

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.00pm.

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Present:

Chairman  
Councillor Duncan Miller

Councillors		
David Etherden	Martin Jordan	Denstone Kemp
Susan Leighton	Tony Lywood	Martin Pugmire
Keith Taylor	Paul Titley	

Also present were Richard Foster (Carlisle Leisure), Elizabeth Barraclough (Friends of the Keswick Parks), Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk) and James Hewitt (Head Gardener).

**67. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burn (holiday), Lysser (illness) and L Taylor (illness).

**68. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (pages 11 - 12).

**69. Declarations of Interests**

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

**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 was advisable that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw'.*

**70. Proposed additional activities at Fitz Park**

Richard Foster of Carlisle Leisure Ltd was in attendance to provide information on preferred sites for proposed additional commercial activities at Fitz Park from 2015.

**RESOLVED** that detailed financial information and a draft Heads of Terms be submitted to the next meeting.

**71. Crosthwaite Road Car Park**

**RECEIVED** the report of Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that a two year agreement to operate the Crosthwaite Road car park be entered into with Parking Services UK on the terms outlined in their submission with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

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

**72. Keswick in Bloom/Friends of Keswick Parks**

Consideration was given to a report from Elizabeth Barraclough on current and proposed projects at Keswick Underpass, Hope and Fitz Parks. An offer of planting at the Crosthwaite Road entrance to Fitz Park had been received from a local resident but there were concerns regarding the long term maintenance of the area. It was suggested that 2/3 ornamental trees which required no maintenance should be provided and Elizabeth Barraclough agreed to go back to the residents with this suggestion. The Group were keen to progress the establishment of a path into the NE end of Fitz Park to link with the rest of the park's path network, and also to create a Sensory Garden but would need support to access external funding for this.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to the construction of a hard core surfaced path with edging at Fitz Park as proposed by the Friends of the Parks.

**73. Chairman's Report**

**RECEIVED** a verbal report from the Chairman including a request from Keswick Tourism Association for a banner placement on the railings by the wishing well at Hope Park promoting keswick.org. He also thanked County Councillor Lysser in his absence for securing a £200 grant from Borrowdale Parish Council towards the play area at Fitz Park, and advised that he would be standing down as Trust Chair at the Annual Trust meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) that approval be granted to the placement of a banner promoting keswick.org on the railings behind the wishing well at Hope Park subject to Keswick Tourism Association being responsible for obtaining any necessary consents
- ii) that a letter be sent to all other parishes in the Derwent 7 area to advise them of the grant made by Borrowdale Parish Council and asking them to consider making a similar donation to Fitz Park.

**74. Head Gardener's Report**

**RECEIVED** the Head Gardener's report.

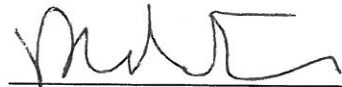
**75. Clerk's Report**

**RECEIVED** the Clerk's report.

**76. Requests for use of Fitz Park**

A request from Keswick YHA to use Fitz Park for a Sportive event on 7 September 2014 was approved on the standard terms and conditions of hire.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm



Chairman

22 May 2014

Date