

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 12th November 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Adam Paxon

Councillors

Alexandra Boardman	David Burn	Markus Cambell-Savours
Allan Daniels	Alan Dunn	Steve Harwood
Sally Lansbury	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Peter Terry	Paul Titley	

Also in attendance were Lynda Walker (Trust Clerk), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), 1 member of the press and 1 member of the public.

48. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

49. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillors Harwood and Titley – item 13 – members of Keswick Athletics Club

Councillor Lansbury – item 13 – member of Keswick Tennis Club

50. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2020 (pages 6 - 8).

51. Chairman's Report

The Chair reported that he had been in discussions with the Cricket/Athletics and Bowling Clubs since the last meeting regarding the lease renewals.

52. Sundial Replacement

Consideration was given to a proposal to replace the sundial at Hope Park put forward by a local resident who was present at the meeting. He was thanked for his efforts and his offer to meet or contribute to the costs of the replacement depending on which design was chosen.

RESOLVED that the sundial at Hope Park be replaced by the 'Classic' design supplied by Robert Foster Sundials, to be funded by donation and to carry an inscription of the town motto 'Montes Unde Auxilium Meum'.

53. Tree Carving

An offer from a local resident to fund a tree carving at Upper Fitz Park was considered together with options for a possible design.

RESOLVED that the offer to fund the carving be gratefully accepted and the resident be thanked for his generosity, and that the owl design be approved.

54. Parks Manager's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager.

RESOLVED:

i) that the proposed work to the 'Cornus Contraversa' tree at Hope Park be approved

- ii) that the quote from F. Younghusband and Sons in the sum of £8,330 plus VAT be accepted for repairs to the potting shed roof at Hope Park, with £8,000 to be funded from the Development and Equipment fund and the rest from the budget for repairs to buildings
- iii) that the cost of repairs to the toilet in the staff building at Fitz Park (£542.24) be met from the contingency budget

55. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

Note: Councillor Campbell-Savours declared an interest in this item as a member of Allerdale Borough Council.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Townsfield Trust be merged with Fitz Park Trust
- ii) That further discussions take place with Allerdale Borough Council regarding possible alternatives to the proposed grant agreement for Fitz Park, and that information be obtained regarding funding of parks elsewhere in the Allerdale area, with a further report to the January Trust meeting
- iii) That Hope and Fitz Park charities be put forward as 'good causes' for funding from the proposed new Allerdale Lottery.

56. Draft Budgets for Hope and Fitz Parks 2021-22

The draft budgets for Hope and Fitz Parks for the next financial year were considered.

RESOLVED that the draft budgets be approved with the following amendments:

- i) Management costs to be divided equally between Hope and Fitz Parks
- ii) The relevant CPI increase to be applied to the Hope Park Games fee for 2021-22 as per the Licence agreement
- iii) The contribution of £10,000 to the Fitz Park Sinking fund be omitted
- iv) £1,000 be allocated to the Hope Park Building Fund

57. Hope Park & Fitz Park Budgets – 2nd quarter 2020-21

RECEIVED for information the 2nd quarter budget comparisons.

58. Requests for use of the Parks

- i) Theatre by the Lake – story walks and Christmas trail in Hope Park - approved

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.'

59. Contracting – Vehicle replacement

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager.

RESOLVED that the replacement of the ATV be deferred pending investigations into alternative sustainable options by a working group comprising the Parks Manager with Councillors Lansbury, Lywood, Terry and Titley.

60. Lease Renewals

Consideration was given the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED:

- i) that the Heads of Terms for the new leases provide for a five year rent review and that minor structural remedial works be carried out at the Bowling Bower before the new terms come into effect (amount of expenditure to be agreed at the next Trust meeting)

- ii) that the terms of the proposed Licence for the Tennis Club be amended to provide for a fixed fee (to be negotiated with the club annually) rather than a percentage of maintenance costs.

61. Legal – Land at Hospital Field
RECEIVED an update from the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Chairman

Date