

FITZ PARK, HOPE PARK & TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Minutes of the meeting of Fitz Park, Hope Park & Townsfield Charitable Trusts held at the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on **Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7.00 pm.**

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Paul Titley

Councillors

Allan Daniels
Steve Harwood
Jean Murray

Alan Dunn
Sally Lansbury
Peter Walter

Louise Dunn
Tony Lywood

Also present were Catherine Parker (RFO), Christine Fawcett (Parks Manager) Philip Wake (Lake District Mobility) and 1 member of the public.

64. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burn, Miller, Paxon and Vivien Little (Trust Clerk).

65. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2023 (pages 13-14).

66. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

67. Chairman's Report

No Chairman's report was received.

68. Lake District Mobility

Consideration was given to the report of the Trust Clerk.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Lake District Mobility supporting this initiative which will make areas in Keswick more accessible to those with mobility issues. This would help the Charity when approaching potential hosts in Keswick (Action – Trust Clerk).

69. Parks Manager's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Parks Manager.

RESOLVED that the quotation received for the tarmac work between the new bike racks and silver bridge be accepted using the paths/fences budget head along with underspends from the current years budget heads (Action – Parks Manager)

Further **RESOLVED** that the new table tennis table and rules of use be publicised on Facebook (Action – Trust Clerk) and in the Keswick Reminder (Action – Parks Manager).

70. Trust Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Trust Clerk.

RESOLVED that: -

- i) the rabbit issue be assessed in May (Action – Parks Manager).
- ii) 'archery field' would not be a suitable location for a dog paddock and we leave this idea for the time being.

- iii) Cumbria County Highways be given permission to place a compound in the area adjacent to silver bridge, as per the details supplied, subject to our normal terms and conditions, and no access fee being charged (Action – Trust Clerk).
- iv) Townsfield be kept as a charity and that the option of merging with Fitz Park Trust be looked into once again (Action – RFO).

71. Hope Park & Fitz Park Budgets – 3rd quarter 2022-23

RECEIVED for information the 3rd quarter budget comparisons.

RESOLVED that a breakdown of the QR codes and Gift Aid be brought back to the next meeting (Action – RFO) and that a contactless outdoor donation point be researched for the parks (Councillor Walter to supply details).

72. Request for use of the Parks

Consideration was given to the following: -

- i) Organised dog walk - Calfclose Bay circular walk on Sunday 30th April 2023 including around 70 people and 50 dogs.
RESOLVED that this request be approved (Action – Trust Clerk)
- ii) To consider a request from Keswick Museum to install 4 banners.
RESOLVED that this request be approved along with Fox and Badger Trail, subject to Keswick Museum checking the signs at least once per fortnight (Action – Trust Clerk);
- iii) To consider a request to extend the use of Fitz Park for the 125th anniversary of Keswick Museum to include Friday 26th May 2023 (Saturday 27th May already granted).
RESOLVED that this request be approved (Action – Trust Clerk).
- iv) the notification from Keswick Athletic Club of the races planned during 2023 be received for information.

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.’

73. Café HNW

Consideration was given to the Clerk’s report.

RESOLVED that a 1 year licence be given as per the details contained within the report.

74. Development at Fitz Park

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk/Councillor Harwood.

RESOLVED that the cost of portacabins be researched, including purchase cost, running costs and longevity of building (Action – Councillors Harwood and Walter).

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Chairman

Date