

# FITZ PARK, HOPE PARK & TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Minutes of the meeting of Fitz Park, Hope Park & Townsfield Charitable Trusts held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 23 January 2025 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chair  
Councillor Jean Murray

Councillors		
Louise Dunn	Natalie Evans	Steve Harwood
Chris Houghton	Claire Houghton	Denstone Kemp
Benita Laphorn	Rob Nelson	Claire Peat
Lorraine Taylor		

Also present were Vivien Little (Trust Clerk), Catherine Parker (Finance Officer), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager) and five members of the public.

## 44. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received at this meeting.

## 45. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

## 46. Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (pages 7-8).

## 47. Chair's Report

**RECEIVED** the verbal report from the Chair.

## 48. Clerk's Report

**RECEIVED** the report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond to the individual who submitted the request, thanking them for the suggestion, but requesting that they contact the museum as it would appear to be a more appropriate request for either Keswick Museum or Keswick School (Action – Clerk).

## 49. Parks Manager's Report

**RECEIVED** the report from the Parks Manager. The Parks staff were thanked for their work in the park, especially with the new patio area next to Café HNW, which all agreed looked stunning.

**RESOLVED** that the work to prevent the pump failing in the future at Hope Park go ahead, with £2,795.00 be taken from the Building Fund for the work (Action – Financial Officer).

## 50. Dog Issues

**RECEIVED** the report from the Clerk.

Trustees had a long discussion regarding this matter. It was difficult to enforce any solution, especially in the park, and there was a wider issue than just in the parks, as the Clerk had received reports from other areas of Keswick. It was obvious that a tiny minority were spoiling things for the vast majority. Although concern was raised about the effectiveness of anything that could be done, it was seen as important to try to have an impact.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i. the Parks Manager begin by looking at purchasing 'Clean it up' stencils to be able to put them in the parks (Action – Parks Manager);
- ii. Councillor Dunn would look at crafting some signs and leaflets (Action – Councillor Dunn); and
- iii. the Clerk would look at putting information on social media to try and reach a wider audience to encourage responsible dog ownership (Action – Clerk).

**51. Football Drainage**

**RECEIVED** the report from the Clerk.

A member of the public spoke in relation to the agenda item, requesting that Trustees begin to look at the drainage of the junior pitch area, as it retains water when it rains, with the state of the pitch leading to the cancellation of a number of games. The member of the public had done some research, and discovered there could be funding available from the Football Foundation, which supports grass roots football, to help improve drainage. This funding would need to be supplemented with funding from other sources, potentially the Trust as well as Keswick Football Club, but at this stage how much it would cost is unknown. Trustees were happy for this to be investigated along with the Clerk, Financial Officer and Parks Manager, and brought back to a future meeting of the Trust.

**RESOLVED** that investigations into how much this could cost begin, working closely with the member of the public (Action – Clerk, Financial Officer, Parks Manager).

**52. Cricket Club extension update**

**RECEIVED** a report from Councillor Harwood.

**RESOLVED** that the Trustees were happy to support the new proposal for an extension to the Cricket Club.

**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.'*

**53. Fitz Park Charitable Trust & Townsfield – Linking Order, Transfer of Deed, Vesting Declaration and Registration**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Financial Officer.

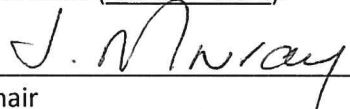
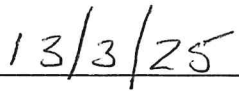
**RESOLVED** that the Linking Order be signed, and that the solicitors proceed with Registration of Townsfield (Action – Financial Officer).

**54. Fitz Park Developments**

**RECEIVED** the reports of the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that a meeting be set up with Café HNW to discuss ideas (Action – Clerk).

The meeting closed at 9.03 pm.

  
 Chair  
  
 Date