

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 12th July 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Adam Paxon

	Councillors	
David Burn	Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan
Denstone Kemp	Susan Leighton	Tony Lywood
Duncan Miller	Jean Murray	

Also in attendance were Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager) and Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer).

24. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kendall (work), Pugmire (hospital) and Titley (holiday).

25. Declarations of Interests

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

26. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 24th May 2018 (pages 1 – 3).

It was agreed to bring item 8 on the agenda forward - the current President of Keswick Lions Club was present for this item.

27. Knight's Bridge Roundel

Further to Minute no. 21 ii) of the meeting held in July 2017, the placing of the Lions Club roundel on Knight's Bridge was reviewed. Consideration was given to the representations received from residents on this matter. The Clerk advised that the advertising consent granted by the Lake District National Park Authority was for a period not in excess of five years from the decision date of 6th October 2017.

RESOLVED that approval be granted for the 'Lions' roundel to remain on Knight's bridge until the expiry of the advertising consent i.e. 5th October 2022.

It was agreed to bring item 5 on the agenda forward – Frances Clark of Keswick Accountants was present for this item.

28. Trustee Reports and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018

Frances Clark of Keswick Accountants gave an outline of the financial position of both Hope and Fitz Parks as at the end of the last financial year. The Responsible Financial Officer presented the report for the Townsfield.

RESOLVED that the Trustee Reports and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018 for Hope Park, Fitz Park and the Townsfield be approved and signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed to bring item 14 on the agenda forward – Ben Challis of Keswick Football Club was present for this item.

29. Request from Keswick Football Club

Consideration was given to a proposal from Keswick Football Club to increase the use of the Clubhouse for community functions and as a day time café which would provide toilet facilities for park users. Concern was expressed regarding the proximity of the Clubhouse to Keswick Hospital and possible noise disturbance.

RESOLVED that approval be granted to amend the current lease to widen the permitted use for a period of three years as requested and that all legal fees be met by the Football Club.

30. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the parks' staff on behalf of Keswick Tennis Club for the high standard of maintenance of the grass courts at Upper Fitz Park. He also advised that the grant application to United Utilities Legacy Fund for a wildlife area and water feature in Hospital Field had been unsuccessful but further efforts would be made to secure the necessary funding.

31. Proposed Memorial Coppice

The Parks Manager recommended that a single tree be planted in Fitz Park to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the first World War and the Keswick men who lost their lives in the conflict as a large number of trees would incur maintenance work and expenditure in the future. Councillor Daniels put forward a proposal by local schools to bury a time capsule in the park which was welcomed.

RESOLVED that a single oak tree be planted in a suitable setting on a site to be agreed.

32. Proposed Donation Box at Hope Park

Councillor Lywood gave further detail about the proposed donation box to be provided by Honister Slate Mine for Hope Park. The Parks Manager suggested it be located at the entrance to Lady Hope's Garden.

RESOLVED that the proposed design be approved and that a site meeting take place to agree the position of the donation box at Hope Park.

33. Charges for parking at Crosthwaite Road Car Park

At the request of Councillors Lywood and Murray, consideration was given to reducing the cost of an annual permit at the Trust's car park to £100 p.a. with an option to pay £10 per month, to increase take up of the permit scheme which was currently very low.

RESOLVED that parking permits for the Crosthwaite Road car park be made available at a cost of £10 per month or £100 if a full 12 month period is purchased.

34. Parks Manager's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Parks Manager.

35. Keswick Museum – Toilets at Fitz Park

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick Museum for a contribution towards the costs of maintaining the toilets within the Museum café in view of their use by park visitors.

RESOLVED that the request be declined as Fitz Park Charitable Trust is unable to make grants to other organisations.

36. Requests for use of the Parks

Consideration was given to the following requests for the use of the parks:

- i) Outdoor Fitness Classes in Hope Park and Fitz Park – no objection
- ii) 10 Peaks The Lakes (Ourea Events) – Crosthwaite Road car park provisional booking for exclusive use Friday 21st June, Saturday 22nd June and until midday Sunday 23rd June 2019
RESOLVED that approval be granted – charge to be made £800 plus VAT
- iii) Lakesman – Hire of Hope Park for the event on Sunday 16th June 2019
RESOLVED that approval be granted – standard charge of £500 plus VAT
- iv) Lakesman – Crosthwaite Road car park exclusive use from 5pm Friday 14th June until 10am on Monday 17th June 2019
RESOLVED that approval be granted – charge to be made £800 plus VAT
- v) RSPB – placing a small gazebo in Lower Fitz Park to promote the charity -14th August 2018 – no objection.

Note – agenda item requested for next meeting to review hire charges for the use of the parks.

37. Grass cutting at Lower Fitz Park

Consideration was given to a request from a member of the public for the grass between the tall trees and the old railway line at the north end of Fitz Park to be cut in August only to allow the wild flowers to seed themselves. The Parks Manager expressed some practical concerns about this and advised that there are already such areas in Fitz Park.

RESOLVED that a 'fringe' be left in this area in 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Chairman

Date