

FITZ PARK, HOPE PARK & TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Minutes of the meeting of Fitz Park, Hope Park & Townsfield Charitable Trusts held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Keswick, on Thursday 14th November 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Adam Paxon

Councillors

Alexandra Boardman
Allan Daniels
Paul Titley

David Burn
Alan Dunn
Allan Todd

Markus Campbell-Savours
Steve Harwood

Also in attendance were Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager), Keith Richardson (Keswick Cricket Club) and one member of the public.

33. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miller (holiday), Lansbury and Lywood.

34. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2019 (pages 4 - 6), as amended.

35. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interests were received.

36. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on meetings held recently with the Tennis and Bowling Clubs regarding arrangements for lease renewals.

37. Draft Budgets for Hope and Fitz Parks 2020-21

RESOLVED that the draft budgets for Hope and Fitz Parks for the next financial year be approved.

38. Hope Park & Fitz Park Budgets – 2nd quarter 2019-20

RECEIVED for information the 2nd quarter budget comparisons.

39. Review of Reserves/Policy Wording and Funds Movement

Consideration was given to the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the report regarding levels of Trust reserves be approved and that the suggested transfers to funds be implemented with immediate effect.

40. Parks Manager's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Parks Manager. Christine was thanked for her report.

41. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the Clerk's report.

42. Correspondence/Requests for use of the Parks

RESOLVED that approval be granted for the following:

- i) Cumbria School Games Go Tri Beginners Festival – use of Fitz Park for cycling and running events on Wednesday 24th June 2020 11.30 am until 3.30 pm (no charge)

- ii) Keswick Mountain Festival – use of Fitz Park for Schools Triathlon on Thursday 14th May 2020 from 7.00 am until 5.00 pm (normal charge)
- iii) Keswick Mountain Festival – use of Hope Park as a contingency route for three of the trail races should weather, or some other factor, prevent opening the Festival Village on Crow Park on safety grounds on Saturday 16th May – Tuesday 19th May 2020 (normal terms)
- iv) Lakeland Trails – use of Fitz Park as the event venue on Saturday 5th September 2020 (normal charge). Note: following complaints from local residents regarding excessive noise levels from the drumming, the organisers to be asked to confine this to the start and end of the event with no drumming during the day.

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.’

43. Leases

RECEIVED an update from the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Bowling Club plans be supported and that the requirements of the Tennis Club be clarified.

44. Contracting

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk

RESOLVED that Ray Dowding be asked to operate the games etc. at Fitz Park on behalf of the Trust for the 2020 season on the same terms as previously.

45. Legal

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Chair, Vice Chair and Councillors Dunn and Titley be involved in future discussions on behalf of the Trust and that a report be made to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Chairman

Date