

**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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 pm.

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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), one member of the press and one member of the public.

**62. Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

**63. Declarations of Interests**

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Lansbury – item 8 – member of Keswick and Braithwaite Tennis Club

Councillor Harwood – item 8 – member of Keswick Athletics Club

**64. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (pages 9-11).

**65. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by a number of users regarding the temporary closure of the play area at Fitz Park during the latest lockdown. He had explained the decision was based on safety considerations and confirmed that a review was to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**66. Hope Park Café Clock**

Councillor Miller reported that following an article in the Keswick Reminder he had been contacted by a local resident whose hobby was repairing clocks. With permission from the Trust he had removed the clock and tower from the Café building at Hope Park and organised repair and replacement of the motors at no cost to the Trust. It was hoped that the clock would be working again by March. Trustees expressed their gratitude.

**67. Parks Manager's Report**

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager who added that the sundial for Hope Park was currently being engraved and should be delivered in the next week. She also advised that the opportunity was being taken to carry out remedial work on the play area at Fitz Park whilst it was closed to the public, which should avoid closures at a later date.

**68. Clerk's Report**

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk and the proposal from Allerdale Borough Council that the contribution of £20,000 p.a. towards the maintenance of Fitz Park should be subject to an annual grant agreement. Concerns were expressed that this provided less certainty of ongoing funding.

Councillor Lansbury reported that she had asked for the position to be reviewed by the Borough Council's Budget Scrutiny Group at its next meeting, and for an explanation as to why the current payment arrangement was being changed.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed grant agreement be reviewed at the next meeting and that payment of the invoice for £20,000 in respect of the 2020-21 financial year be requested.

**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.'*

**69. Legal – Renewal of Leases**

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) that contact be made with representatives of the Bowling Club to ascertain the extent of work required to the Bowling Bower
- ii) that the proposed licence agreement with the Tennis Club be approved for signature.

**70. Contracting – Games at Fitz Park 2021**

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 2021 season on the same terms as previously.

**71. Legal – Hospital Field**

**RECEIVED** an update from the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date