

FITZ PARK, HOPE PARK & TOWNSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Minutes of the meeting of the Charitable Trusts held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chair
Councillor Jean Murray

Councillors		
Louise Dunn	Steve Harwood	Denstone Kemp
Sally Lansbury	Benita Laphorn	Lorraine Taylor

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

59. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chris Houghton, Claire Houghton, Rob Nelson, Tim Parsons and Adam Paxon.

60. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2024 (pages 12-13).

61. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Harwood declared an interest in agenda item 7, as he had prepared the plans on behalf of the Cricket Club.

62. Chair's Report

RECEIVED the Chair's report. The Chair reported that she had been to visit the building site today, and to see what the parks staff had done in the play area in order to prepare for the full coming season. She also met the two new members of staff.

63. Parks Manager's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Parks Manager.

The Parks Manager reported that work had begun on tidying up the area beside Café Hope, leading to the small boating pond. The Chair encouraged Trustees to go and look at the work which was taking place.

64. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report of the Trust Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Cricket Club be allowed to have two permits solely for the use of disabled people who wish to watch cricket on match days only. These will be subject to all the same rules as other vehicular users of the park, and any abuse could lead to the removal of the permits (Action – Clerk).

65. Keswick Cricket Club – Proposed Extension

RECEIVED the report of Councillor Harwood.

Councillor Lansbury requested that the Cricket Club contact Keswick Museum, as there was capacity for joint fund raising. She also requested that the Cricket Club consider energy efficiency when drawing up plans.

RESOLVED that Trustees support the extension of the Cricket Club in principle, and more detailed plans will now be drawn up and brought to a future Trust meeting (Action – Clerk and Councillor Harwood).

66. Upper Fitz Park Development

RECEIVED a verbal report from Councillor Harwood. Councillor Harwood reported that work was progressing well at Fitz Park. He also brought up the possibility that we may not be able to afford to

renovate the kiosk if costs are higher than expected, and brought forward the possibility that a small 3 stall external toilet block could be added to the area, to meet the needs of local residents as well as visitors.

RESOLVED that the concept of adding a toilet block in at Fitz Park be agreed in principle, and Councillor Harwood begin to look at possible plans for the area (Action – Councillor Harwood).

67. Elizabeth’s Wood Management Plan

RECEIVED the report of Councillor Lansbury.

RESOLVED that the Elizabeth’s Wood Management Plan be approved, with an interim review date in 12 months time (looking at the path/nettles), with a full review to take place in March 2026. (Action – Councillor Lansbury and Clerk)

68. Climate Change Action Plan – six monthly review

RESOLVED that the Climate Change Action Plan be noted, and to agree to move the timing of the review to September Parks Trust meetings annually (Action – Clerk).

69. Hope Park & Fitz Park Budgets – 3rd quarter 2023-24

RECEIVED for information the 3rd quarter budget comparisons.

70. Request for use of the Parks

Consideration was given to request to use the Keswick Parks.

RESOLVED that:

- i) Keswick Town Council – To consider a request to book Fitz Park and Wivell Triangle for Thursday 6 June, Saturday 22 June and Sunday 23 June 2024 (Action – Financial Officer);
- ii) Keswick Museum – To consider a request to use the park for a Schools’ day and Summer Fair on 24th and 25th May 2024 (Action – Clerk);
- iii) RSPB – To consider a request to use Hope Park to put a stall up on March 23rd, March 30th, April 6th and 7th 2024 (Action – Clerk);
- iv) Athletics Club – to receive for information a number of races beginning from Fitz Park; and
- v) Lakesman Triathlon – to consider a request to use Hope Park for a commercial event, based on normal rates of £750 + VAT, plus £1 per competitor (Action – Financial Officer)

Prior to the following business the Chair 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.’

71. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2024 (page 14).

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm.

Chair

Date