

## 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 30th March 2017 at 7.30pm.

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Present:

Chairman  
Councillor Adam Paxon

Councillors		
David Burn	Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton	Andrew Lysser
Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller	

Also in attendance were Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager), 4 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

### 73. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kendall (work), Pugmire and Titley (work).

### 74. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:  
Councillor Leighton – item 14 (i) – involved in pre-planning for the event.

### 75. Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Trust Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (pages 11 – 13).

### 76. Wivell Bridge – Flood Resilience Work

Robert Dewhurst from Keswick Flood Action Group presented a proposal to form an improved access ramp to Wivell Bridge from the Penrith Road side. This would mean that river water could flow freely underneath for longer, keeping the water within the confines of the flood defence wall when the river was in flood, assisting with flood resilience in Penrith Road. He reported that preliminary discussions had taken place with the Planning Officer who had indicated that this work could be carried out under permitted development regulations.

**RESOLVED** that the Trust support Keswick Flood Action Group's proposal to help flood alleviation in Penrith Road, and that clarification be sought from the Lake District National Park Authority regarding the need to apply for planning permission for the proposed work.

### 77. Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted that Christine had now been in post for six months and thanked her for her hard work to date which was much appreciated. He also referred to the 'Fair Parking for Keswick' group's campaign for cheaper parking permits for residents and workers and it was agreed that the Trust should give consideration to reducing the cost of a permit on the Crosthwaite Road car park to £100 p.a. as part of a holistic approach to improve the town's parking problems.

### 78. Signage at Fitz Park

Keith Richardson of Keswick Cricket Club presented a proposal to provide new signs promoting the attractions of Fitz Park and the facilities offered by user clubs etc. together with a 22 yard long banner depicting the timeline of the park, to be designed by children from St Herbert's School.

**RESOLVED** that approval be granted to the proposed signage scheme and that a request be submitted to the Town Council for the funding held in reserve for improved park signage to be transferred to the Trust for this purpose.

**79. Proposed new workshop and staff building, Hope Park**

Consideration was given to a proposal presented by Steve Harwood of ADK Architects for a new workshop and staff building at Hope Park. It was suggested that two separate buildings be constructed within permitted development regulations, with the floor level to be lifted above previous flood levels, timber shingles on the roof and timber cladding.

**RESOLVED** that drawings for two buildings as suggested be presented to the next meeting together with indicative costings.

**80. Knightsbridge Replacement**

Steve Harwood gave an update on progress with the work to replace Knightsbridge, and a donation of £20,000 from Keswick Lions towards the provision of a ramp was confirmed. It was recommended that an additional £15,000 be made available from the Sinking Fund to cover additional costs in providing the ramp to include a contingency amount.

**RESOLVED** that a letter of thanks be sent to Keswick Lions Club for the £20,000 donation and that an amount of £15,000 be set aside from the Sinking Fund to cover any additional costs in providing a ramp.

**81. Land at Hospital Field**

Consideration was given to an email from eLift Cumbria Ltd regarding possible need for land in the vicinity of Keswick Hospital for future healthcare provision.

**RESOLVED** that any sale of land at Hospital Field be put on hold until a premises solution is identified for a new health centre and/or additional clinical accommodation in the town.

**82. Micro Anaerobic Digester (AD)**

Consideration was given to the suitability of Fitz Park and/or Hope Park as a site for a Micro AD processing commercial food waste to generate energy and digestate for use by community facilities.

**RESOLVED** that Rural Cumbria Connects be advised that neither Hope nor Fitz Parks are considered appropriate sites for a Micro AD operation.

**83. Parks Manager's Report**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Parks Manager. Christine was thanked for her excellent report.

**84. Clerk's Report**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Trust Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that enquiries be made regarding the registration of the land at Fitz Park.

**85. Budgets for 2017/18**

**RESOLVED** that the draft budgets for Hope and Fitz Parks for 2017/18 be approved.

**86. Requests for use of the Parks**

**RESOLVED** that the following requests for use of Fitz Park be approved:

- i) Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Assoc UK – 10k/half marathon and bike ride – Sat 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
Free of charge for this year subject to normal terms and conditions.
- ii) Keswick Junior Parkrun – Sunday mornings – free of charge subject to normal terms and conditions and at own risk.

**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'*

**87. Contracting – Crosthwaite Road car park**

**RECEIVED** an update from Steve Harwood, ADK Architects.

**RESOLVED** that in view of the quotations received, consideration be given to leasing the car park.

**88. Contracting – Lease for Hope Park**  
**RECEIVED** an update from the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date