

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 11th March 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Adam Paxon

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

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

72. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lywood.

73. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2021 (pages 12-13).

74. Declarations of Interests

Declarations of interests were received from:

Councillor Harwood – Item 8 – member of Keswick Athletics Club

Councillor Titley – Item 8 – member of Keswick Athletics Club

75. Chairman's Report

The Chair welcomed Vivien Little into her new role as Clerk of the Trust, and thanked Lynda Walker for all her help and assistance. The Chair also thanked all those who worked on the reopening of the playground area, especially the Parks Manager and her staff.

76. Parks Manager's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager who added that the clock in Hope Park had now been repaired, and thanked the contractor for their assistance. She also stated that with help from the Woodland Trust, there were now 250 trees planted in Fitz Park in land allocated for that purpose. She also informed Trustees that a lilac tree had been planted in Fitz Park in honour of Lynda Walker's role as the outgoing Trust Clerk.

Thanks was also given to Dr Leonard Will for his generous donation of the sundial, which the park staff were waiting for a dry sunny day for it to be situated.

77. Trust Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Trust Clerk and the proposed grant agreement from Allerdale Borough Council for maintenance of Fitz Park. While it was acknowledged that the original letter stated that the grant would be paid in perpetuity, the reality was that this offer was likely the best that would be offered from Allerdale Borough Council, and that they had given assurances that they would inform the Trust a minimum of six months in advance if the grant were likely to be withdrawn in the future.

RESOLVED that the grant agreement with Allerdale Borough Council be signed.

78. Budget Comparisons

RECEIVED for information the 3rd quarter's budget comparisons.

79. Request for use of the Parks

- i) **RECEIVED** an update from the Responsible Financial officer on bookings
RESOLVED that the bookings be confirmed.
- ii) Consideration was given to a request from Taylors Funfair.
RESOLVED that in principal there was no issue with the request, however Trustees felt that under the current restricted circumstances, it would be better to be moved to 2022, and that Taylor's Funfairs should be informed of this.
- iii) Consideration was given to the return of the Junior Park Run to Fitz Park.
RESOLVED that the Junior Park Run at Fitz Park should go ahead once national restrictions were lifted.

Prior to the following business the Chairman will move the following 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.'

80. Legal – Renewal of Leases

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that the clubs be asked that the leases be tied up by 31st May 2021.

81. Legal – Hospital Field

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that professional advice be sought as detailed in the report.

82. Legal – Townsfield

Consideration was given the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken at this time.

The meeting closed at 9.11 p.m.

 Chairman

 Date