

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 12th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Adam Paxon

Councillors		
David Burn	Allan Daniels	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley	

Also in attendance were Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager), 5 members of the public and 2 members of the press.

Prior to the meeting, Bill Bewlay of Keswick Community Housing Trust, presented details of a proposal to build local affordable housing at Hospital Field which could provide an income towards the maintenance of Fitz Park. Representatives of the Friends of Keswick Hospital were also in attendance.

58. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jordan and Lysser (holiday) and Councillor Kendall.

59. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:
Councillor Daniels – item 5 – Board member - Keswick Community Housing Trust

60. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Trust Meeting held on 10th November 2016 (pages 8 – 10).

61. Chairman's Report

RECEIVED the Chairman's report.

62. Request from Keswick Community Housing Trust

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick Community Housing Trust for the release of a piece of land at Hospital Field, Fitz Park for the provision of local affordable housing which could provide funding towards maintenance of the park. Correspondence from the Friends of the Mary Hewetson Hospital was also presented for consideration.

RESOLVED that the project be supported in principle and the possibility of releasing a plot of land at Hospital Field for affordable housing be investigated further.

63. Request from Keswick & Braithwaite Tennis Club

Consideration was given to a request from the Tennis Club for a review of the lease fee for use of three grass tennis courts at Fitz Park together with shared use of the Tennis/Games/Staff hut.

RESOLVED 'That the Tennis Club be charged a lease fee of £1,250 p.a. to include maintenance of three grass courts at Fitz Park and the shared use of the Tennis/Games/Staff hut for 2017 (fee to be reviewed annually in line with the Retail Price Index), subject to agreeing a satisfactory arrangement for public use of the courts with the Fitz Park games operator'.

64. Crosthwaite Road Car Park

Steve Harwood of ADK Architects gave an update on discussions with Planning Officers regarding proposals to re-surface and re-configure the Crosthwaite Road car park. He had prepared a planning application for approval prior to submission and would invite three tenders to carry out the work.

RESOLVED that the planning application be approved for submission to the Lake District National Park Authority.

It was agreed to defer item 8 for consideration later in the meeting.

65. Parks Manager's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager.

RESOLVED:

- i) that an approach be made to Doug Coyle of Cumbria County Council for assistance in clearing the watercourse leading out/beyond Hope Park to help alleviate surface water flooding
- ii) that expenditure on path repairs at Fitz Park in the sum of £30,000 be approved from the Sinking Fund
- iii) that no action be taken at this time with regard to the condition of the Bowling Club roof
- iv) that a new finance package be entered into over 60 months to include the Kubota RTV and a new Kubota 32hp garden tractor with loader attachment at a cost of £423 per month.

66. Draft Budgets 2017-18

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

67. Requests for Use of the Parks

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

- i) Fitz Park -
Keswick Mountain Festival Kids Triathlon – Thursday 8th or Friday 9th June 2017
Charge £500
- ii) Hope Park -
Lakesman Event – Sunday 18th June 2017
Charge £500
- iii) Townsfield –
'Mind Fest' 2017 –Saturday 1st July 2017
Free of charge

68. Keswick Cricket Club

Keith Richardson provided an update on activity Keswick Cricket Club.

69. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Trust Clerk.

Prior to the following business the Chairman moved the following 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'

70. Clerk's Report (continued) – Knightsbridge

Steve Harwood gave a progress report on work to replace Knightsbridge and advised of a potential source of funding for additional work to provide a ramp to assist access.

RESOLVED that the offer of funding be gratefully accepted and that any shortfall in the amount required be considered for provision from the Sinking fund.

71. Staffing

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager.

RESOLVED that Option 1 of the report be approved and that further consideration be given to Option 2 by the Staffing Committee prior to reconsideration by the Trust.

72. Contracting

RECEIVED an update from Councillor Lywood and the Clerk on progress with the lease renewal for Hope Park.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Chairman

Date