

## FITZ PARK, HOPE PARK & TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Minutes of the meeting of Hope Park, Fitz Park & Townsfield Charitable Trusts held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, Keswick, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm.

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Present:

Chairman  
Councillor Susan Leighton

Councillors

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| David Burn    | Allan Daniels | Martin Jordan  |
| Denstone Kemp | Andrew Lysser | Duncan Miller  |
| Adam Paxon    | Peter Price   | Martin Pugmire |

Also present were Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), Catherine Howe (Admin & Finance Officer), Keith Brown (Keswick Parks Manager), and Elizabeth Barraclough (Friends of the Parks). No members of the public or press were present.

**36. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lywood and Titley.

**37. Declarations of Interests**

Declarations of Interests from members in respect of items on this agenda were received from:- Councillors Paxon and Price – item 9 (b) (i) – members of Keswick Lions.

**38. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Trust Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**39. Sensory/Memorial Garden – Wivell Park**

Elizabeth Barraclough gave an oral report on behalf of Friends of Keswick Parks in relation to the project. Funding was still being sought and no work would be carried out on the land until March 2016 at the earliest. A site meeting had taken place with the designer and potential users and an enthusiastic response had been received.

*Elizabeth Barraclough left the meeting*

**40. Chairman's Report**

**RECEIVED** the Chairman's report.

(Note – Parks Manager to inspect the riverside path from the Crosthwaite Road car park towards the town centre and advise on work required to reduce the worst of the puddles).

**41. Clerk's Report**

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) that the Crosthwaite Road car park remain open all year round as at present unless there is a flood warning in which case the chain will be placed across the entrance to prevent access.  
(Note: Parks Manager to make arrangements to fill the potholes on the car park)
- ii) that any suggestions for further carvings to be placed on tree stumps in either Hope or Fitz Park be referred to the Trust for consideration and prior approval
- iii) That appropriate training be organised for Trustees to assist in their role

**42. Parks Manager's Report**

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager.

**RESOLVED**

- i) that a verti-drain machine be purchased at a cost of £1,000 plus VAT to be funded from the Development and Equipment Fund
- ii) that further costings be obtained and a proposal be presented to the next meeting for an 'outdoor gym' at Fitz Park
- iii) that tenders be sought for a steel building to replace the existing workshop at Hope Park, to be funded from the Hope Park Building Fund, for approval at the next meeting
- iv) that replacement of the staff welfare building at Fitz Park be deferred for consideration at the next meeting
- v) that architect's drawings be obtained for a new staff welfare building at Hope Park to be funded from the professional fees budget for the current year and that an overspend on the budget be approved
- vi) that provision be made in the draft budget for 2016/17 for a ride on rotary mower for use at Hope and Fitz Parks
- vii) that no further action be taken with regard to replacement of Fitz Park play area surface in view of the costs involved

*Councillor Lysser left the meeting at 8.10 pm*

**43. Hope Park & Fitz Park Budgets – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter**

**RECEIVED** the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget comparisons.

Note:

- i) Councillor Jordan to be advised of current arrangements for purchase of bird and squirrel feed for Hope Park
- ii) Parks Manager to investigate provision of lenses for the bird hide

**44. Requests for Use of the Parks**

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

- (i) Keswick Inner Wheel Club – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Balloons in the Park
- (ii) Lakeland Trails – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 – Keswick event
- (iii) Youth Hostels Association – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – annual YHA Family Fun Day
- (iv) Kewick Town Council Events Committee:  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Kwik Cricket County Final (Children's tournament)  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Brass Band Competition  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 'Scruffs' (permission already granted)  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 'Keswick on a Plate' Food Show  
Wednesday 22 June – Prom in the Park
- (v) Rather be Cycling – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Lakeland Monster Miles

A request for the use of Hope Park by Keswick Lions on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015 for a Santa Dash was withdrawn before the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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Chairman

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Date