

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 Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Susan Leighton

Councillors

David Burn	Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Andrew Lysser	Tony Lywood
Peter Price	Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley

Also in attendance were Lynda Walker, Trust Clerk; Keith Brown, Parks Manager, Catherine Parker, Administration and Finance Officer; Philip Pridmore from Keswick Cricket Club; Ray Dowding of Hope Leisure Ltd; David & Sue Forte of Larry's Lodge.

Prior to the start of the meeting, David & Sue Forte of Larry's Lodge presented the Chair with £250 raised from a Coffee Morning event at their Bed & Breakfast business on Eskin Street. The Chair thanked them for this donation and promised that the funds would be used wisely.

72. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miller and Paxon.

73. Declarations of Interests

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

74. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Trust meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2016 (pages 15 - 16).

75. Chairman's Report

RECEIVED the Chairman's report including an update following the Park Users meeting held on 24th March 2016. The Chair advised that a substantial grant was expected from the joint Rotary/Lions flood appeal fund which would be gratefully received.

76. Parks Manager's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Parks Manager.

77. Flooding Update

Consideration was given to the report of the Administration & Finance Officer including the alternative designs for a replacement footbridge into Fitz Park.

RESOLVED:

- i) Replacement for Knightsbridge - that costings be obtained for design options 2 and 3 with a preference for option 2, costings to include access ramps
- ii) Wivell Bridge – that advice be taken regarding the need to repair the embankment wall before the bridge repair can be undertaken
- iii) Community Sports Area – that the surface be replaced with the Viceroy option or the Viscount if this can be obtained for the same price
- iv) Crosthwaite Road Car Park – that the area be swept and brought back into use as soon as possible and that alternative surfaces also be investigated
- v) That the request from the Bowling Club for a storage container be approved in the location identified.

78. Fitz Park - Prioritisation and Funding of Reinstatement Work

The Clerk gave an update on funding available for reinstatement of Fitz Park and consideration was given to the priorities for work.

RESOLVED

- i) that the funding from the Rotary/Lions flood appeal be used for the reinstatement of Upper Fitz Park with the public tennis and bowling greens to be a priority and that the Clerk seek additional funding for replacement of the tennis nets and fencing
- ii) that approval be given to the request from the Tennis Club to increase the size of their courts to meet LTA recommendations and that the putting course be re-established accordingly

79. Requests for use of the Parks

RECEIVED the following correspondence:

- i) Keswick WI – use of Community Sports Area at Fitz Park 12th June 2016
RESOLVED that the request be approved free of charge subject to the condition of the surface being acceptable
- ii) West House – cancellation of one day festival

Prior to 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’

80. Contracting

RESOLVED

- i) That Ray Dowding’s offer to provide games and catering in Upper Fitz Park in 2016 be accepted and that every effort be made to restore the public tennis and bowling greens by 1st July 2016.
- ii) That the Clerk and Councillors Daniels, Lywood and Miller put the necessary arrangements in place to negotiate the renewal of the lease for Hope Park and report back to the Trust in due course

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman

Date