



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 6th December 2023 19.00

Present:	
Councillors:	Cllr James Yeowell (Chair) Cllr Marilyn Beale (Vice Chair) Cllr Dave Patey
Clerk:	Mr Andy Reeves (Clerk)
Officers:	Ms Gladys Barr (Grants Manager-virtually) Mr Aaron Cripps (ML&D Services Manager) Mr Aaron Webb (Community & Youth Officer)
Member of the Public Present: None	
Apologies	Cllr Paul Exell and Cllr Ana Fernandes

Min ref		Action
CD061	Declarations of Interest None	
CD062	Public Bike Repair Stand The Community & Youth Officer gave a verbal report on the final quotes.	The Community & Youth Officer to purchase

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	The cost for 3 bike repair stands plus carriage is £4100net. A fourth one may be ordered at the same time for Moredon Sporting hub, but the cost of the fourth would be covered by the Moredon Sporting Hub Budget. A discussion on colour and logos was held. The Community & Youth Officer proposed four pumps be purchased, three from the Community Development budget for £4,100.00 and one from the Moredon Sporting Hub budget for £1,250. They should be in yellow to stand out, and have the council's logo on them. Cllr Dave Patey asked about the three proposed sites the Bike Repair Stands would be located. The Community & Youth Officer explained that one would be along the Western Flyer, one around Clive Parade and the third was yet to be decided. A discussion was held about exact locations. The Chair PROPOSED to purchase four Bike Repair Stands, the cost of three at £4,100.00net to come from the Community Development budget, the fourth to come from the Moredon Sporting Hub budget for £1,250.00net. RESOLVED to AGREE the purchase of four Bike Repair Stands, the cost of three at £4,100.00net to come from the Community Development budget, the fourth to come from the Moredon Sporting Hub budget for £1,250.00net.	four Bike Repair Stands.
CD063	Community & Youth Officer Update The Community & Youth Officer gave a verbal report update. The Community Pop-up Supermarket will be open on the 15th December 2023, supplying items for people to get gifts and food for a Christmas dinner. The Food Cookery Initiative is continuing to be very successful, and a new cohort of children are taking part. The group offered to cook for the Full Council meeting in December 2023, but after speaking with the Chair, Cllr Kevin Small, we will cook for Full Council in February or March instead, when it is less busy. The Parish is still receiving nominations for Pride of the Parish. Councillors were asked if they could have an extra meeting to whittle down nominations.	

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The Marketing, Literacy & Digital Services Manager explained he would be doing some additional social media pushes between now and the 31st December 2023.

The Sporting Tots Sessions have been successfully attracting about eight per session, and Soccer Excellence have agreed to continue providing the free sporting sessions for toddlers up until March 2024.

The Kelly Foundation and I have arranged a free two course Christmas meal for local families on Saturday the 23rd December 2023. The Community & Youth Officer has spoken to local schools and Swindon Borough Council, and families he works with in his role for The Parish to recruit families needing extra support during this time of year.

The Parish will also be giving out toys to the children participating in the meal and other children in need around the area, being funded from Cllr Will Stones Ward Allowance and toy donation boxes positioned around the parish.

The Rodbourne Cheney Christmas Party was on Saturday the 2nd December 2023. 20 young people attended and were entertained by Mad Pete, The Parish also supplied selection boxes and pizza.

Youth Programs are ongoing. Youthie on Wednesday nights, Friday football and detached session like the arts and crafts session taking place tonight with our new Youth Worker Tikara Townsend at Pinetrees.

RESOLVED: Councillors **NOTED** the Community & Youth Officers report.

Cllr Marilyn Beale asked about the POP event at Penhill on Saturday.

The Community & Youth Officer explained about the event and how well attended it was.

The Chair wanted to mention he went to the Xmas party put on, and funded, by Cllr Ana Fernandes on Saturday. It was well attended and very well put on.

Councillors discussed the new Youth Worker Tikara Townsend, her hours and role with The Parish.

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CD064	Assets Manager Update The Community & Youth Officer gave a verbal report from discussions with The Head of Operations and Julie-Anne Williams, due to a replacement for Michaela Johnston not being found yet. Bookings at Pinetrees remain consistent. JMH has an event on tonight and continues to be well used. We potentially have interviews on the 14th December 2023 for a new Assets Manager. The Community & Youth Officer explained the issues with trying to find a replacement. Cllr Marilyn Beale explained an issue she had experienced while trying to use the online booking system. The Marketing, Literacy & Digital Services Manager gave a verbal update on the changes to the booking system due to the upcoming Moredon Sports Hub. A recommendation will be going to Full Council on the 20th December 2023. RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD065	Grants Manager Update The Grants Manager presented her written update. The Grants Manager has been working on five large projects last month. The Parish has received a successful £165,000 grant towards the refurbishment of Penhill Bowls Club. The Grants Manager has become re-involved with the Swindon Sports Forum as they do a lot of great work in the local area. Councillors congratulated Gladys Barr and the team for the £165,000 grant award towards Penhill Bowls Club. RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the Grants Managers update.	
CD066	Marketing, Literacy & Digital Services Manager Update The Marketing, Literacy & Digital Services Manager presented an update.	

	The Library Service has continued to run seamlessly and there is a slight up uptick on usage across the board. The Community Garden at Moredon Library is in need of some extra work and will be a future project. Even Swindon move will happen on the 18th December 2023. Cllr Marilyn Beale offered a painting she won, painted by a local artist for Even Swindon Library. The new booking system will have a function for local people opening an account with a postcode in our parish to be automatically enrolled into the library. Hopefully this will increase library footfall. Swindon Borough Council announced recently about the new recycling system using blue bags, that could be obtained from local libraries. Initially The Parish libraries were not allocated any, but with Cllr Marilyn Beales support, we have obtained a limited number of blue bags which have been distributed amongst all The Parish Libraries. In future parishioners will be able to order them online and they will be delivered to their door. The Chair asked about Warm Spaces. The Marketing, Literacy & Digital Services Managers explained that there are areas available, but they haven't been publicised yet. A discussion was had about introducing young people to poetry. RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED The Marketing, Literacy & Digital Services Manager update.	
CD067	Events Working Group The Community & Youth Officer presented an update about the Events Working Group update. The Events Working Group has a meeting tomorrow. The importance of creating a robust plan for future events to be taken to the budget meeting. Cllr Marilyn Beale discussed old events in the area and the issues in resurrecting those events in the future.	

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	RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED The Community & Youth Officer update.	
CD068	Pride Of The Parish The Pride Of The Parish update was presented in CD063, Community & Youth Officer Update.	
CD069	Capital Budget Expenditure The Clerk explained that the capital sums discussed at the last meeting were presented to FGP on the 5 th December 2023. The completed budget will be discussed tomorrow and taken to the budget review. The future opening of Moredon Sporting Hub was discussed and when the Grand Opening would occur.	
Meeting Closed 20:12		

Signed.....



Date.....

23/01/2024

