

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 10th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Adam Paxon

	Councillors		
David Burn	Allan Daniels	Denstone Kemp	
Susan Leighton	Duncan Miller	Jean Murray	
Martin Pugmire	Paul Titley		

Also in attendance were Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager) and Keith Richardson (Keswick Cricket Club).

61. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jordan, Kendall and Lywood.

62. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interests were received.

63. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2018 (page 9 - 10).

64. Chairman's Report

The Chairman complimented the new Outdoor Gym at Lower Fitz Park which was an excellent addition to the park's facilities and thanked Councillor Titley for his work in delivering the project.

65. Outdoor Gym in Fitz Park

Councillor Titley reported that the new facility was complete apart from signage and he would be organising an official opening once this was in place, recognising the grant from United Utilities. A path to the equipment would be provided in due course once a 'desire line' had been established.

66. Keswick Cricket Club

Keith Richardson reported that he now had three quotes for the work required at the Cricket/Athletics pavilion in Lower Fitz Park to be funded by the Trust. He also gave an outline of a possible Wine and Food Fair to take place at Fitz Park at the end of August 2019 and asked for approval in principle to continue discussions about logistics of such an event. Trustees asked a number of questions and outlined some concerns and the Chair and Vice Chair offered to meet with the organising committee.

RESOLVED:

- i) that the quote from Atkinson's Joinery in the sum of £7,052 plus VAT to carry out the work required at the Cricket/Athletics Pavilion be accepted and funding be allocated from the Sinking Fund
- ii) That formal approval be sought at the next meeting for the use of Lower Fitz Park for the proposed Wine and Food Event

67. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the preferred option for a memorial seat by the WW1 memorial oak tree in Lower Fitz Park (two black half circular seats at a cost of £966 plus delivery plus VAT each) be followed up

with the supplier with the final cost to be confirmed at the next meeting – to be funded from the memorial seat/tree fund supplemented by underspends on the signage fund and contingency.

- ii) That beech hedging be planted at Crosthwaite Road car park to comply with planning conditions funded from car park profits for 2018/19.

68. Parks Manager's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager.

RESOLVED:

- i) That expenditure of £4,330.20 be approved to resurface the footpath from the golf hut to the entrance to Lady Hope's Garden at Hope Park using virement of funds from the 2018/19 budget as recommended in the report
- ii) That expenditure of £3,378 be approved to resurface the main entrance road into Fitz Park by Café West using the remaining 2018/19 budget for path/wall repairs for Fitz Park supplemented by funds remaining in the Community Sports Area maintenance budget
- iii) That the provision for a new laptop for the Parks Manager in the current year's budget and accruals be supplemented from contingency funds for Fitz Park to meet the sum required.

Note: item requested on agenda for next meeting to consider carving of tree stump at Upper Fitz Park.

69. Correspondence/Requests for use of the Parks

The following correspondence was considered:

- (i) Keswick Rotary Club – request to allow festoon lighting to selected trees in Hope Park for Lights to the Lake Project

RESOLVED that the request be approved in principle subject to (i) more information on proposed designs (ii) the lighting in the trees left from a previous project being removed at no cost to the Trust, and (iii) proof of full liability for provision and installation of the lights, their maintenance and removal should the need arise or at the request of Hope Park Trust, to be provided

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.'

70. Contracting – Fitz Park Games

RESOLVED that a licence be offered to Hope Leisure Ltd to operate the games for the 2019 season on the same terms as 2018.

71. Hope Park Lease/Licence

RECEIVED an update from the Clerk.

72. Hope Leisure Ltd

The contents of a letter dated 20th November 2018 from Hope Leisure Ltd were noted.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chair

Date