

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 22nd September 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Adam Paxon

	Councillors	
David Burn	Allan Daniels	Alan Dunn
Louise Dunn	Steve Harwood	Sally Lansbury
Tony Lywood	Jean Murray	

Also present were Vivien Little (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (RFO), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager) and two members of the public.

28. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Forsyth, Miller and Titley.

29. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Trust Meeting held on 14th July 2022 (pages 4-6).

30. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

31. Chairman's Report

The Chairman updated members on a meeting he had been involved with along with the Parks Manager and office staff in relation to the potential of updating one of the areas of the play area. The company, Playdale were producing initial designs, and further discussions would take place at a later date and an update would be given at the next meeting.

RECEIVED the Chairman's report.

32. Parks Manager's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks' Manager. Part of the discussions was over the purchase of a heavy duty stainless steel table tennis table which could be put in place in Upper Fitz Park.

RESOLVED that:

- i) A heavy duty stainless steel table tennis table be purchased using funds from the Flood Resilience grant and placed in Upper Fitz Park. This would be free for locals using their own equipment with an option for equipment to be hired for a fee from Café HNW; and
- ii) No further action to be taken regarding rabbits in Upper Fitz Park at this moment in time, but will be brought back to the Trust in March.

33. Clerk's Report

It was agreed that discussion regarding the Bowling Club parking moved to the confidential section of the agenda, as it had an impact on discussions there.

RESOLVED that the base rate for use of the parks be increased to £750 plus VAT as a base fee, OR £1 plus VAT per competitor, whichever is greater.

Councillor Murray arrived at 8.04pm

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34. Budget Comparisons

When talking about the budget comparisons, it was brought up that while the Football Club car park has brought in more money than expected in the last financial year, there was likely to be an overspend on staffing for both parks, as the offered staff pay increase, which was currently out for consultation, was proposed to be £1,925 per pay scale, more than the 6% which was allowed in the original budget setting. A report would go to Town Council in October.

RECEIVED budget comparisons for the first quarter.

35. Trust Funds Movement

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the Trust Fund movements as set out in the report be approved.

36. Requests for Use of Keswick Parks

Consideration was given to the following:

- i) Tiny Wild Fox – to ratify agreement to use Fitz Park for Handlebards to perform in Fitz Park on 30 September 2022.

RESOLVED that use of the park be agreed, and that a donation for the parks be sought.

- ii) To ratify agreement for the Primary Schools Cross Country request to be held on Wednesday 28 September in Fitz Park.

RESOLVED that the use of the park be agreed.

Councillor Lywood arrived at 8.24pm

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.'

37. Deed of Easement

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken at this moment in time.

38. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Trust are not inclined to agree to the request from Hope Leisure as laid out in the report.

39. Café HNW

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that:

- i) The arrangement with Keswick Bowling Club be renewed for another 12 months i.e five spaces for use by the Bowling Club at the rear of the staff area/Café HNW on Tuesday afternoons between 1.45pm and 4.30pm, and on a maximum of 18 other occasions (dates to be confirmed by the Bowling Club) during the main season, which runs from mid-April to mid-September; and
- ii) Trustees agreed in principle to extend the lease at Café HNW for five years, subject to further details coming back to the Trust.

40. Future Development plans for Upper Fitz Park

Consideration was given to the report of Councillor Harwood.

RESOLVED that Councillor Harwood seek three quotes to be brought back to the next Trust meeting.

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The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.

Adam Ptkan

Chairman

November 10th 2022

Date
