

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 8th July 2021 at 7.30 pm.**

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Duncan Miller

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| | Councillors | |
| David Burn | Allan Daniels | Alan Dunn |
| Steve Harwood | Sally Lansbury | Tony Lywood |
| Adam Paxon | Peter Terry | |

Also in attendance were Vivien Little (Trust Clerk), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager), and one member of the public.

19. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Boardman, Campbell-Savours and Titley.

20. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2021 (pages 1-4) .

21. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Harwood gave a personal interest with regard to item 6 on the agenda in that he was a member of Keswick Athletics Club.

22. Chairman's Report

The Chairman informed Trustees that he was happy with how the event at Hope Park had gone the previous Friday, with the unveiling of the statue of Max the Miracle Dog. It would be announced shortly how much had been raised from the donation box so far. The Chairman thanked all involved with this; Kerry Irving and his team, the Event Committee, all the staff who helped marshall the event, Keswick Tourism Association and the Keswick Lions, as well as Councillor Lansbury who became unofficial photographer for the day.

The Happy to Chat bench was now in place, and there would be a photo opportunity in upcoming weeks.

RECEIVED the Chairman's Report.

23. Parks Manager's Report

Consideration was given to the Parks Manager's report. The summer bedding was now in place, and was highly praised. Due to the exceptionally high number of visitors to Keswick, there had to be increased levels of waste collection from both parks; also, with just 3mm of rain in June, a lot of time had been spent watering the greens at Hope Park, both of which will involve an overspend on budgets. This would be covered by other budget underspends.

Coping stones will be replaced on the War Memorial.

Councillor Lansbury brought up the Great Big Green Week and whether anything could be done by Trustees to support this, perhaps with small events to be held in the park. Trustees agreed that it was worth investigating ideas for events for this week.

RECEIVED the report of the Parks Manager for July 2021.

24. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk. Leases would be progressed with an aim of them being completed by the end of August. Councillor Harwood suggested that it would be worth having a meeting with the clubs to explain the leases.

RECEIVED the Clerk's report .

25. Charity Donations Acceptance

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Boardman to investigate options for setting up handheld card units for charity events.

RESOLVED that option 2, Good Box be set up to assist in fundraising efforts.

26. Mayor's Fund Raising Plans

RECEIVED a report from the Mayor of Keswick regarding his plans to raise funds for Fitz Park.

RESOLVED that the Mayor be supported in his fund raising efforts.

27. Requests for use of Keswick Parks

Consideration was given to the following requests for the use of the parks

- i) Yoga Classes –1 -2 classes per week in the Fitz Park for no more than 10 people at a time.
RESOLVED that the request be granted.
- ii) Great North Air Ambulance – Request to use Hope Park during the summer as a site for a fund raising initiative – Councillor Harwood to present the request.
RESOLVED that Councillor Harwood and Councillor Titley work with the Parks Manager to decide the best site for the wooden helicopter.
- iii) Keswick Athletics Club – request for various uses of Fitz Park
RESOLVED that the requests be granted.
- iv) Keswick Mountain Festival – request for signage to be erected on Hope Park fence
RESOLVED that the request be granted, with an additional request of a donation of £100 for Hope Park in lieu of a fee.
- v) Keswick Cricket Club – request to use an area of Fitz Park as a car park on 2 occasions – 18 July 2021 and a date in Summer 2022.
RESOLVED that the request be refused, however Councillor Miller and Councillor Paxon to speak to Keswick Cricket Club regarding the possibility of giving sole use of Crosthwaite Road for the Summer 2022 event.
- vi) RSPB – Request to set up a stall close to Café Hope to fund raise in Hope Park on the weekend of 14-15 August 2021.
RESOLVED that the request be granted.

Prior to the following business the Chairman moved 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.'

28. Contracting - Funds

RECEIVED an update from the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the funds be allocated as set out in the report.

29. Legal – Hospital Field

RECEIVED an update from the Clerk.

RESOLVED that advice from the Charity Commission be sought.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.

Chairman

Date