

FITZ PARK, HOPE PARK & TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Minutes of the Meeting of Fitz Park, Hope Park & Townsfield Charitable Trusts held using the Zoom app on Thursday 9th July 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Adam Paxon

Councillors		
Alexandra Boardman	David Burn	Markus Campbell–Savours
Allan Daniels	Alan Dunn	Steve Harwood
Tony Lywood	Peter Terry	Paul Titley

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

19. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lansbury and Miller.

20. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2020 (pages 1-3).

21. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests were received from:

Councillor Harwood – item 10 (Athletics Club Committee member)

Councillor Titley – item 10 (Athletics Club member)

22. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that a request had been received from Turners Funfair to bring a family fairground to Fitz Park for two weeks at the end of July/beginning of August 2020. Reassurances that all Government Covid-19 guidelines would be followed had been received and a weekly payment would be made. A bond would also be provided to cover the cost of any damage caused. There was general support for this and it was agreed that Councillor Titley and the Parks Manager would contact Turners to progress the proposal.

23. Bus Shelter at Wivell Park

Councillor Lywood reported that the County Council had funding available to provide seating and a mural on the inside back wall of the new bus shelter on Penrith Road. There would be no cost to the Trust or Town Council. The mural would be on a board fixed to the back wall and would be treated with anti-graffiti paint.

RESOLVED that the offer of seating and a mural be accepted and a working group comprising Councillor Lywood plus Councillors Burn, Daniels and Dunn take the project forward.

24. Request from Keswick Cricket Club

Consideration was given to a request from Keswick Cricket Club to re-open the pavilion in Fitz Park in accordance with Government guidelines.

RESOLVED that the request be supported.

25. Parks Manager's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Parks Manager including an update on the re-opening of the play area at Fitz Park. Councillor Harwood presented a request from Keswick Lions Club to plant saplings provided by the Woodland Trust in Fitz Park. It was agreed that the Parks Manager would liaise with the Lions Club on this. Trustees congratulated the Parks Manager and her staff on the wonderful condition of the parks.

26. Requests for use of the Parks

Consideration was given to a request from Cumbria School Games to hold the Beginners Go Tri Festival in Fitz Park on Wednesday 23 June 2021 (provisional date).

RESOLVED that the request be approved.

Prior to the following business the Chairman moved:

'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.'

27. Leases – Fitz Park Sports Clubs

RECEIVED an update from the Working Group including proposed draft Heads of Terms for the new leases for the Bowling and Cricket/Athletics Clubs at Fitz Park.

RESOLVED that the draft Heads of Terms be approved to include clarification that the proposed rent represents a contribution by the Clubs towards the costs of maintaining the park, and is in addition to the clubs accepting responsibility for the full maintenance and repair of the external building fabric as well as the internal maintenance of the clubhouses. In acceptance of these terms, the requirement for the additional rent to be paid (which is subject to review every 3 years) will be waived, however increasing financial demands over time on the Trust in maintaining the park to its current high standards may result in future reviews requiring the rent to be paid.

28. Legal – Land at Hospital Field

An update was received from the Clerk following meetings of the Working Group.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chairman

Date