

SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE**Selflessness – Integrity – Objectivity – Accountability – Openness – Honesty - Leadership**

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held on Thursday 15 December 2022 at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Steve Harwood

Councillors		
David Burn	Allan Daniels	Alan Dunn
Louise Dunn	Sally Lansbury	Jean Murray
Adam Paxon	Paul Titley	Peter Walter

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

150. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lywood and Miller. Their apologies were noted and accepted by Councillors.

151. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 17th November 2022 (pages 33-36).

152. Co-option of Councillor

- i) **RECEIVED** a presentation from one co-option applicant giving the reasons they would like to be a Town Councillors, and what they feel they can offer to the community.
- ii) A vote took place and it was **RESOLVED** that Peter Walter be co-opted as the candidate to fill the vacancy in the West Ward.
- iii) Councillor Walter duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

153. Requests for Dispensations

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

154. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Titley declared a personal interest in agenda item 18 as the people in question were his daughter and granddaughter. He would remain in the room and vote on the item.

155. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Councillor A Dunn wished it to be minuted that the police have been repeatedly given the dates of Town Council meetings, and it would be reassuring to see a member of the police in attendance.

Councillor Titley raised the concern that at the Christmas Lights switch on, there were well over 1,000 people in attendance, but there had been no police presence.

156. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public brought up concerns that ice on Derwentwater was becoming increasingly dangerous, as it was of different thicknesses. Some time ago, there were devices on the lakeside which were used to help people in difficulty, and the member of public would like to see these returned.



It was pointed out that under the current circumstances, there had been a high degree of publicity regarding the dangers of ice on lakes, ponds and rivers; the current advice from the emergency services was that anyone who witnesses an incident should call for professional help rather than put themselves in danger to rescue anyone in difficulty. This was also out of the scope for Keswick Town Council and was the responsibility of either the National Trust or the Lake District National Park Authority.

157. Matters to be raised by Councillors

No matters were raised by Councillors at this meeting.

158. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref:	Description of Development Location, Comments, Recommendation
7/2022/2193	Alterations to existing front and rear dormers and single storey rear extension, additional window in first floor rear elevation - amended plans which remove the front dormer but leave the rear dormer intact Kingsway, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4LJ No Comments made SUPPORT
7/2022/2277	Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2021/2325 (Conversion of existing adjacent garage and utility room into 1 bedroom annex containing small kitchen and shower room) to change the roof covering from Westmorland green slate to a reproduction version Glentarne, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG <i>Object - noted that this is for information only but if standards mean anything this should not be accepted</i> OBJECT
7/2022/2278	Two storey extensions to the existing building, raising front roof area approx. 900mm to include a hipped gable end and dormer to the side extension. Work also to include a raised patio and privacy screening 21, Manesty View, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4JF <i>Support in principle – subject to the central first floor window to the lounge being subdivided into 3 to maintain the balance of the prominent elevation</i> SUPPORT
7/2022/2286	Installation of wall mounted support pole together with 0.3m transmission dish fixed at 6.5m and ancillary development thereto Keswick Telephone Exchange, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4JN For information only
7/2022/2292	Proposed external alteration work to existing dwelling to include construction of a domestic garage and garden store building, and the construction of flood resistant barrier wall following approval of 7/2021/2297

Driftwood Cottage, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12
5PG
No comments made
SUPPORT

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

159. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 10th November 2022 – 8th December 2022.

160. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council Ward Representatives - Councillor Lansbury gave an update the recent work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee looking at Customer Service facilities at Allerdale Borough Council, with one of the main recommendations being that customer service should be resident focused, including a return to face-to-face meetings. This information will be passed on to Cumberland Council. Councillor Lansbury also stated that she had begun discussions with potential partners over the provision of toilets at the Station Platform end of the Keswick to Threlkeld trail. Councillor Campbell-Savours informed Councillors that he had brought a motion to Allerdale Borough Council last week regarding the removal of discounts for Council Tax on second homes, which had been agreed unanimously.
- ii) Cumbria County Council Ward Representative – No update was given.
- iii) Cumberland Council – Councillor Campbell-Savours gave an update on progress in the setting up of Cumberland Council, and that he was determined to continue the debate surrounding the licensing of holiday lets and ensuring that attention is brought to the plight of towns like Keswick on a regular basis.
- iv) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative - **RECEIVED** the report from Dr Geoff Davies, Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative. Thanks was given to Dr Davies for his service over the last nine years.

161. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 167 – 189, amounting to £52,046.21 (fifty two thousand forty six pounds and twenty one pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP158 – FP 168, amounting to £12,162.11 (twelve thousand one hundred and sixty two pounds and eleven pence)

162. Budget for 2023/2024

The draft budget for 2023/24 was presented for approval together with recommended grant payments to local organisations and to agree an upgrade to the telephone system.

RESOLVED that:

- i. the draft Budget for the financial year 2023/24 be approved
- ii. the precept for 2023/24 be set at £348,245
- iii. the list of recommended grants be approved for payment; and
- iv. Keswick Town Council enter into a five year contract with Connexions for upgrade to the telephone system, broadband and telephone services.

163. Fees and Charges

Consideration was given to a report from the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained within the report be accepted.

164. Environmental Working Group

Consideration was given to a draft Action Plan presented by Councillor Sally Lansbury.

RESOLVED that:

- i. Council accepted the Climate Change Action plan and agreed future actions proposed by the Environmental Working Group; and
- ii. Council agreed to add a review of the Climate Change Action Plan to agendas at six monthly intervals. Input and suggestions would be made at these periodic review points by Councillors, Town Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer and Parks Manager and approved by Council or Trust as appropriate.

165. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Alan Dunn – Keswick Tourism Association.

166. Visitor Management Working Group

RECEIVED an update to the Visitor Management Working Group.

167. Correspondence

To consider correspondence received from a member of the public.

RESOLVED that Councillors call out antisocial dog behaviour when they see it, and the matter of signage in the parks be brought up at the next Trust meeting.

168. Minutes

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2022 (page 8).

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.


Chairman

19.01.2023
Date