

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 10th March 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Susan Leighton

Councillors

Martin Jordan
Duncan Miller

Denstone Kemp
Peter Price

Andrew Lysser
Martin Pugmire

Also in attendance were Lynda Walker, Trust Clerk; Elizabeth Barraclough (Friends of Keswick Parks); a representative from Keswick Cricket Club; 2 representatives from Keswick Football Club, and 1 member of the press.

60. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burn, Daniels, Lywood, Paxon and Titley and Keith Brown, Parks Manager.

61. Declarations of Interests

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

62. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Special meeting held on Thursday 4th February 2016 (pages 13 – 14).

63. Chairman's Report

RECEIVED the Chairman's report.

64. Sensory Garden – Wivell Park

Elizabeth Barraclough gave an update on behalf of the Friends of Keswick Parks on fundraising, work planning and proposed future maintenance of the Sensory Garden for Wivell Park. A suggestion that the designer be asked to attend the next Trust meeting was agreed.

RESOLVED:

- i) That approval be granted for the work to start in May and for the use of stone from the river
- ii) That future maintenance of the area be undertaken by Parks staff following project completion.

65. Flooding Update

RECEIVED report of the Administration & Finance Officer. The Clerk explained that unfortunately designs for the replacement of Knightsbridge had not been received in time for the meeting. Brenda and Jimmy Little, representing Keswick Football Club, raised a number of issues which could not be addressed in the absence of the Parks Manager. It was agreed to hold a meeting of Park Users as soon as possible to update on progress of flood reinstatement work and to answer any questions from the Clubs.

66. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Town Council be requested to give approval for Financial Regulations to be waived to enable the Sensory Garden project to proceed on the basis of the one quotation received.

67. Parks Manager's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Parks Manager.

68. Budget Comparisons

RECEIVED for information the 3rd quarter's budget comparisons.

69. Grass Tennis Courts, Upper Fitz

Consideration was given to a letter from Keswick Croquet Club expressing interest in the area of the public grass tennis courts for use by the Club on a permanent basis as two full sized croquet lawns.

RESOLVED that the request be deferred for consideration at the September Trust meeting when the future use of of the public grass courts area would be reviewed.

It was agreed to defer item ii) for consideration with item 12 as this had a direct bearing on the future games provision.

70. Requests for use of the Parks

RESOLVED that the following requests for use of the parks be approved:

- i) Keswick Athletic Club – events in Fitz Park for 2016
- ii) CN Group – the Lakesman Event, Hope Park 19 June 2016 – subject to the organisers accepting full liability for any injuries sustained and carrying out a complete clean-up of the area, including gel packs, after the event. It was further agreed that as this was the first year of the event, a concessionary fee of £400 be charged (a reduction of £100 on the usual charge).
- iii) New Lakes Brass – concerts in Hope Park - subject to any proceeds being shared with the Hope Park Trust

Note: Councillor Jordan raised the issue of the leaking roof of the gazebo which replaced the old aviary and asked that the Parks Manager report back on the possible use and costs of green felt to remedy this.

Prior to the following business the Chairman will move 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'

71. Contracting

Consideration was given to arrangements for games provision in Fitz Park for 2016 in view of the flood damage to the park and the estimated timescale for repair. A request from Keswick Tennis Club to increase the footprint of the courts used by the Club by two metres to meet minimum recommended court size was also considered.

RESOLVED that consideration of the terms of the licence for games and catering provision at Upper Fitz Park for 2016 be deferred to the next meeting when more information would be available regarding the timescale for park reinstatement, and that no decision be made regarding the footprint of the Club courts pending this.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman

Date