

**FITZ PARK, HOPE PARK & TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUSTS**

Minutes of the meeting of Fitz Park, Hope Park & Townsfield Charitable Trusts held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 50 Main Street, Keswick on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.00 pm**

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Present:

Chairman  
Councillor Duncan Miller

Councillors		
Alexandra Boardman	David Burn	Allan Daniels
Alan Dunn	Steve Harwood	Peter Terry

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

**30. Apologies**

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

**31. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Trust Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (pages 5-7).

**32. Declarations of Interests**

Councillor Harwood made a personal explanation in regard to Agenda Items 7 and 9 iii in that he was a member of Keswick Athletics Club. He intended to remain in the room and vote on the items.

**33. Trustee Reports and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Frances Clark of Keswick Accountants presented the Annual Reports and Accounts for Hope and Fitz Parks for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Frances was thanked for her work and presentation, as well as the help she has recently given Keswick Town Council. The Acting Responsible Financial Officer presented the Annual Report and Accounts for the Townsfield Charitable Trust.

**RESOLVED** that the Trustee Reports and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 for Hope Park, Fitz Park and the Townsfield be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**34. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman began by highlighting the events which had taken place in the parks recently – the unveiling of the Happy to Chat bench at Fitz Park, the Police Engagement event, also in Fitz, as well as the unveiling and the continued success of the Max the Miracle Dog bench and statue. Parks usage overall was up by a significant amount. A Trustee walk would be scheduled for as soon as possible, before the nights begin to draw in.

**RECEIVED** the Chairman's report.

**35. Parks Manager's Report**

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks' Manager. The Parks Manager informed Trustees that the amount raised from the Max Statue was now over £9,000. There would be an overspend on the water budget at Hope Park, as so far this year there had been over 130,000 litres of water used to help keep the greens of the golf course usable. There would also be an overspend on waste, especially at Fitz Park, as had already been highlighted.

Councillor Dunn requested whether there could be a conversation with Keswick Football Club to investigate the possibility of raising the rates to park at Crosthwaite Road Car Park. It was agreed this could be discussed with the Football Club.

**RECEIVED** the Parks Manager's report.

**36. Clerk's Report**

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk begin the process of voluntary first registration for Hope Park.

**37. Budget Comparisons**

**RECEIVED** for information the first quarter's budget comparisons.

**38. Requests for use of the Parks**

Consideration was given to the following:

- i) Great North Air Ambulance – to move their fundraising event until March 2022 (Councillor Harwood to present)  
**RESOLVED** that the request be grant from March until October 2022.
- ii) Keswick Alhambra Cinema – A request from the Alhambra Cinema to put banners on Fitz or Hope Park railings to celebrate their reopening on 30 September 2021.  
**RESOLVED** that it be agreed in principle that the banner be put up dependant on advertising agreement from the Lake District National Park.
- iii) Keswick Athletics Club – various requests for over the 2021/2022 year.  
**RESOLVED** that the requests be granted.
- iv) St Herbert's School – Primary School Cross County for either Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 for cross country.  
**RESOLVED** that the request be granted.

**39. Cycle Racks in the Parks**

Consideration was given to the report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the request be agreed in principle, subject to a repair and maintenance agreement being put in place.

**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.'

**40. Parks Manager's Report**

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager.

**RESOLVED** that the Trust Clerk produce business plans for Hope Park and Fitz Park.

The meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

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Chairman

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Date