

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

AGENDA ITEM 5

WRITTEN NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions have been submitted to the Town Clerk for consideration.

1. KCHT has entered into a 5 year Lease to manage 4 new one-bed flats at Otley Road that Allerdale Borough Council created from the conversion of the old Bike Shop. Otley Road is an excellent example of a building being repurposed for use as affordable housing, however having just completed the allocations process, KCHT could easily have filled the flats many times over.

The 21 applications we received highlighted the breadth of circumstances of those looking for accommodation in Keswick – with several couples, ages ranging from 20s- 50s, and also people with shared parental responsibility for children after relationship breakdowns. Last November we received 56 applications when we advertised 2 houses for rent.

With the ongoing loss of housing in Keswick to the holiday cottage business or as 2nd homes, we need to identify more buildings and sites in Keswick that could similarly be used to provide housing so that people are able to make a home in Keswick and live in the vicinity of their employment.

Resolution : KCHT calls upon the Town Council to work with KCHT and the Cumberland Unitary Authority to identify opportunities in Keswick, including disused buildings and other spaces, that may be able to be used to add to the stock of affordable homes available for the people of Keswick.

2. I call upon KTC to ensure effective Peace keeping & Accountability of Public Servants in Public Health & Safety roles & measures, especially in relation to VAWG & ASB which people experience locally, nationally & increasingly since lockdown.

Holding post-holders to account enables good use of funds and ensures peace & order are maintained/increased for the benefit of community.