

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
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Selflessness – Integrity – Objectivity – Accountability – Openness – Honesty - Leadership

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick on Thursday 21st September 2023 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chair
 Councillor Steve Harwood

Councillors

Louise Dunn
 Denstone Kemp
 Jean Murray
 Lorraine Taylor

Chris Houghton
 Sally Lansbury
 Rob Nelson

Claire Houghton
 Benita Laphorn
 Tim Parsons

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

92. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paxon. His apologies were noted and accepted by Councillors.

93. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 17th August 2023 (pages 18-21).

94. Requests for Dispensations

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

95. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

96. Police Attendance

The Clerk updated Councillors on a discussion she had had with PCSO Forrester, about a new app, Schemelink which Allerdale Police will be introducing. The Clerk would provide more information, and advertise the scheme when it had been received (Action – Clerk).

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

97. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were raised by members of the public.

98. Presentation by Keswick Rugby Club

RECEIVED a presentation from representatives of Keswick Rugby Club regarding their plans for a new Rugby Club Building. It was agreed that a letter of support would be sent to Keswick Rugby Club from the Town Council (Action – Councillor Harwood/Town Clerk).

99. Matters to be raised by Councillors

No matters were raised by Councillors at this meeting.

100. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description Location Comments Recommendation
T/2023/0108	T1 - Scots Pine - Fell due to lean and how close to the building. Top of tree has snapped out. Tree is suppressed with all limbs over towards house. T2 - Cherry (small) - Fell - Allow more light in to house. The Coach House, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, CA12 4LS <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2023/2131	Erection of storey and a half, 3 bedroom, low energy dwelling with associated external works, and upgrade of existing septic tank at neighbouring property Land adjacent to 1 Briar Rigg, Keswick, CA12 4NW <i>Support – while we support the eco credentials of this new dwelling we remain concerned at the proposed ‘black tile effect metal sheet cladding panels’ as the roof finish which we feel is unsympathetic in this location. We also request that adequate protection measures are included for the mature oak tree on the site during construction</i> SUPPORT
7/2023/2133	Front Conservatory Rowanlea, Eleventrees, Keswick, CA12 4LW <i>Support – support in principle but object to the use of ‘lightweight grp slate’ as the roof finish. The roof should be in natural slate to match the existing house -</i> SUPPORT
7/2023/2148	Internal and elevational alterations to existing house and outbuildings, new infill extension to connect existing house and outbuildings – Listed building consent 25, St Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AE <i>Object – while we have no objection to the principle of converting existing outbuildings with a link extension to Town Head House, we feel that the form of the glazed link does not sit well with the existing building. We object to the design of the proposed link as being unsympathetic to this Grade II listed building in the Conservation Area</i> OBJECT
7/2023/2149	Internal and elevational alterations to existing house and outbuildings, new infill extension to connect existing house and outbuildings – Full Planning application. 25, St Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AE <i>Object - while we have no objection to the principle of converting existing outbuildings with a link extension to Town Head House, we feel that the form of the glazed link does not sit well with the existing building. We object to the design of the proposed link as being unsympathetic to this Grade II listed building in the Conservation Area</i> OBJECT

- 7/2023/2150 Extension to the rear of the house off the upper ground floor level
2, Grange Park, Keswick, CA12 4AY
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2023/2152 Demolition of existing club house and squash courts. Erection of new clubhouse
and creation of additional car parking facilities
Keswick Rugby Club Ltd, Davidson Park, Keswick, CA12 5EG
*Support – the existing clubhouse has suffered serious flooding on a number of
occasions in recent years and we fully support the new clubhouse being built
above the flood plain with enhanced facilities to safeguard the long term future
of the club*
SUPPORT
- 7/2023/2159 Proposed alterations to dwelling, ground & first floor extensions, roof
alterations including part increase in roof height
Birdsong, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5UP
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2023/2161 Addition of dormer & porch plus alteration of windows on rear. Removal of rear
chimney
11, Fenton, Keswick, CA12 4AZ
*Object – we object to the form of this large dormer on the side of this dwelling
which is one half of an identical semi detached block. We consider this
unbalances the form of the block as a whole and we object to the use of non
traditional materials which we feel is unsympathetic in this location*
OBJECT
- 7/2023/2162 Non-material amendment to planning application 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) for addition of solar panels to
front elevation roof. Amended design of front elevation first floor doors and
windows
21, Manesty View, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4JF
*Object – We do not agree this should be considered as a minor amendment.
This proposal changes the main front elevation significantly and loses much of
the finesse of the original approved drawings. We object to the changed
window pattern at first floor level particularly the large central window which
was amended in line with our comments on the original application. We also
object to the haphazard arrangement of proposed new solar panels*
OBJECT
- 7/2023/2166 To replace 3 windows at the rear of the property
12, The Plosh, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5DE
*Object – we support the aim of replacing the existing windows at the rear in the
style proposed but we consider they should be replaced with wood windows in
lieu with upvc on this Grade ii listed terrace*
OBJECT
- 7/2023/2167 Change of use from redundant garage to holiday cottage housekeeping and
maintenance hub and operational development

Rear of former Service Station, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PR
Support – this would be an appropriate use for an industrial building of this nature
SUPPORT

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

101. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 11 August 2023 – 14 September 2023.

102. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – Councillor Campbell-Savours gave an update post bin-strike, and while collections were resuming, it was taking a while for things to settle back to normal. Residents were encouraged to report any missed collections to Cumberland Council through their website.

The Community Panels had been set up, and they had been given a remit to develop them to help the communities they represent. Councillor Campbell-Savours handed out a survey for Town Councillors to fill in, and encouraged radical thinking. There would be a community panel meeting held in Keswick at some point, and the intention was that members of the panel will meet with local organisations beforehand.

- ii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – **RECEIVED** the report of the LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative. Peter Walter was in attendance, and explained the reasoning behind the survey (see agenda item 13). This was set up so that the LDNPA could hopefully secure funding to be able to engage on the areas of concern more. There was a desire to keep the Safer Lakes partnership approach going moving forward, but the Covid funding which set it up had run out. The survey could lead to a reassessment of how Visitor Services works.

103. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts for August 2023 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payments (Action – RFO)

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 106 – 128, amounting to £30,280.86 (thirty thousand two hundred and eighty pounds and eighty six pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP87 – FP100, amounting to £15,607.61 (fifteen thousand six hundred and seven pounds and sixty one pence)

Councillor Kemp left the meeting at 7.55pm

Councillor Kemp returned to the meeting at 8.01pm

104. Consultation Response

Consideration was given to Keswick Town Council's repose to the Lake District National Park's survey of Parish Council views and experiences, as prepared by the Visitor Management Working Group.

RESOLVED that the consultation response be agreed, and submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority. (Action – Clerk)

105. Holiday House Nuisance Report

Consideration was given to a report by Councillor Dunn.

RESOLVED that the form be set up on the website, and Councillor Dunn and the Clerk work together to provide an evidence base. (Action – Councillor Dunn/Town Clerk)

106. Email addresses for Councillors

Consideration was given to a report by the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Clerk enquire as to the size of the Sharepoint area, and whether this include a shared calendar, then proceed with setting this up moving forward (Action – Clerk).

107. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that Councillor Dunn act as an informal liaison for the allotment site (Action – Councillor Dunn).

108. Events Committee

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee minutes dated 7 September 2023 (pages 6-8)

Prior to the following business the Chair 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'

109. CCTV

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

RESOLVED that the RFO proceed with the 12 month period of payment. (Action – Responsible Financial Officer).

The meeting closed at 8.30p.m.



Chairman

19.10.2023
Date