

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

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held on Thursday 16th November 2023 at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick at **7.00 pm**.

Present:

Chair
 Councillor Steve Harwood

Councillors

Louise Dunn
 Denstone Kemp
 Jean Murray

Claire Houghton
 Sally Lansbury
 Tim Parsons

Chris Houghton
 Benita Laphorn
 Lorraine Taylor

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

128. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nelson and Paxon. Their apologies were noted and agreed by Councillors.

129. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 29th October 2023 (pages 27-31).

130. Requests for Dispensations

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

131. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Kemp gave a personal explanation with regard to planning application 7/2023/2206, as works for Keswick School who own the Crosthwaite Centre. He would remain in the room and vote on this item.

All Councillors declared an interest in regard to planning application T/2023/0149 as Hope Park Trust was the applicant. It was decided that the Council would not make any comment on the application.

132. Police Report

PCSO Forrester was in attendance and answered questions from Councillors, especially regarding anti-social behaviour on Bonfire night and St John's one way system.

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

133. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public informed Councillors regarding a neighbour dispute which was occurring. Councillor Harwood advised the member of the public that he would visit them, to ensure that they were pointed in the correct direction.

Councillor Parsons arrived at 7.30pm

134. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Lansbury thanked Windemere School for working with the Woodland Trust in Elizabeth's Woodland to remove the plastic tubes around young trees.

Councillor Murray asked all Councillors if they could bring a donation for the Food Share to meetings moving forward. She also said that the Food Share would be open for extra sessions in the lead up to Christmas.

Councillor Dunn brought up the issue of the random short power cuts that were occurring in East Keswick. It appeared that Electricity North West were not treating the issue seriously, and encouraged residents to log any issues they have with Electricity North West, and there was a Facebook page being set up to monitor this moving forward.

135. Churchyard Maintenance

The Revd Andy Murphy was in attendance for this item.

Consideration was given to a request from Revd Charles Hope and Revd Andy Murphie.

RESOLVED that:

- i) A budget line be added to the 2024/25 budget, granting a total of £4,000 (£2,000 each) to both churches for one year only (Action – RFO); and
- ii) A joint working group be set up to cover churchyard management to explore partnership working moving forward, as well as to ensure that all the Council's biodiversity aims are also met (Action – Clerk).

136. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership – Council representative Councillor Lansbury.

137. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref	Description of Development, Location, Comments Recommendation
T/2023/0147	Cherry tree - fell. The tree is in very poor condition, an arborist has been consulted and the suggestion is that the tree is felled Bed to the right of the Lake Road underpass, Keswick, CA12 5DQ <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT <i>(Observations submitted under delegated powers 02/11/2023)</i>
T/2023/0149	Fell 1 ash tree Hope Park, Golf Kiosk and Putting Green, Lake Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DG <i>No comments made</i> <i>Declaration of Interest</i>
7/2023/2194	Construction of garden store building 65, The Headlands, Keswick, CA12 5EH <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT <i>(Full Council decision 16/11/2023)</i>
7/2023/2206	The operation of a temporary campsite, on an annual basis, for three weeks during July and August, with the installation of a permanent approved waste water treatment plant to provide OFFSET Waste Water mitigation

Crosthwaite Conference Centre, Church Lane, Keswick, CA12 5QG and, Skiddaw Centre, Skiddaw Street, Keswick, CA12 4BY

No comments made

SUPPORT

(Observations submitted under delegated powers 02/11/2023)

7/2023/2210

Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2023/2126 (Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension to dwelling following approval of application 7/2022/2198) to simply roof construction

The Rowans, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DN

No comments required

7/2023/2214

Retrospective application for the change of use of a guest house (Use Class C1) to a holiday let (sui generis use) with internal alterations to the property to provide manager's accommodation to be occupied in association with the holiday let.

Lakeland View, 13 High Hill, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5NY

Support – this is a resubmission of an application which was withdrawn as a consequence of the anti social behaviour reported by the adjoining property and others following this change of use which had been implemented with on site management removed and without planning permission. We welcome the acknowledgement that to address these concerns this proposal includes the provision of on site management by means of adapting the existing accommodation to achieve this. It is noted that the original owners accommodation was directly below the first floor apartment in separate ownership and it would be preferable if the new managers accommodation was in the same position to minimise noise intrusion. For consistency in our recommendations for such applications we now support this proposal but remain concerned at the 6 month period required for implementation of the new managers accommodation and the appointment of a resident site manager. We believe this change of use should not be allowed to operate until this provision is in place

SUPPORT

(Observations submitted under delegated powers 02/11/2023)

7/2023/2225

Proposed alterations to replace rear flat roof with pitched slate roof and alterations to the rear elevation fenestration

16, Church Street, Keswick, CA12 4DT

No comments made

SUPPORT

(Observations submitted under delegated powers 02/11/2023)

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

138. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 13th October – 9th November 2023.

139. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – Councillor Campbell-Savours gave an update on the Lakes to Sea Community Panel launch event, and stated that a future event should take place in Keswick. He also gave an update on the Thirlmere Road, stating that there was a long way to go, but Cumberland Council will reverse the permanent TRO as soon as United Utilities had completed the work. A section 151 notice had been issued to United Utilities by Cumberland Council. Councillor

Campbell-Savours had been made aware of a 'large puddle' on Borrowdale Road, which he was addressing.

- ii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative - No report given.

140. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that Keswick Town Council sponsor the Keswick Reminder Christmas Card competition once again, and that the money for this be taken from contingency (Action – Clerk).

141. Payment of Accounts

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

- i. For the Town Council, vouchers 160 – 181, amounting to £45,143.47 (forty five thousand one hundred and forty three pounds and forty seven pence)
- ii. For the Trusts, vouchers HP125 – FP128, amounting to £20,735.70 (twenty thousand seven hundred and thirty five pounds and seventy pence)

142. Biodiversity Duty

Consideration was given to the report from the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED that the report and attached policy be approved (Action – Clerk).

143. Correspondence

Consideration was given to correspondence received from the Keswick Red Squirrel Group.

RESOLVED that Keswick Town Council write to Cumberland Council, requesting that appropriate signs warning of wildlife in the area, and write a letter of support to the Keswick Red Squirrel Group (Action – Clerk).

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.


Chairman

14.12.2023
Date