

FITZ PARK, HOPE PARK & TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Minutes of the meeting of Fitz Park, Hope Park & Townsfield Charitable Trusts held at Crosthwaite Parish Rooms, Keswick, CA12 5NN on **Thursday 3 February 2022 at 7.00 pm.**

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Duncan Miller

Councillors		
David Burn	Allan Daniels	Alan Dunn
Markus Campbell - Savours	Steve Harwood	Peter Terry
Adam Paxon		

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

The meeting began with a minute's silence following the death of Elizabeth Barraclough, a previous Trust Chairman.

57. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lansbury, Lywood and Titley

58. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Harwood gave a personal explanation with regard to agenda item 12. He had been asked to draft updated plans, but had received no financial compensation with regard to this. He intended to remain in the room and vote on this item.

Councillor Harwood also gave a personal explanation with regard to agenda item 15 as he was a member of Keswick Athletics club. He intended to remain in the room and vote on this item.

59. Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2021 (pages 10-12).

60. Chairman's Report

Councillor Miller thanked Councillor Paxon for chairing the meeting in November. He also thanked Alexandra Boardman for her service as a Trustee, and especially for her work with the Woodland Walk project.

RECEIVED the Chairman's report.

61. Parks Manager's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Parks Manager.

RESOLVED that

- i) a query be made of Capita requesting their methodology for tree reports; and
- ii) a maximum of four more disclaimer signs be put up at Hope Park.

62. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Environment Working Group begin to look at work on the parks, including a Carbon Footprint exercise.

63. Hope Park & Fitz Park Budgets – 3rd quarter 2021-22

RECEIVED for information the 3rd quarter budget comparisons.

64. Trust Funds Movement

Consideration was given to the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the Trust Fund movements be agreed.

65. Trees in Fitz Park

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the leaning oak tree nearest the Cricket Club be removed, with 3 oaks planted in its place.

66. Requests for use of the Parks

Consideration was given to the following:

- (i) RSPB – To ratify a request to have space for a stall at Hope Park on 23rd January 2022 and Fitz Park on 29th January 2022.
- (ii) Lakeland Trails Event – To consider a request to use Fitz Park on Sunday 4 September – a small scale trial event geared towards children and families.
- (iii) KAOS – To consider a request to put a banner on the railings at Hope Park from early April – 8 May 2022
- (iv) Councillor Dunn – To consider a request to allow Gary McKee to run a marathon in Lower Fitz Park on Saturday 16 April 2022.

RESOLVED that all of the above requests be agreed.

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.’

67. Crosthwaite Road Car Park

RECEIVED the report of the Chairman.

RESOLVED that as of 1st April 2022:

- i) The cost of parking at Crosthwaite Road Car Park be increased to £4 per day for cars, and £8 for campervans and caravans;
- ii) That the price of annual and monthly permits for Crosthwaite Road Car Park remain the same; and
- iii) That Cumbria Parking Services be contacted regarding placing a banner to emphasise that the funds from the car park go towards the cost of maintaining Fitz Park.

68. Contracting – Hope Park Café

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the plans be agreed, with the proviso that design details are brought back to the Trust to agree.

69. Contracting – Games at Fitz Park 2022

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that a working group (consisting of Councillors Miller, Paxon, Terry and Harwood) be given delegated authority to finalise the wording.

70. Legal – Hospital Field

RECEIVED an update from Councillor Titley.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next Trust meeting.

71. Legal – Renewal of Leases

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the lease be agreed.

72. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that recruitment can commence for the vacant post.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

Date