

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

Minutes of the meeting of Fitz Park, Hope Park & Townsfield Charitable Trusts held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00 pm.**

Present:

Chairman  
Councillor Duncan Miller

	Councillors	
Allan Daniels	Steve Harwood	Sally Lansbury
Tony Lywood	Adam Paxon	Peter Terry

Also in attendance were Vivien Little (Trust Clerk), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer) and two members of the public.

**73. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Burn, Dunn & Titley,

**74. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2022 (pages 13-15).

**75. Declarations of Interests**

Councillor Harwood gave a personal explanation with regard to agenda item 8 and 12 in that he was a member of Keswick Athletics Club.

**76. Chairman's Report**

Councillor Miller thanked Councillor Campbell-Savours for his time as a Trustee, and expressed his regret at the loss of another Trustee. He also thanked the Parks Manager for her usual comprehensive report. A Trustee walk would be taking place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm in Hope Park.  
**RECEIVED** the Chairman's report.

**77. Parks Manager's Report**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Parks Manager.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i. the cast iron benches next to the private bowling club be replaced with sloper-style benches; and
- ii. the Trust's insurers be asked if they were willing to value the cost of the Trust's buildings, and if not, Edwin Thomson be asked to undertake the survey with the costs being taken from current budget headings.

**78. Tree Management in Fitz Park**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Parks Manager.

**RESOLVED** that the tree management as laid out in the report go ahead.

**79. Trust Clerk's Report**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Trust Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the contract with Goodbox ends after the initial twelve month period.

**80. All-weather pitch**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Trust Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i. The MUGA was not considered a suitable location for an all-weather pitch; and
- ii. Trustees support the work of the Keswick Football Club in this matter, and work closely with the club, and other clubs as required, in order to locate another suitable venue for an all-weather pitch, with an initial view to looking at the suitability of Archery Field in Fitz Park.

**81. Request for use of the Parks**

Consideration was given to the following:

- i) To consider a request from Keswick Town Council for the use of the Fitz Park for Pop & Proms 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (provisional) and Scruffs Show 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
**RESOLVED** that this request be granted.
- ii) To ratify a request to use a drone in Fitz Park and Hope Park on Friday 25 February 2022.  
**RESOLVED** that this request be ratified.
- iii) To consider a request by RSPB to use Fitz Park on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022, and Hope Park on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022.  
**RESOLVED** that this request be granted.
- iv) To consider a request to book Lower Fitz Park **or** Crosthwaite Road Car Park on Saturday 17 September 2022.  
**RESOLVED** that this request be refused.
- v) To consider a request from Keswick Athletics Club to hold a number of events from the Cricket Pavilion this year.  
**RESOLVED** that this request be granted.
- vi) To consider a request from Keswick Athletics Club to use Hope Park for the Keswick Round the Houses Race on 27 April 2022 (enclosed).  
**RESOLVED** that this request be granted.
- vii) To consider a late request from Keswick Mountain Festival regarding upcoming events in May.  
**RESOLVED** that both requests be granted, subject to the usual fees for use of the parks.

**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.’*

**82. Contract – Crosthwaite Road Car Park**

Consideration was given to the Responsible Financial Officer’s report.

**RESOLVED** that the contract be extended for a period of three further years.

**83. Hope Park Leisure**

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

**RESOLVED** that the rent figure be agreed for a one year period.

**84. Leases**

Consideration was given to the Clerk’s report.

**RESOLVED** that delegated authority be given to Councillors Harwood, Miller and Paxon as well as the Trust Clerk to finalise the minor typographical changes to complete the leases.

**85. Legal – Hospital Field**

**RESOLVED** that a full report be brought to the next Trust meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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Chairman

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