

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 20th October 2022 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Steve Harwood

Councillors		
David Burn	Allan Daniels	Alan Dunn
Louise Dunn	Sally Lansbury	Tony Lywood
Duncan Miller	Jean Murray	Adam Paxon

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

114. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Forsyth and Titley. Their apologies were noted and accepted by Councillors.

115. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 29th September 2022 (pages 23-27).

116. Requests for Dispensations

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

117. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

118. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Councillor Paxon updated members on the recent issues in Helvellyn Street, and that he had not received an update from the police following the local hub meeting. Councillors wished to develop better relations with the police.

Councillor Lywood joined the meeting at 7.05pm

119. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public spoke in support of planning application 7/2022/2247.

120. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Paxon informed Councillors that he had received word that the intake for feeder schools into Keswick was down this year, which was a matter he intended to substantiate, as he was concerned that it was the beginning of a trend. He would monitor the situation and update Councillors as he found out more information.

121. Applications for Development

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



Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location Comments Recommendation
T/2022/0164	Ash tree and poplar tree to be crown reduced by 1m to 1.5m all over to balance shape 3, Shu Le Crow Gardens, Keswick, CA12 4HG No comments made SUPPORT
7/2021/2367	2no. local needs dwellings following the withdrawal of application 7/2021/2228 Bristowe Hill, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG <i>Support – much improved design for the new houses proposed</i> SUPPORT
7/2022/2172	Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of new single storey extension to the rear of Alverna, High Hill, Keswick Alverna, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5PB <i>Support – subject to no objections from adjoining owner at Brooklyn who have a side window in their rear extension looking towards Alverna</i> SUPPORT
7/2022/2201	Change of use from a guest house to self catering holiday letting accommodation Brookfield, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4LJ <i>Object - Following clarification from the applicant that the owner's accommodation is not being retained, Keswick Town Council object to this application for a change to a whole house holiday let. This displaces yet another family home and in the absence of a licensing scheme for holiday accommodation would result in a further increase of properties with no on-site management. We maintain our concern that the significant number of recent approvals granted is changing the balance of holiday accommodation available in a downward spiral which we consider is unacceptable. We acknowledge the representations of 3 neighbouring properties and we share their concerns</i> OBJECT
7/2022/2218	We propose to install a microgeneration installation on two of the slate roofs which face south east and south west. The external component will comprise up to 40 solar panels (80 sqm) Alhambra Cinema, St. Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AG No comments made SUPPORT
7/2022/2223	To remove the existing wooden, single glazed, sliding sash windows to the front elevation of the cottage and replace with double glazed, heritage style, UPVC, sliding sash windows to match existing exactly 12 Poplar Street, Keswick, CA12 5BW No comments made SUPPORT
7/2022/2236	Proposed change of use of first and second floor levels from mixed use as managers accommodation and staff use associated with the Public House to mixed HMO use and staff use Golden Lion Inn, 20, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5JD <i>Support – we recognise the benefits of providing on site staff accommodation in a situation where this type of accommodation is in short supply locally</i> SUPPORT

- 7/2022/2239 Replacement of existing timber sliding sash windows with upvc sliding sash windows to matching design and opening methods
Greta Grove House, Flat 1, Elliott Park, Keswick, CA12 5NF
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2022/2242 Erection of single-storey extension to enhance the kitchen and owners accommodation
West View, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ES
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2022/2246 Remove first floor conservatory and ground floor store below. Alterations to garage to form two storey rear extension. Re-tile and insulate existing roof. Replacement double glazed timber sash dormer windows
Skiddaw Lodge, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5QA
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2022/2247 Extension to existing holiday park, formation of access, landscaping and ancillary works
Low Briery Holiday Park, Penrith Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4RN
Defer recommendation on this significant application to allow proper consideration of extensive documents submitted
DEFER
- 7/2022/2252 Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2022/2106, (proposed two storey extension to side of existing house in place of existing outbuildings to provide improved living accommodation and storage/domestic workshop space). Amendments to extension plans including alterations to kitchen/shower room and roof over, store/workshop, bedroom 4 and first floor bathroom
3, Latrigg Close, Keswick, CA12 4LB
No comments made - For information only
- 7/2022/2254 Replacement of ground floor and first floor sash windows and front entrance door
13, The Plosh, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5DE
Support – despite the inaccurate drawing provided we support the proposed new timber windows and doors in the same style and detail as the existing on this house which is part of a Grade II listed terrace
SUPPORT
- ii) **RESOLVED** that the following observations be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate:-
- E/2020/0184 Appeal against breach of planning control
Land at Fell View, Ashtree Avenue, Keswick, CA12 5PF
Keswick Town Council wish to support the LDNPA on the enforcement action proposed to rectify a breach of planning control relating to the erection of a boundary fence and timber building at the rear of Fell View, which do not comply with permitted development regulations. The LDNPA have suggested a reasonable approach to rectify these breaches by reducing the fence height and relocating the timber building set back from the highway. We do not consider it acceptable to allow a clear breach of these regulations
SUPPORT
- iii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park planning decisions

122. Licensing Applications

RECEIVED Planning and Licensing Group report on licensing applications received.

123. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED a report from the Mayor covering the period 23rd September 2022 – 13th October 2022.

124. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that the Busker's Code of Conduct be revised to say 'no amplification'.

125. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lansbury gave an update on the projects she had been working on, and was trying to ensure they were taken on by Cumberland Council. On 2-9 November, there was a disabled aids amnesty planned, to take equipment no longer required back and redistributed as required. This would happen at Keswick Library. A large number of people had gone through Carbon Literacy training, and it would be good to get Town Councillors and staff through it as well.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lywood and Councillor Campbell-Savours had hosted a meeting regarding the parking in Borrowdale, getting a feel from the locals about how the parking was, and what solutions they would like to see.
- iii) Cumberland Council – no update was provided.
- 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.

126. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from the following representatives:

- i) Keswick in Bloom

127. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the payment of accounts for October 2022 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payments

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 125 – 143, amounting to £44,702.12 (forty four thousand seven hundred and two pounds and twelve pence)
- ii) For the Trusts vouchers HP102 – FP134, amounting to £20,576.45 (twenty thousand five hundred and seventy-six pounds and forty five pence)

128. Quarterly Budgets

Consideration was given to the quarterly budget comparisons.

RESOLVED that the overspends on the staffing budget heads be agreed.

129. Neighbourhood Plan Discussion

Consideration was given to a discussion following a meeting between Keswick Town Council and the Lake District National Park Authority.

RESOLVED that Keswick Town Council do not proceed with preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan at this stage, but work in conjunction with the Lake District National Park Authority to prepare a case which shows a change in this evolving situation which they can use within existing provisions in the Local Plan to support a change in their consideration of these applications.

130. Consultations

Consideration was given if Keswick Town Council wish to respond to the proposed amendments to the Cumbria LGPS Funding Strategy Statement.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to seek clarification on what impact there would be on the employees, and defer this item until the November meeting.

131. Green Spaces to Grow

Consideration was given to a request from Councillor Lansbury.

RESOLVED that a press appeal for information be sent out, and any information which came in to be passed onto Councillor Lansbury.

132. Minutes

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum held on 13 September 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.



Chairman

17. 11. 2022

Date