

FITZ PARK, HOPE PARK & TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Hope Park, Fitz Park & Townsfield Charitable Trusts held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, Keswick, on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Susan Leighton

Councillors

David Burn
Andrew Lysser
Peter Price

Allan Daniels
Duncan Miller
Martin Pugmire

Denstone Kemp
Adam Paxon

Also in attendance were Lynda Walker, Trust Clerk; Keith Brown, Parks Manager; 2 representatives from Keswick Cricket Club; 2 representatives from Keswick Bowling Club and 2 press.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chair expressed condolences for the family of Alistair Birkett who had recently died. The Trust had been grateful for Alistair's help and support during the construction of the BMX Pump Track at Fitz Park and were very sorry to hear of his loss.

56. Apologies

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

57. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

58. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2016 (pages 11 – 12).

59. Flooding Update and Reinstatement Work

The Parks Manager and Trust Clerk gave a verbal update on progress with parks reinstatement work and insurance claims/funding respectively. Consideration was given to the Clerk's report following the Working Group meeting held on 28 January 2016.

RESOLVED that Fitz Park buildings, land and bridges be reinstated on a like for like basis with the exception of the following:

- i) Designs to be drawn up for a replacement for Knightsbridge to take into consideration future flood resilience for consideration at the next Trust meeting
- ii) That the reinstatement of the public tennis courts at Upper Fitz be put on hold for 2016 and the area be returned to grass – to be reviewed at the September Trust meeting
- iii) That Keswick Tennis Club be permitted to reinstate the Club courts at the Club's expense
- iv) That discussions take place with the Tennis Club regarding the future use of the Clubhouse and the installation of a staff facility within the building
- v) That a full survey take place before any reinstatement to embankments and that the Environment Agency be asked for advice on restoration
- vi) That the Pups Shelter remain in situ provided the riverbank can be satisfactorily reinstated at this location
- vii) That the paths in Lower Fitz Park be reinstated in the short/medium term with long term improvements to be sought in consultation with the public

- viii) That no further action be taken regarding the replacement of the workshop at Hope Park with a steel building or the replacement of the staff mess hut, and that the Parks Manager present a new plan for the replacement of these facilities on the existing site of the mess hut/greenhouses which is better able to withstand flooding
At the conclusion of the meeting, Keith Richardson of Keswick Cricket Club made a plea for the Environment Agency and other relevant bodies to be lobbied to take measures to secure the future of Fitz Park and the Sports Clubs located there by reducing the likelihood of future flooding.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Chairman

Date