

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, Keswick, on Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Adam Paxon

	Councillors		
David Burn	Allan Daniels	Martin Jordan	
Denstone Kemp	Graham Kendall	Susan Leighton	
Duncan Miller	Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley	

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

38. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lywood and Murray (holiday).

39. Declarations of Interests

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

40. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Trust Meeting held on 12th July 2018 (pages 4-6).

41. Chairman's Report

No report was submitted.

42. Proposed Outdoor Gym at Fitz Park

Following previous discussions, Councillor Titley advised that he had now submitted a bid to the United Utilities Legacy Fund for a grant to provide an Outdoor Gym at Fitz Park. The preferred site was along the side of the Community Sports Area facing Station Road. A decision was due on 19th September 2018.

43. Hire Charges for use of the Parks

The current conditions for the use of the parks were reviewed.

RESOLVED that no change be made to the current charges but that the wording in paragraph 4 regarding the requirement for a bond be amended as follows: 'The Trust will require payment of a bond but this requirement may be waived at the Trust's discretion'.

44. Parks Manager's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager. Councillor Miller suggested that the putting green at Hope Park should be improved and made more 'interesting' and agreed to work with the Parks Manager to put together a proposal and costings for consideration at a meeting early in 2019.

45. Merger of Charities

The report of the Clerk was considered and a lengthy discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of merging Hope and Fitz Park Charitable Trusts.

RESOLVED that no action be taken at present.

46. Budget Comparisons

RECEIVED for information the 1st quarter's budget comparisons.

47. Knight's Bridge & Wivell Bridge – Additional Insurance Premium

The Responsible Financial Officer advised that the increased valuations of Knight's Bridge and Wivell Bridge would result in an overspend of £650 on the current year's insurance budget to effect immediate additional cover.

RESOLVED that an overspend of £650 be approved on the current year's insurance budget resulting from the increase in sum insured for Wivell and Knight's bridges.

48. Requests for use of the Parks

Consideration was given to the following requests for the use of Fitz Park:

- i) Schools Triathlon Thursday 16th May 2019 – provisional booking
RESOLVED that the request be approved – no charge to be made
- ii) Lakeland Trails event Saturday 7th September 2019
RESOLVED that the request be approved on the same terms as the 2018 event
- iii) Cumbria School Games Beginner Go Tri Festival – Wednesday 26th June 2019
RESOLVED that the request be approved – no charge to be made

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.'

49. Football Club Lease Amendment

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the lease be amended as proposed and that a condition be added to the effect that the toilet facilities be made available to park users free of charge and at no cost to the Trust, and that the duration of the amendment be three years as previously agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman

Date