

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 9th January 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Duncan Miller

Councillors		
David Burn	David Etherden	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Andrew Lysser	Keith Taylor
Lorraine Taylor	Paul Titley	

Also present were Keith Richardson and Philip Pridmore of Keswick Cricket club, Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk) and James Hewitt (Head Gardener).

55. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jordan (holiday), Lysser (holiday), Lywood (holiday) and Pugmire (illness).

56. Declarations of Interests

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

57. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2013 (pages 8 -10).

58. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a verbal report covering issues relating to the new BMX Pump track at Fitz Park and a request from Keswick Cricket Club for drainage work to be carried out to prevent the accumulation of water to the rear of the practice nets near the pavilion. It was agreed that it would help all park users if this problem could be alleviated and it was **RESOLVED** that £4,000 be allocated for drainage work from underspends on the current year's budget.

59. Budgets for 2014-15

RESOLVED that the draft budgets for Hope Park and Fitz Park for the next financial year be approved.

60. Budget Comparisons

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

61. Memorials at Fitz Park

Councillor Burn put forward a suggestion on behalf of Councillor Lywood for the old wall opposite the entrance to the children's play area at Fitz Park to become a 'memorial wall' on which brass or slate plaques could be placed. The wall was felt to be unsuitable for a number of reasons and alternative suggestions were put forward for consideration.

62. Request for use of Fitz Park – Scruffs Event

A request was considered from the organising committee of the Keswick Festival to stage a 'Scruffs' event on Sunday 22nd June 2014 in Fitz Park.

RESOLVED that the request be approved.

63. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that a firm price be obtained to carve the tree stump at Fitz Park into a seat and that sponsorship be sought to cover the costs.

64. Head Gardener's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Head Gardener.

RESOLVED that a utility vehicle be purchased as recommended to be funded from any remaining underspend on the current year's budget supplemented from the Development & Equipment Fund.

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'

65. Contracting

Consideration was given to a request from Hope Leisure Ltd.

RESOLVED that the request be approved subject to the final design being agreed by the Chair and Clerk.

66. Contracting

RECEIVED report of Clerk.

RESOLVED that the public bowling green at Lower Fitz be made available to the games operator for the 2014 season and that the Croquet Club be advised to negotiate direct with the games operator regarding use of part of the green.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Chairman

Date