

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, First Floor, Keswick on Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Chair
 Councillor Steve Harwood

Councillors

Louise Dunn	Claire Houghton	Chris Houghton
Denstone Kemp	Sally Lansbury	Benita Laphorn
Jean Murray	Rob Nelson	Adam Paxon
Lorraine Taylor		

Also present was Vivien Little (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), one member of the press, and 2 members of the public.

178. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received at this meeting.

179. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2024 (pages 40-43).

180. Requests for Dispensations

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

181. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Harwood declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in regard to planning application 7/2023/2242, as he was a neighbour of the application. He would leave the room and take no part in the discussion regarding this item.

Councillor Lansbury arrived at 7.01pm

182. Police Report

RECEIVED the newsletter of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

183. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were raised by members of the public at this meeting.

184. Matters to be raised by Councillors

No matters were raised by Councillors at this meeting.

185. Applications for Development

- i) **RESOLVED** that the following applications be submitted to the Lake District National Park:
(Action – RFO)

**Plan Ref. Description, Location, Comments
Recommendation**

Councillor Harwood left the meeting at 7.02pm

Councillor Nelson took the Chair for the discussion of the following planning application.

- 7/2023/2242 To construct an annex in the rear garden of 29 Latrigg Close, Keswick. The annex will be single story with private access at the rear of 29 Latrigg Close.
29, Latrigg Close, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4LE
*Object - Whilst sympathetic to the idea behind this proposal in order to provide housing for their children, when considered with regard to housing policy, we find it would impact on neighbouring properties with over development of the area and loss of light, shading and privacy on surrounding properties.
If the project went ahead we would as a minimum want a local occupancy clause and a covenant to not allow holiday letting*

OBJECT

Councillor Harwood returned to the meeting at 7.06pm

Councillor Harwood re-took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

- 7/2023/2276 Proposed erection of lean-to porch and provision of new patio doors located to rear of property
West View, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ES
No comments made

SUPPORT

- 7/2024/2002 Replace 1 sash window in lower hallway (retrospective)
Shelley Cottage, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, CA12 4LS
No comments made

SUPPORT

- 7/2024/2003 The operation of a temporary campsite, for 2024, for three weeks during July and August, Utilising a closed waste water methodology.
Crosthwaite Campsite, Church Lane, Keswick, CA12 5QD
No comments made

SUPPORT

- 7/2024/2010 Single storey front, side and rear extension to dwelling following withdrawal of 7/2023/2184
67, The Headlands, Keswick, CA12 5EH
Support – this is a resubmission of an application we previously objected to on grounds of inappropriate design details. We consider that the amended design proposals are now acceptable

SUPPORT

- 7/2024/2015 Conversion of car port into new front entrance and habitable space and extending the rear wall to the property boundary, removal of unused chimney, replacement of window in dining room to aluminium sliding doors, replace existing front door with heritage double-glazed uPVC sliding sash window and replace 8 single-glazed wood sash windows with heritage double -glazed uPVC sliding sash windows
2, Shu Le Crow Gardens, Keswick, CA12 4HG

No comments made
SUPPORT

ii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park Planning Decisions.

186. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 12th January 2024 – 8th February 2024.

187. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – Councillor Campbell-Savours updated Councillors on the news that Danfo were ceasing their contract with Keswick Community Asset Company for servicing the public toilets in Keswick. He was working with Cumberland Council to ensure that there would be continued provision, with the potential for partnership working moving forward. He also answered questions from Councillors, including questions on green waste bins, dog waste, and an update on the sitting water on Borrowdale Road.

Councillor Campbell-Savours also gave an update on the swimming pool in Keswick.

- ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative. **RECEIVED** the report of the LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

188. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the payment of accounts for January 2024 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment (Action – RFO).

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 204-222, amounting to £37,806.81 (thirty seven thousand eight hundred and six pounds and eighty one pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP160 – FP172, amounting to £30,440.97 (thirty thousand, four hundred and forty pounds and ninety seven pence)

189. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the quarterly budget comparisons.

190. Change Action Plan – six month review

RECEIVED the report of Councillor Lansbury

RESOLVED that:

1. Keswick Town Council establishes a Climate Change Working Group that will include Councillors and members of local outside bodies, initially considering including Keswick Town Council, Sustainable Keswick, Woodland Trust, LDNPA, National Trust, Cumbria Wildlife Trust and West Cumbria Rivers Trust with the goal of;
 - through the Climate Change Working Group, investigating the production of a 'Nature Recovery Plan' for Keswick and a local communications plan;
 - cross checking activities against the CALC produced Parish Council Climate Change Toolkit;
 - Keswick Town Council build a platform for collaboration and mutual support between these groups; and
2. the timing of the reviews be changed to the March Town Council meeting and the September meeting of the Parks Trusts. (Action – Clerk)

191. Annual Risk Management Assessment

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the Annual Risk Management Assessment be noted.

192. Review of Internal Control and Audit

RECEIVED the report from the Responsible Financial Officer

RESOLVED that Councillors Kemp and Nelson undertake the annual review of Internal Control and Audit (Action – RFO).

193. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- i) Keswick Youth Centre – Councillor Paxson updated Councillor briefly on the activities of the Youth Centre, stating that it was going from strength to strength. The only issue was that there was now a lack of leaders, as it had become a victim of its own success.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.


Chair

21.03.2024
Date