

**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 12 January 2023 at 7.00 pm.**

Present:

Chairman  
Councillor Adam Paxon

	Councillors	
Allan Daniels	Louise Dunn	Steve Harwood
Sally Lansbury	Tony Lywood	Duncan Miller
Jean Murray	Paul Titley	

**51. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burn, A Dunn and Walter.

**52. Declarations of Interests**

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

**53. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (pages 10-12).

**54. Chairman's Report**

Councillor Paxon thanked everyone for their work over the past few months. Trustees were saddened to hear of the death of Steve Cammack, a former gardener in Fitz Park, and expressed their condolences.

**RECEIVED** the verbal Chairman's report.

**55. Parks Manager's Report**

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager. The weather had been extremely wet, which meant that it had been difficult to get work completed in the parks.

Councillor Titley asked a question regarding drainage for the junior football pitch in Fitz Park, and whether a new drain in there would help the situation. The Parks Manager stated that she had previously obtained a quote for this in the region of £10,000, but this was some years ago and no further action was agreed at that time.

**RESOLVED** that the Parks Manager's report be accepted.

**56. Clerk's Report**

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk. A wide-ranging discussion regarding dogs in Fitz Park took place including what efforts can be made to control them.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i. The Clerk bring a report exploring the possibility of a 'doggie paddock' to be placed in Fitz Park, and bring back to the March meeting (Action – Clerk); and
- ii. Trustees agreed to allow Friend of Keswick Museum to place a memorial bench in Fitz Park, close to the museum. This is to be funded by Friends of the Keswick Museum (Action – officers).

**57. Climate Change Action Plan**

**RECEIVED** for information and implementation the Climate Change Action Plan approved at the Keswick Town Council meeting on 15 December 2022 (minute number 164).

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

Consideration was given to the following:



- (i) Keswick Cricket Club – To inform Trustees that a County Match (Cumbria vs Lincolnshire) will take place at the Cricket Club on Sunday 25 June 2023. **RESOLVED** that the information be noted, and that the organisers of Scruffs be advised of this.

**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.'*

**59. Clerk's Report**

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i) Trustees approve the proposed rent increase for Hope Leisure Limited (Action – Clerk);
- ii) that negotiations start with NGN regarding the amount for the use of the car park, with delegated authority to enter negotiations be given to Councillors Paxon and Titley, the Trust Clerk, the Trust Finance Officer and the Parks Manager. The terms are subject to all work being completed prior to the Easter holidays i.e., Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, the weekly rate being £400.00 per week rising to £1,000.00 per week if the completion deadline is missed and that photographs of the area are taken prior to and after work has been completed (Action – Finance Officer);
- iii) the work detailed in the Parks Managers report amounting to £4,178.60 (continuation of footpath repairs, new drain and associated works) be approved from the Max the Miracle Dog fund (Action – Parks Manager); and
- iv) Trustees requested that Kerry Irving be invited to a meeting with Trustees to thank him for his support of the park (Action – Parks Manager).

**60. Legal - Hospital Field**

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk and Councillor Titley.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Paxon be given authority to sign the Heads of Terms as presented.

**61. Development in Fitz Park**

Consideration was given to the report of Councillor Harwood.

**RESOLVED** that the Working Group look into the report in detail, and report back at the next Trust meeting.

**62. Contracting – Café HNW**

Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager.

**RESOLVED** that a trial period be given for live music at Café HNW, under the condition that there be no amplified music. A report will be brought back to the Trust in July in order to monitor the impact (Action – Clerk).

**63. Parks Van**

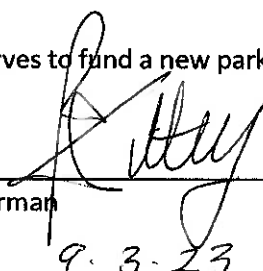
Consideration was given to the report of the Parks Manager.

**RESOLVED** that £11,800.00 be taken from Hope Park free reserves to fund a new parks van, along with the £5,700.00 already contained within the budget.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

Chairman

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