

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, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on Thursday 27th November 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Martin Pugmire

Councillors		
David Burn	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Andrew Lysser	Duncan Miller
Keith Taylor	Lorraine Taylor	

Also present were Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), Catherine Howe (Admin & Finance Officer) and James Hewitt (Head Gardener)

33. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Etherden, Lywood and Titley (holiday).

34. Declarations of Interests

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

35. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2014 (pages 5 – 6).

Prior to the following business the Chairman moved the resolution:

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

36. Contracting - Hope Park

Ray Dowding and Steve Harwood were present for this item.

RESOLVED that the proposals for the use of the former Plant Centre at Hope Park and to extend the paving outside the café area be approved.

37. Contracting - Fitz Park

Ray Dowding was present for this item. Consideration was given to the issues raised in the letter previously circulated including arrangements for games provision at Fitz Park during 2015.

RESOLVED that the licence to Ray & Sandra Dowding to operate the games and catering at Fitz Park be extended for a further year to cover the 2015 season. It was further **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the Chair of Keswick Museum and Art Gallery Ltd asking for an assurance that the agreement for the toilets in the café at the museum to be available for all park users would be complied with at all times.

Councillor Lysser joined the meeting at this point.

38. Grass Cutting Tender 2015-2018

The Admin & Finance officer reported on tenders received for the grass cutting contract for Fitz Park, Townsfield and Wivell Park for 2015-2018.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to negotiate the terms of the tender in consultation with the Chairman, and report back to the next meeting.

The press and public were re-admitted to the meeting.

39. Fitz Park Sports Pavilion

Steve Harwood was present for this item.

Consideration was given to a proposal from Keswick Cricket and Athletic Clubs for an extension to the pavilion in lower Fitz Park together with lighting for the path leading to the building. (Steve Harwood was present for this item).

RESOLVED that the proposal to extend the Sports Pavilion be approved and that authority be given for a planning application to be submitted.

40. Five Year Financial Forecast for Hope and Fitz Parks

Frances Clark ACA of Keswick Accountants presented a five year financial forecast for Hope and Fitz Parks.

RESOLVED that consideration be given at the next meeting to making provision for a grant from surpluses at Hope Park to Fitz Park to address the lack of reserves.

41. Friends of the Parks - Proposed Sensory Garden

Consideration was given to a proposal from Friends of the Parks to provide a Sensory Garden on the Wivell Park area which would be funded by a donation.

RESOLVED that the proposals be approved in principle.

42. Wivell Bridge – Padlocks

In accordance with Standing Order 12 written notice had been received from three members of the Council of a special resolution to rescind Minute No. 16 'that no objection be raised to the placing of such items (i.e. padlocks) on Wivell Bridge but that the situation be monitored'.

RESOLVED that Minute No. 16 be rescinded.

43. Trustee Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014 – the Townsfield

RESOLVED that the Trustee's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014 for the Townsfield be approved.

44. Draft Budgets for 2015-16

RESOLVED that the draft budgets for Hope and Fitz Parks for 2015-16 be approved subject to confirmation of the charge for administration following approval of the Town Council's budget.

45. Hope Park & Fitz Park Budgets – 2nd quarter

RECEIVED for information the 2nd quarter budget comparisons.

46. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED:

1. that the request from the Bowling Club for parking adjacent to the tennis hut in Upper Fitz Park be granted on a trial basis for one year subject to the following:
 - i) Five spaces for Bowling Club use only on Tuesday afternoons between 1.45pm and 4.30 pm and on a maximum of 12 occasions on either a Saturday or Sunday afternoon (dates to be confirmed) during the season (mid April to mid September)
 - ii) Bowling Club to provide a suitable surface to protect the tree roots and grass in agreement with the Head Gardener at the Club's expense
 - iii) Satisfactory insurance arrangements to be in place with any additional costs to be met by the Club
2. that no further action be taken regarding the surface of Wivell Bridge as it was considered that the anti-slip paint already applied provided a satisfactory non-slip coating and no issues had been highlighted in the recent ROSPA inspection.

47. Head Gardeners Report

RECEIVED the Head Gardener's report.

RESOLVED that the proposal to demolish the old aviary at Hope Park and replace it with a wooden shelter be approved at an estimated total cost of £8,000, to be funded from general reserves.

48. Requests for Use of Fitz Park

RESOLVED that the following requests for use of Fitz Park be approved subject to the standard charges and terms and conditions:

- (i) Keswick Mountain Festival Schools Triathlon 14 May 2015
- (ii) Lakeland Trails – 6 September 2015
- (iii) Rivers Ride – either 12/13 or 26/27 September 2015 (date tbc)
- (iv) Lakeland Monster Miles – 3 & 4 October 2015

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Chairman

Dated