

**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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm.

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Present:

Chairman  
Councillor Adam Paxon

Councillors		
Alexandra Boardman	David Burn	Markus Campbell-Savours
Allan Daniels	Alan Dunn	Steve Harwood
Sally Lansbury	Paul Titley	

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

**46. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lywood and Miller.

**47. Declarations of Interests**

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Harwood – item 9 – Committee member - Keswick Athletics Club

Councillor Lansbury – item 9 – Committee member - Keswick Tennis Club

**48. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (page 7 - 8).

**49. Chairman's Report**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Chairman. Matters of note were covered as agenda items.

**50. Clerk's Report**

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report. The Parks Manager reported that the re-surfacing work recently carried out at Fitz Park could be funded from within the existing budget so no supplement was required.

**RESOLVED** that any volunteers wishing to work in the parks be referred to Keswick in Bloom.

**51. Parks Manager's Report**

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager who also reported that one of the mowers used at Fitz Park needed urgent unplanned repair work.

**RESOLVED** that the cost of the mower repairs be funded from the contingency amount in the current year's budget.

**52. BMX/Pump Track**

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager.

**RESOLVED** that three estimates be obtained for the tarmac surfacing work for consideration at the next meeting, and that a suggestion be put forward to the User Group to seek crowdfunding to cover the cost of the work.

**53. Climate Change Emergency**

Consideration was given to the report of Councillors Boardman and Lansbury proposing that the Keswick Parks Trusts should adopt the 'Climate Change Emergency Action for Keswick Parks' document.

**RESOLVED** that Keswick Parks Trusts declare a Climate Change Emergency and that any future decisions should take into consideration the impact of Climate Change.

**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.'*

**54. Legal - Leases**

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

**RESOLVED** that the draft Heads of Terms for the new leases contain a proposal for a nominal contribution towards the park cost deficit.

**55. Contracting – Junior Football Pitches**

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

**RESOLVED** that the request be declined but that support in kind be offered by the parks staff and a grant application be recommended to the Town Council.

**56. Legal – Hospital Field**

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

**RESOLVED**

- i) That the land be registered at the Land Registry
- ii) That additional valuations be obtained
- iii) That the Working Group continue negotiations and report back to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date