councillors would be asked to approve a budget for Scruffs and Pop and Proms for next year, however Rock Night would no longer take place due to increasing costs. Councillor Forsyth had come up with an idea to showcase the artistic capability of the town by setting up a 'Keswick Fringe', which Councillor Forsyth was beginning to develop. The Town Council could then use the money saved from the Rock Night to sponsor this event. More updates would follow at a later date.

82. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location
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- T/2022/0111
T1 Yew Tree - reduce crown by approx 1.5 to 2 mtrs to allow more light into garden
19 , Stanger Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5JU
No comments made
SUPPORT
- T/2022/0112
T1 - Holly Tree, Reduce by approx. 4 -5 m T2 - Yew Tree, Crown raise over sign. T3 - Yew tree, Remove 1x Yew stem
Bishops House, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DD
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2022/2119
Amended plan to application
4 Victoria Street, Keswick
Object - We acknowledge that changes have been made to the original application but remain concerned that the drawing does not accurately show the step up in roof level to No.2 which creates an uneasy balance with the adjoining roof space conversions. We consider the mass of this roofspace conversion is too dominant and should be set back to match the dormer at No.6 to provide a better balance in this conservation area –
OBJECT
- 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 response pending submission of amended plans to September meeting
DEFER
- 7/2022/2191
Retention of access AP07 approved under 7/2016/2027 and 7/2020/2087 (amended scheme)
High Keld, Keswick, CA12 4LR
Support – Subject to drainage being incorporated across the entrance to prevent run off water onto the highway
SUPPORT
- 7/2022/2193
Alterations to existing front and rear dormers and single storey rear extension, additional window in first floor rear elevation
Kingsway, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4LJ
Object – the scale and style of the rear dormer extension to the roof is disproportionate to the existing and adjacent properties with full height glazed doors and no safety balustrade shown
OBJECT
- 7/2022/2197
Demolition of existing garage and sun room, to be replaced with side extension. Over-cladding of house walls and roof with insulation and airtightness membrane
41, Briar Rigg, Keswick, CA12 4NN
Support – strongly support the upgrading work on energy conservation to the existing house subject to clarification of

detail where roof is raised by a small amount above the adjoining semi detached dwelling –

SUPPORT

7/2022/2198

Single storey side and rear extension to dwelling
The Rowans, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DN
Support but noting that the extension is incorrectly described as single storey – the side extension is actually 2 storey

SUPPORT

7/2022/2201

Change of use from a guest house to self catering holiday letting accommodation
Brookfield, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4LJ
Support - As the application form indicates that the owners accommodation and on-site management is being retained, we support this proposal subject to a condition on any permission granted that this arrangement is maintained

SUPPORT

7/2022/2203

Change of use of guest house to self catering holiday letting accommodation
Badgers Wood, 30, Stanger Street, Keswick, CA12 5JU
Object - There is only limited information submitted with this application and no indication that the owners accommodation / on site management is being retained. This is the 27th application of this type. With reference to Policy 18 of the Local Plan, which includes a condition for consideration of such applications that they “do not introduce inappropriate levels of use in this location”, we maintain our concern that the significant number of recent approvals granted is changing the balance of holiday accommodation available and does now introduce an inappropriate level of use

OBJECT

7/2022/2204

Approval of details reserved by condition of 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), condition 5 (external lighting)

Proposed Hotel On Former Ravensfield Site, High Hill, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5NX

No comments required, for information only.

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

83. Licensing Applications

RECEIVED Planning and Licensing Group report on licensing applications received.

84. Mayor’s Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor’s engagements and meeting attendance for the period 15 July 2022 – 11 August 2022.

85. Lake District National Park Correspondence – Neighbourhood Plan

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED that a meeting be set up with the Strategy, Partnerships and Policy Team at the Lake District National Park and members of Keswick Town Council.

86. Local Government Reorganisation

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED that a working group be set up consisting of Councillors Daniels, Harwood, Lansbury, Murray and Titley to consider composing an Expression of Interest in assets to be transferred to Keswick Town Council.

Councillor Lywood joined the meeting.

87. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lansbury gave an update on a recent visit to a mechanical treatment plant for waste (see attachment). There was no monetary value to the waste, however it did stop waste going to landfill. Councillor Campbell-Savours followed on by saying that the new Cumberland Council wanted to ensure as much recycling as possible took place in order to improve on the amount of waste being disposed of. Councillor Campbell-Savours also updated Councillors on the fact that a number of commercial properties (bed and breakfasts, holiday lets etc) were not paying for commercial waste contracts, but were disposing of waste in the normal residential waste. Allerdale Borough Council was working to ensure that Council Tax payers were no longer picking up the cost for this, and commercial contracts set up.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Councillors Lywood informed Councillors that a sewer had collapsed outside the Keswick Alhambra Cinema and would be repaired on an upcoming Sunday. Cumbria County Council have given a grant for youth provision in Keswick. There had been two traffic related incidents in Borrowdale, and Councillor Lywood was calling for yellow lines to be put in place along Borrowdale to stop cars parking on the sides of roads and on pavements. **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to Cumbria Highways expressing concern at the blocking of an ambulance trying to attend an emergency on the road to Stonethwaite. Councillor Lywood also gave an update on the Back Streets consultation, as he had seen the initial responses. As it stood, the majority of respondents did not like the current proposals, however there was an agreement that at a minimum yellow lines should be put around the corners.
- iii) Cumberland Council – Councillor Campbell-Savours updated Councillors on progress of the new Cumberland Council. Most of the current work was to ensure that the Council was safe and legal come Vesting Day.
- iv) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative - **RECEIVED** the report from Dr Geoff Davies, Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

88. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council; vouchers 100 – 113, amounting to £47,492.22 (forty seven thousand four hundred and ninety two pounds and twenty two pence)
- ii) For the Trusts; vouchers HP67 – FP92, amounting to £10,644.79 (ten thousand six hundred and forty four pounds and seventy nine pence)

89. Community Engagement Strategy

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the report be approved, with consideration to be given to organising a surgery for all Councillors, perhaps linked to another event to provide the best interest.

90. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to a report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED that Keswick Town Council sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

91. Policy Adoptions

RESOLVED that the following policies for Keswick Town Council be adopted:

- i) Vexatious Complainant Policy
- ii) Social Media Policy; and
- iii) that the Communication Policy be brought back to Town Council in September.

92. Consultation

Consideration was given to the consultation by the Northern Culture APPG into the cultural value of sport.

RESOLVED that Keswick Town Council will not respond to this consultation.

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'

93. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that:

- i) the letter of support to Keswick Youth Centre be ratified;
- ii) that the wording of the question for a potential Parish poll be agreed; and
- iii) that Council agree to accept quotation 2 for a van for the Parks Trusts.

The meeting closed at 8.23 p.m.



 Chairman

29.09.2022

 Date