

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 14th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Susan Leighton

Councillors

David Burn
Duncan Miller
Paul Titley

Allan Daniels
Adam Paxon

Denstone Kemp
Peter Price

Also present were Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), Keith Brown (Keswick Parks Manager), 20 members of the public and 2 press.

45. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jordan, Lysser, Lywood and Pugmire (holidays).

46. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from:-
Councillor Paxon – item 5 (Youth Club Committee member).

47. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2015 (pages 9 – 10).

48. Chairman's Report

RECEIVED the Chairman's report.

49. Request from Keswick Youth Club

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick Youth Club for the release of a piece of land in Fitz Park to accommodate a new building for a Youth Club/St John Ambulance Centre – a number of Youth Club Trustees and members were in attendance to provide further information on the proposal.

RESOLVED that the Youth Club be given approval to progress the proposal with the relevant authorities e.g. planning, and to consult other Fitz Park users, and report back to a future meeting.

50. Request for Car Parking in Upper Fitz Park

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick Bowling Club for renewal of permission to park adjacent to the tennis hut in Upper Fitz Park. An additional 6 days parking was requested apart from Tuesday afternoons, giving a total of 18 days (not necessarily a Saturday or Sunday). (Derryck Corrigan and Donald Holme were in attendance for this item).

RESOLVED that the request be granted for a further one year period i.e. five spaces for Bowling Club use only, on Tuesday afternoons between 1.45 pm and 4.30 pm and on a maximum of 18 other occasions – dates to be confirmed – during the season (mid April to mid September).

51. Flooding Update

RECEIVED report of the Admin & Finance Officer providing an update on flood damage to Fitz Park, Hope Park and the Townsfield and arrangements for remedial works to include replacement of Knightsbridge and repairs to Wivell footbridge.

Representatives of the sports clubs using Fitz Park were present and Keith Richardson of Keswick Cricket Club expressed his concerns about the repetitive flooding of Fitz Park and club houses and the impact on volunteers and the wider Keswick community. He also advised that he had launched the Keswick Fitz Park Flood Recovery Appeal Fund in the local press and on social media.

RESOLVED

- i) That a Special Trust meeting be held as soon as possible to consider reinstatement of Upper and Lower Fitz Park and measures which might be put in place to mitigate effects of future flood events
- ii) That approval be given to virement of underspends within the 2015/16 budget for Fitz Park to cover costs arising from flood reinstatement works, and the use of the Sinking Fund for this purpose if required
- iii) That delegated authority be given to the Trust Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Councillor Miller to incur necessary expenditure up to £10,000 on flood reinstatement work with a report back to the next available Trust meeting
- iv) That the Town Council be asked to press the relevant agencies to seek better methods of protecting the town from flooding, and which are not at the expense of Fitz Park

52. Draft Budgets 2016-17

RESOLVED that the draft budgets for 2016-17 for Hope and Fitz Parks be approved.

53. Parks Manager's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Parks Manager.

RESOLVED that a vehicle be obtained to replace the flood damaged ATV on the basis of the hire purchase proposal put forward by Lloyd Ltd of Carlisle for a Kubota RTV-400Ci Orange Version.

Councillor Miller left the meeting at 9.10 pm

54. Requests for Use of the Parks

RESOLVED That the following requests for use of Fitz Park be approved on the normal terms for hire of the park:

- (i) Brand Events (Keswick Mountain Festival) – Thursday 19 May 2016 – annual Kids Triathlon
- (ii) West House – 6, 7, 20 or 21 August 2016 – one day 'English Country Garden Party'

Prior to consideration of 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'

55. Contracting

RESOLVED That the letters from Ray Dowding be deferred for consideration following the Special Trust meeting to consider reinstatement of Fitz Park.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman

Date