

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 11th September 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Martin Jordan

Denstone Kemp
Tony Lywood
Paul Titley

Susan Leighton
Duncan Miller

Andrew Lysser
Keith Taylor

Also present was Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), James Hewitt (Head Gardener), Philip Pridmore (Keswick Cricket Club) and one member of the public.

22. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Etherden, Martin Pugmire (holiday), David Burn (work) and Lorraine Taylor.

23. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of Interests in respect of items on this agenda were received from members.

24. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Trust Meeting held on 10th July 2014 (pages 3-4).

25. Trustees Reports and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014

Frances Clark ACA of Keswick Accountants presented the accounts for Hope and Fitz Park Charitable Trusts for 2013-14.

RESOLVED that the Trustees Reports and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014 for Hope Park and Fitz Park be approved for signature. It was further **RESOLVED** that a five year financial forecast for both parks be presented to the next meeting.

It was agreed to bring item 9 (i) forward as there was a member of the public present for this item

26. Wivell Bridge Padlocks

Mr Bill Booth spoke with reference to the letter from former members of Keswick Civic Society concerning the placing of padlocks on Wivell Bridge. As one of the fund raisers for the current bridge, he felt that this should not be allowed as it detracted from the appearance of the bridge and could cause damage.

RESOLVED that the issue be placed on the agenda for reconsideration at the next meeting.

27. Condition of Bridges

RECEIVED Condition reports for Knightsbridge and Wivell Bridge prepared by R G Parkins & Partners Ltd, Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers.

RESOLVED that the contents of the reports be noted and the recommendations be programmed into future work plans and budgets.

28. Parks Safety Inspection Reports

RECEIVED Inspection reports from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) for:

- i) Lower Fitz Park including Play Area, BMX Track, Multi Use Games Area
- ii) Upper Fitz Park
- iii) Hope Park

RESOLVED that the contents of the reports be noted and the recommendations be programmed into future work plans and budgets as appropriate. Further **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the National Trust regarding the poor condition of the boundary wall between Crow Park and Hope Park and asking for it to be repaired.

29. Installation of CCTV at Fitz Park

RECEIVED report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that no action be taken at the present time and that costings be obtained for the provision of lighting in the park.

30. Head Gardeners Report

RECEIVED Head Gardeners report.

RESOLVED that a report comparing the cost of the play sand and bark surface at the Childrens Play Area at Fitz Park with the provision of a wet pour rubber impact surface be submitted to the next meeting.

31. Correspondence

RECEIVED a request from Ben Jones of B-Smart Fitness for the use of an area of Fitz Park for a series of free fitness sessions over 4 weeks.

RESOLVED that the request be approved subject to agreement on the area to be used.

Prior to the following business the Chairman moved the following resolution:

'That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable that the public and/or press be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw'

32. Request for Memorial

RESOLVED that consideration be given to a more appropriate way of recognising the contribution made to the town.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm



Chairman

27.11.14

Date