FITZ PARK, HOPE PARK & TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUSTS

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2nd November 2017

A meeting of the following Charitable Trusts will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick, on **Thursday 9th November 2017 at <u>7.30pm</u>**.

The press and public are welcome to attend.

Yours faithfully

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Lynda Walker Town Clerk

HOPE PARK	Registered Charity	503465
FITZ PARK	Registered Charity	520327
TOWNSFIELD	Registered Charity	520295

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interests

To receive any declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

3. Minutes

To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14^{th} September 2017 (pages 6 – 7).

4. Chairman's Report

To receive the Chairman's report.

5. Clerk's Report

To consider the Clerk's report.

6. Parks Manager's Report

To consider the report of the Parks Manager.

7. Proposed Donation Box - Hope Park

To receive an update from Councillor Lywood.

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

To receive for information the 2nd quarter budget comparisons.

9. Correspondence/Requests for use of the Parks

To consider the following correspondence:

- (i) Wayne Wright dog fouling in Fitz Park
- (ii) Lakeland Trails request for use of Fitz Park on 1st September 2018

- (iii) Active Cumbria request for free use of Fitz Park for Cumbria School Games Go Tri Festival on Friday 29th June 2018 from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm
- (iv) Rather be Cycling Events request for use of Fitz Park on Friday 12th October 2018 (set up), Saturday 13th October 2018 (open day) and Sunday 14th October 2018 (Monster Miles event)
- (v) Keswick Town Council Events Committee request for use of Fitz Park for Proms in the Park on Saturday 30th June 2018 and Scruffs on Sunday 1st July 2018 together with closure of the Multi Use Games Area from 3pm on Saturday 30th June and all day on Sunday 1st July 2018.

Prior to the following business the Chairman will move the following resolution:

'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'

- Contracting New Equipment Store and Staff Accommodation Buildings at Hope Park/Knightsbridge
 To receive an update on progress from Steve Harwood.
- Contracting Hope Park Lease Renewal
 To consider letter from Hope Leisure Ltd.
- 12. Contracting Crosthwaite Road Car Park
 To review the arrangements for management of Crosthwaite Road car park (referred from July 2017 meeting).

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 14th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman Councillor Duncan Miller

Councillors

David Burn

Allan Daniels

Martin Jordan

Denstone Kemp

Susan Leighton

Tony Lywood

Martin Pugmire

Paul Titley

Also in attendance were Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager), Steve Harwood (ADK Architects) and Keith Richardson (Keswick Cricket Club).

32. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kendall (work) and Paxon (work).

33. Declarations of Interests

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

34. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Trust Meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2017 (pages 3-5) as amended.

35. Chairman's Report

Councillor Miller gave a verbal report thanking Keswick Football Club for their contribution from the proceeds of their car park at Fitz Park. He also praised the new steel rail which had been placed around the War Memorial and advised that he would be attending a workshop in Carlisle in October. Finally, he thanked Councillors for their input to the new information boards at Knight's Bridge acknowledging the impact of Storm Desmond and thanking everyone who had contributed to the recovery of the Park.

36. Signage Project – Fitz Park

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

Keith Richardson gave further details regarding progress on the project to provide five fixed signs depicting Fitz Park's principal attractions and a 22 yard banner giving a timeline history of the park. It was hoped that the signs would be in place by the start of the 2018 season. It was agreed that the artwork should be approved by the Clerk, the Parks Manager and the Chair prior to circulation to Trustees.

37. Proposed Donation Box – Hope Park

Councillor Lywood advised that an offer had been put forward by a local company to construct a slate structure at Hope Park which could be used as a donation box. Initial discussions had taken place including Hope Leisure Ltd.

RESOLVED that further discussions on the project be authorised and that a report be brought to the next meeting.

38. Parks Manager's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Parks Manager.

RESOLVED that an urgent site meeting take place to include the Parks Manager, Vice Chair and Steve Harwood, to assess the need for mesh on some open sections of the handrails on the new Knight's Bridge, and that the Clerk be authorised to issue an order for any work deemed necessary.

39. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Trust Clerk including notification of Steve Harwood's impending retirement from practice and intention to cease trading as ADK Architects on 30th September 2017. Councillors thanked Steve for all his valuable assistance to Keswick parks over many years and wished him well in his retirement.

Prior to the following business the Chairman moved the resolution:

'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'

40. Contracting:

New Equipment Store and Staff Accommodation Buildings - Hope Park

Final Costs - Knight's Bridge

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the recommendations in the report be approved and the new buildings at Hope Park be funded as follows:

Hope Park Building Fund £101,149

Hope Park free reserves £15,988

Development and Equipment Fund £20,553

It was further **RESOLVED** that £2,530 be transferred from the Fitz Park Sinking Fund to cover additional costs relating to Knight's Bridge.

41. Staffing

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm		
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	Date	

KESWICK PARKS CHARITABLE TRUSTS 9 NOVEMBER 2017

CLERK'S REPORT

Parks Budgets Meeting

A useful discussion took place on 1st November attended by seven trustees which covered the Council's role and responsibilities in relation to Hope and Fitz Park, maintenance work required at the parks and associated funding needs, and possible future funding strategies. The discussions will inform the preparation of next year's draft budgets for each of the parks, which will come to the Trust for approval in due course.

Proposed new banner and signs for Fitz Park

Keith Richardson is keeping me informed of progress on the new signs and banner for Fitz Park. He is working with artist Paul Wilmott and believes they have created something which is really attractive, distinctive, informative and different which will attract a lot of interest. They are conscious that what is produced needs to be able to stand the test of time and will not include any aspect of the park and area that might disappear in the foreseeable future. The information base on the map has also been widened to include important landmarks in the vicinity e.g. the Leisure Pool, the park run on the old railway line and the Keswick Hotel. A completed map will be brought to a Trust meeting in due course following consultation with myself, the Parks Manager, the Chair and Vice Chair on a final draft as previously agreed.

Parks Events - Bookings Diary

Following discussion at a recent Events Committee meeting about ways of sharing information about events affecting the town, I have attached a copy of the diary of events for which the parks have been booked for 2017 and 2018. I will include an up to date version with my report to each Trust meeting.

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Parks Manager Report Nov 2017

Christine Fawcett

The wet weather in September and October has been a pain to say the least and progress in all the Parks has been hampered due to the wet conditions. Thanks must go to the parks staff for their hard work and the ongoing support of the three ladies within the office of Keswick Town Council.

Hope Park

The pitch & putt and putting areas have responded well to the autumn maintenance and the grass sward looks good and healthy for the time of year. The greens have had an application of autumn fertilizer and have been aeriated.

A new drain has been dug to the ninth tee to help reduce the surface water in that area and remove the water from the blocked drain, which was bubbling up onto the fairway. However another problem has arisen with the culvert which runs across the park. After a meeting with Andrew Harrison from County Highways he agreed to jet wash the road side culvert beside the toilets as residents have issues with the flooding of their basements after heavy rain. At this point in time there seems to be a blockage under the paving of Hope Park Café and trenches are being dug by hand to locate this problem, unfortunately if the blockage is on our land I have been informed it is

our responsibility to repair it and I have the feeling it will not be cheap, or a quick fix!

Another drain has been dug to reduce water on the woodland footpath and we have begun the process of widening the footpath to allow access for the tractor. This widening will not only improve public access for wheelchairs and push chairs but also allow us to move more freely throughout the park.



The summer bedding has now been removed and the winter polyanthus is now being planted along with tulips for a spring show of colour.

The yew hedges have now been cut back and we will begin pruning the remaining hedges shortly.



The new buildings are under way and Mike Fell is really getting on with the job. Despite having to do more to the foundations than expected he hopes to be finished within the timescale quoted.

The heavy rain we received in October highlighted the drainage problems we have here in Hope Park, as the surface water spilled out onto the fairway.



Townsfield

This area has been cut for the final time by our contractor. The wall repair is on-going and quotes are being obtained.

War Memorial

The new wreath rail has been fitted and as agreed at the last trust meeting cost £250.00



Lower Fitz Park

The play area has had various parts replaced to pieces of equipment including the Hawaii multi-play and the Spinning bowl. Any areas showing signs of wear are also in the process of being sanded down and re-painted to meet the ROSPA standards.

The play area footpath has been widened to 2 metres and boarded on either side by staff in preparation for Wilsons Plant to tarmac it. This will be a great improvement not only to the users of the play area but also to us when we have to renew sand and bark to the area as we can gain access with vehicles and not have to rely on a dry spell of weather to avoid damaging grassed areas. Even with us doing the preparation work, the tarmac will cost £4000.00. Quotes were also obtained for other materials including tiger track, made from recycled plastics (£8500.00) and wet pour recycled rubber (£5200.00) both quotes did not include site preparation.

Knight's Bridge opening went well and the new signs have created lots of interest.





The small soil border in front of the ramp has been planted with various herbaceous perennials including Rudbeckia *filgida* and Alchemilla *mollis*. Bulbs have been kindly provided by Keswick Lions and include Narcissus and Chionodoxa.

Steve Harwood is in contact with MPM to repair the path damage and reinstate the grass areas. Steve and I have had several site meetings to try and move this forward however the subcontractors seem to have various excuses and it is very frustrating from our side that nothing seems to be done for long periods of time. Weather windows have come and gone and it's now too late to sow grass seed.

Philip Mackereth has been approached to carry out the additional work to the railings on the footpath to Knightsbridge.

The footpath to the car park has now been resurfaced with tarmac and is a fantastic improvement.





MUGA Lights

The lights to the MUGA still have not been fixed; trying to get all contractors together at one time has been very difficult. Wayne Cartmell now believes the problem is in the upper part of the lights and would like a platform to lift him up. Several attempts have been made to Mike Graham to hire his platform but with no luck. This piece of equipment will not be cheap to hire or operate and I fear out of our budget.

The budget for CSA is currently £530.00

The Contingency budget has had various hits already. How far does the trust wish to go to fix these lights?

Upper Fitz Park

Summer games have come to a close and work has been carried out on the fine turfed areas. Greta Garden Services have pro-cored the bowling green, lower putting green and public tennis courts as agreed at the last Trust meeting. The bowling green and public tennis courts have been over seeded and three ton of 60/40 top dressing applied by myself to aid drainage and lighten the soil.

Soil testing has been carried out by Sheriff Amenity again and we are seeing improvements in the soil Ph and the release of phosphates. Phosphates in some parts of the park are currently locked in the soil due to lack of calcium and other trace elements. The autumn fertilizer that has been applied has been chosen to release this phosphate where needed. As I have highlighted before this will take a number of years to get right but it is encouraging to see a step in the right direction.

Weeding of shrub borders is under way and the hedges at Crosthwaite Road and Wivell Bridge have been cut back.

HOPE PARK

Budget 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

Budget Summary as at 30th September 2017

2nd Quarter

	AGREED			
	Budget for	Expenditure	% of budget	
Expenditure:	17/18	to 30.09.17	spent	
Games Areas Equipment	500	394	78.80	
Tools	1250	1042	83.36	
Materials	1500	889	59.27	
Maintenance	1000	867	86.70	
Repairs - Paths/fences	2500	339	13.56	
Repairs - Buildings	1200	290	24.17	
Repairs - Course	500	18	3.60	
Repairs - Machinery	1000	198	19.80	
Repairs - Van service/repairs	500	225	45.00	
Fuel and licences	3250	1227	37.75	
Plants & Compost	3000	2034	67.80	
Trees and shrubs	300	0	0.00	
Fertilisers	650	559	86.00	-
Electricity and heating oil	1200			
Water rates	270	4	1.48	
Wages (Gardeners)	36487	16815	46.08	1
Wages (Management) + See budget adjustment below	32882	20499	62.34	
Admin and on costs	24550		45.50	
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Insurance	3600			pending
Telephone	375			
Advertising - Including Staff Recruitment	600			l
Trade Refuse Collection	680			
Training costs	700			
Workwear	1100	181		
Equipment	400			4
Audit Fee & Accounts Preparation	800			4
Bird/squirrel feeding station	500			4
Printing and stationery	50			4
Contingency	1500			4
Health and Safety	700			-
Computer equipment	200		0.00	4
Web & Internet Costs	75		0.00	4
Tree Work & Surveys	2000		0.00	4
Professional Fees	1500			4
Signs Expense	500			-1
Drainage (filling) work to fairway	500	0	0.00	-
Contribution to D&E Fund	5100	510	0 100.00	HP agree Kubota's
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	13341	9 6728	1 50.43	1

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Income:	Budget 17/18	30.09.17	
Games, Golf Hut & Café - Lease/Licence	162000	138810	85.69
Bank interest	5	0	0.00
Donations & Money Spinner	300	169	56.33
Building Fund interest	10	0	0.00
Bird/Squirrel Feed Station Donations	200	220	110.00
Keswick Lions	250	0	0.00
Hire of Park	0	550	0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	162765	139749	85.86

SURPLUS/deficit	29346	72468
Wages (Management) - Budget Adjustment	10520	0
SURPLUS/DEFICIT - After adjustment	18826	72468

Development & Equipment Fund - Expenditure Required 2017/2018	AGREED Budget for 17/18	Expenditure to 30.09.17	% of budget spent
Change Iseki (as 10 years old)	4650	4650	100
Kubota's (HP over 5 years £4,868.76 per year)	5100	2840	55.69
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FITZ PARK

1st April 2017 - 31st March 2018

Budget Summary as at 30th September 2017

2nd Quarter

	AGREED Budget	Expenditure	% of budget	
xpenditure:	for 17/18	to 30.09.17	spent	
Materials	2000	1248	62.40	
Games Equipment - Including CSA	200	170	85.00	
Repairs - Paths, fences & walls	3000	0	0.00	
Repairs - Buildings	1000	742	74.20	
Repairs - Greens and courts	1000	738	73.80	
Repairs & Maintenance - children's play area	6000	1912	31.87	
Repairs - Bridges (Wivell & Knights)	250	0	0.00	
Frade refuse	750	0	0.00	
Plants, trees & shrubs - plant material	1200	621	51.75	
Fertiliser	1000	879	87.90	
Electricity	850	361	42.47	
CSA Electricity	400	21	5.25	
CSA Expenditure	600		11.50	
Water Rates	550	118	21.45	
Wages, NI & SA (Management) + see below	8221	5125	62.34	
Wages, NI & SA (Gardener & Maintenance)	41885	20724	49.48	
Grass cutting - outside contract	8000	8000	100.00	
Admin and on costs	24550	11171	45.50	
Insurance	6000	4429.09		Adjustme Pending
Advertising & Staff Recruitment	600	554	92.33	
Car park expenses	5000	5965		
Audit fee & Accounts Preparation	800	0	0.00	
Tools	300	299		
Health and Safety	300	76	25.33	
Printing & Stationery	50	0	0.00	
Sinking Fund	10000			
Hygiene Contract	75			
Signs Expense (not including Market Town Grant - see fund)	300			
Tree Work	3500			
Workwear	500			
Contingency	4000			
Professional Fees	250			
Maintenance	1500			
BMX Track Expenditure	1000			
Collection Box Upgrade - Play Area	1300			
Training	500			
Repairs - Machinery		294		
Bank charges		138	0.00	
Total Expenditure:	13743	1 76015.09	55.31	

Income:	AGREED Budget for 17/18	Income to 30.09.17	% of budget income
Licence Fee - Games & Catering	1000	0	0.00
New Car park income	20000	13140	65.70
Wayleaves	33	33	100.00
Insurance Reimbursements	1200	1189	99.08
Hire of Fitz Park	3500	1858	53.09
Donations	100	65	65.00
Tennis Club - Licence Agreement	150	1250	833.33
Football Club - Lease	1000	1000	100.00
Car Park Levy - Football Club	4000	7583	189.58
CSA Electricity	300	0	0.00
Play Area Donations	250	596	238.40
BMX Track Donations	50	0	0.00
Bank interest & Loyatly reward	0	44	0.00
Total Income:	31583	26758	84.72
NET EXPENDITURE DEFICIT	-105848	-49257.09	46.54
Wages (Management) - Budget Adjustment- FROM RESERVES	2630		0.00

NET EXPENDITURE DEFICIT - After budget adjustment

-108478

-49257.09

45.41



Linda Walker Town Council Clerk Council Offices 50 Main Street Keswick CA12 5JS

Dear Mrs Walker,

Further to our telephone conversation on the 19th of September 2017, I would be grateful if you could bring the issue of dog fouling and the problems caused when dog owners fail to clean up their mess to the attention of the trustees, councillors of Fitz park and all town councillors at the next meeting.

As I mentioned in our conversation, I walk through Fitz park twice a day, on a daily basis and I never fail to notice dog walkers, in particular those with their pets off the lead failing to pick up after their dogs have fouled the parks, pathways, playing fields and embankments. Owners who let their dog off the lead deliberately stride out with their head in the air knowingly oblivious to their dogs offloading behind them. We cannot continue ignoring this appalling behaviour as it is a health hazard to the children who play in the parks and playing fields. It is my opinion that signs should be placed at all entrances into Fitz park stating that all dogs must be kept on a lead. Hopefully this notice will help to reduce the numbers of those who knowingly refuse to pick up after the pet.

Throughout my years of walking Fitz park, those who fail to pick up after their pets, who have their dog off the lead, outnumber those who have their dog on a lead by 50 to 1. With the signs in place, the general public, including myself, will have the confidence to confront the dog owners who blatantly choose to let their pets run free to vandalise the entire park, as the signs will stand in our defence. If signs stating dogs must be on a lead can contribute to reduce half of the dog fouling that is left behind each day, then we will have contributed a huge amount to the health of all who visit our parks as well as the huge numbers who use the playing fields and facilities for outdoor sports.

I am sure that this is the way forward and will benefit the entire community. With our town now being part of a world heritage site, it is important that we are seen to be intolerant to this mindless behaviour, in our attempt to preserve our towns status.

Yours sincerely, Wayne Wright Keswick, Cumbria



Inspiring Races in Beautiful Places

7th September 2017

Dear Fitz & Hope Park Trustees,

Many thanks for your support, on behalf of the organising team involved in the successful 12th anniversary Lakeland Trails event held in Fitz Park, Keswick on 2nd September.

We have had nothing but praise and good feedback from the day, despite the torrential rain, and without your support, the event would not have been such a success.

The event has so far raised over £5000.00 for various charities including Nurture Lakeland's Fix the Fells. We presented a cheque for £550 to Keswick Mountain Rescue at our Prize Giving Ceremony on the day, which will be put towards their base extension.

We look forward to working with you again for next year's Lakeland Trails event in Keswick scheduled for 1st September 2018, and would once again request permission to use Fitz Park as the event venue.

Kind Regards,

Phil Blaylock

Operations and Event Manager

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Go od Morning

I hope you can help me or guide me to the right person.

Cumbria School Games have been in existence for a number of years. One thing the Organising Committee has been keen to do is to introduce more events aimed specifically at secondary school students therefore we have agreed to hold a Year7&8 Go Tri Festival hopefully in Keswick on Friday 29 June 2018 from 10.30am set up with the event starting at 12noon and finishing around 3.00pm.

I would like to seek permission to use some of the venues/areas listed below:

Swimming would take place at Keswick Pools – I have made contact and booked the pool Cycling would take place at the old railway line Running would take place at Fitz Park (around the cricket ground)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Jackie Hayhow

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