



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 1ST November 2023 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair – virtually)
Cllr Marilyn Beale (Vice Chair – virtually)
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr Ana Fernandes

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves

Officers:

Mrs Michaela Johnston (virtually)
Miss Gladys Barr (virtually)
Mr Aaron Cripps
Mr Aaron Webb

Member of the Public Present: None

Apologies

Cllr Paul Exell

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CD050	Declarations of Interest	
	none	
CD051	Public Questions & Public Correspondence	
	none	

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CD052	Public Bike Repair Stand The Community & Youth Officer discussed what the Youth Council have decided they would like in their area. A public bike repair stand is the item they would like to see supplied. The initial outlay of cost is £1530.00 including vat, Stratton Parish Council informed us that theirs is used every day. Several locations were discussed, none has been confirmed yet. Cllr D Patey queried the cost for the item. Mr A Webb said he would research different types and bring a selection of costings to the next meeting, but that the specific one shown was what the young people wanted. Mr A Cripps mentioned the importance of purchasing a quality item that will last at least 10 years. Miss G Barrs mentioned looking into getting some grants/funding/sponsorship for it. A discussion was held about preferred locations. Mr A Cripps noted that any equipment purchased for the Moredon Sports Hub should come out of the Moredon Sports Hub budget. Mr A Reeves mentioned the Western Flyer area on the Iffley Road end as the area is susceptible to broken glass. Cllr D Patey proposed that £5,000 be made available from this years budget and £5,000 from next years to provide one in each ward area. RESOLVED; Councillors NOTED the written presentation.	Community & Youth Officer to research a selection of pricing quotes. Also recommended locations.
CD053	Community & Youth Officer Update The Community & Youth Officer presented an update. Cllr Will Stone has offered his remaining ward allowance to be used towards the pop-up shop. There will be one more between now and Christmas. The Food Cookery Initiative has been a huge success. They have been learning to cook and serving people. The young people have built a great repour with the police.	

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	A New Youth Worker has been appointed called Tikara. Mr A Webb alongside Soccer Excellence will be running free sporting sessions for toddlers up until Xmas starting on Thursday 9th November. We have a Christmas Toy Appeal running in conjunction with the Kelly Foundation. Bins have been provided at community centres and libraries for people to donate toys which will be distributed to families in the area. Youthie continues to take place on a Wednesday night, also football sessions and other sessions across the parish. RESOLVED; Councillors NOTED the Community & Youth Officers report.	
CD054	Assets Manager Update The Chair thanked Mrs M Johnston for all her hard work over the years and wished her all the best for the future. The Assets Manager presented an update. The New College ran a skin care and facial 2 day workshop. It was well attended, and they have booked the hall again for a Crystal Healing 2 day workshop in November. There is a Halloween party at JMH on Friday 6-8pm which is sold out. There are weekly Yoga and Pilates evenings starting from the 6th of November. JMH was used 37% more in October than September, 200 hours as opposed to 147 hours in September. There is a new Zumba class for children starting at Pinetrees weekly on Thursdays. There is a knife surrender box on the wall outside Pinetrees for people to freely surrender knives anonymously. Train Master will take place the 2nd Saturday of each month starting in January. It's an interactive, hands-on experience for children of all ages.	

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	We held our 3rd Silver Saturday on the 8th of October, 40 people joined us for high tea and entertainment. The Kelly Foundation will be providing a free Christmas lunch this year. PTCC usage was up 25% in October compared to September. 454 hours in October up from 366 hours in September. Both Centres are very busy in November and December for parties. Children's Christmas party at Cheney Manor Club on Saturday the 2nd December. RESOLVED; Councillors NOTED the Assets Managers update.	
CD055	Grants Manager Update The Grants Manager presented an update. During October three large grants were applied for. These were to the Youth Investment fund, Community Ownership fund and the Million Hours fund – Phase 2. We are awaiting decisions from the Wiltshire and Swindon Community foundation, DHSC Community Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Fund, Local Authority Treescape fund (LATF) and SEE – Resilient Communities fund. The Local Authority Treescape fund (LATF) for the Tiny Forest project hinges on SBC continuing to support the application. It is possible they may withdraw. We were unsuccessful with our Better Community Business Awards (BCBA), Awards for all and Health inequalities fund requests. A total summary of External funding from May 2018 – October 2023 was shown. RESOLVED; Councillors NOTED the Grants Manager update.	
CD056	Libraries Manager Update The Libraries Manager presented an update.	

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	Mr A Cripps explained he was successful in his application for the role as Marketing, Literacy and Digital Services Manager for the Parish which will be taking up a lot of his time now, so he will be stepping away from front of house services. Temporary cover has been acquired and a permanent member of staff will be advertised for soon. The Science and Technology Council will be providing two sessions at Moredon and Penhill during the week before Christmas. The Even Swindon Library move is going ahead with a reduction in cost. Cllr D Patey offered his services to help with the Even Swindon Library move. RESOLVED; Councillors NOTED the Libraries Managers update.	
CD057	Events Working Group The Community & Youth Officer presented an update. Mr A Webb explained that we have had the Silver Saturday event and are having a Halloween event Friday. There is a meeting tomorrow for the Events Working Group at 6pm. RESOLVED; Councillors NOTED the Community & Youth Officers update.	
CD058	Pride Of The Parish The Community & Youth Officer presented an update. We have had three nominations so far. Swindon Advertiser will be printing a story on it soon. Mr A Cripps, our new Marketing Manager will be creating more advertising for the awards. Social media advertising has started and will continue through November and December. RESOLVED; Councillors NOTED the Community & Youth Officers and the Libraries Managers update.	

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CD059	Capital Budget Expenditure The Clerk explained that the Council budget for 24/25 is to be agreed soon. Mr A Reeves explained that events that want to be put on in 24/25 need deciding so funding can be included in the 24/25 budget. Councillors discussed the Summer Event. Mr A Reeves recommended the event take place at Pembroke this year. The event will cost around £6,000-£8,000. A Carnival was discussed. Cllr M Beale explained it is time consuming and challenging organising carnivals and street processions due to health and safety issues. It was agreed to discuss at the Events Working Group tomorrow. The Chair mentioned we had a Jubilee and Coronation events this year and replacing them with other events. Mr A Webb asked about funding basketball type youth bins to encourage teenagers to bin rubbish. Mr A Webb asked the Youth Disability budget could be increased, and a LGBT budget could be created. The Chair confirmed that a Summer Event will be wanted next year, and a couple of others also. Mr A Reeves explained about a sensory winter wonderland, and a Christmas party for children in the community. Mr A Webb discussed a silent firework display as there are no displays in our area. Mr A Reeves explained that Mr A Cripps will be producing a survey to ask local parishioners what events they want in their community. The Chair PROPOSED a Summer event, a winter wonderland and a silent fireworks event. Also the LGBT and disability project Mr A Webb is working on. Councillors APPROVED the PROPOSAL for a Summer Event, a winter wonderland, a silent fireworks event, LGBT and disability projects.	
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CD060	Mannington Mural The Clerk asked which councillors would be on the Mannington Mural Working Group. The Chair proposed himself to be a part of the group. Cllr Kevin Small was proposed. The Clerk proposed that Faye Howard and Jim Robbins from SBC be invited to join too. Mr A Webb and Mr A Briggs will join the group. RESOLVED; Councillors APPROVED membership for the Mannington Mural Working Group.	
	Meeting Closed 20:20	

Signed.....

Date.....23/01/2024

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