

FITZ PARK, HOPE PARK & TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Minutes of the meeting of Fitz Park, Hope Park & Townsfield Charitable Trusts held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, Keswick, on Thursday 14th July 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Adam Paxon

Councillors

David Burn	Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton	Andrew Lysser
Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller	Peter Price
Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley	

Also in attendance were Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), Catherine Parker (Admin & Finance Officer), Elizabeth Barraclough (Friends of the Parks), and Frances Clark (Keswick Accountants).

16. Apologies

No apologies were received.

17. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:
Councillor Lywood – item 9 (approval for tree stump carving in Fitz Park).

18. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Trust Meeting held on Thursday 26th May 2016 (pages 1 – 3).

19. Trustee Reports and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016

Frances Clark of Keswick Accountants presented the Trustee Reports and Accounts for Hope and Fitz Parks for the year ended 31st March 2016. Consideration was given to the amount of operating reserves necessary for Hope Park, and how the funds could best be invested to achieve a financial return for the Trust.

RESOLVED that the accounts for Hope and Fitz Parks be finalised at the next meeting, and that the Trustee Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016 for Townsfield be formally approved for signature by the Chairman.

Frances Clark left the meeting.

20. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a verbal report covering a number of issues including the Sensory Garden, on which he asked Elizabeth Barraclough of Friends of the Parks to provide an update.

RESOLVED

- i) that arrangements be made to carry out a Risk Assessment of the Sensory Garden area at the earliest opportunity, prior to the official opening ceremony
- ii) that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to consider all issues relating to Crosthwaite Road car park
- iii) that a meeting be requested with high level representatives of the Environment Agency to impress on them the urgent need for dredging in the River Greta through Fitz Park

Elizabeth Barraclough left the meeting.

21. Update on Flood Reinstatement Work

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk and Admin & Finance Officer.

Councillor Lysser left the meeting at 9.00 pm

22. Station Road Drainage into Fitz Park

RECEIVED report from the Chair and Vice Chair following site meetings with Cumbria Highways.

RESOLVED that any expenditure required to repair/replace drains through Fitz Park be funded from the contingency budget.

23. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED

- i) that approval be granted for the carving of a tree stump in Fitz Park in the shape of a dahlia to be funded by Councillor Lywood in memory of his mother
- ii) that no further action be taken regarding the 'Just Giving' fundraising page
- iii) that the renewal of the waste pump at the Golf Hut at Hope Park at a cost of £2,275 be funded from the Development & Equipment fund

24. Requests for use of the Parks

RESOLVED that approval be given to the request to start a MacMillan Charity Walk from Fitz Park on Saturday 17 June 2017 on the normal terms and conditions of hire.

Prior to the following business the Chairman moved the resolution: *'that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that the public and/or press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'*

25. Contracting

RECEIVED the Valuer's report in relation to Cafe Hope together with an update on progress with preparation of the new lease for Hope Park.

26. Staffing

RECEIVED the report of the Staffing Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman

Date