



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 7th June 2023 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair)
Cllr Marilyn Beale (Vice Chair)
Cllr Paul Exell (virtually)
Cllr Ana Fernandes

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves (Clerk)

Officers:

Mr Aaron Cripps (Libraries Manager)
Mrs Michaela Johnston (Assets Manager)
Mr Aaron Webb (Community & Youth Officer)

Member of the Public Present: none

Apologies

Cllr Dave Patey

		Action
CD013	Declarations of Interest Cllr Marilyn Beale declared an interest in Penhill Community Orchard.	
CD014	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	

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CD015	Swindon Borough Council Health & Wellbeing Strategy Janani Arulrajah presented Swindon's Health & Wellbeing Strategy shown as APPENDIX A. Cllr A Fernandes asked if any group walking would be taking place. Janani advised that other group work would be taking place. Cllr P Exell asked that the request for public feedback should be clear in what is requested from them in relation to what does 'healthy outcomes' actually mean. Janani Arulrajah advised they could look at a QR to promote the engagement in the strategy and will get back to the Clerk on this. Cllrs NOTED the verbal presentation from Janani Arulrajah on Swindon's Health & Wellbeing Strategy.	
CD016	Pinetrees Community Café Tender The Clerk presented the proposed café tender shown as APPENDIX B. Cllr M Beale asked whether accumulated volunteer capacity could be used to help support the community running the café themselves, or those who are currently involved in it. The Clerk advised that there had been interest from those involved in the café currently. Cllr P Exell reiterated the Parish Council were only due to manage the café in the short term. RESOLVED: That the tender is recommended for approval to July Full Council	
CD017	Community & Youth Officer The Community & Youth Officer presented a written report shown as APPENDIX C and APPENDIX D. RESOLVED: That Councillors NOTE the report from the Community & Youth Officer.	
CD018	Asset Managers Update The Assets Manager presented a written report shown as Appendix E. RESOLVED: That Councillors NOTE the report from the Assets Manager.	

CD019	Grants Manager The Clerk presented a written report shown as APPENDIX F. RESOLVED: That Councillors NOTE the report from the Clerk.	
CD020	Events Working Group The Community & Youth Officer provided a verbal report. Cllrs were advised on the feedback from the Coronation event and plans for next years summer event. Cllrs were asked whether smaller parish wide events were held or fewer but larger events within the existing budgets. The Community & Youth Officer asked whether Councillors would consider a 'Pride of the Parish' initiative for the hard work of volunteers. Cllr M Beale noted there used to be five or six classification of award and these should be considered to be as varied as possible. Cllrs felt that Pride of the Parish could be used in the winter to 'fill the time' such as January-March. RESOLVED: That Councillors NOTE the report from the Community & Youth Officer and confirm Pride of the Parish in July 2023.	
CD21	Libraries The Libraries Manager presented a verbal report. The Libraries Manager advised more work is needed at the Moredon Community Garden and work is underway to improve the space using gardening classes. This could be an opportunity to revitalise the garden at the same time. The Summer reading challenge is now underway. The Libraries Manager advised he would setup a 500 word Essay Competition. The Libraries Manager advised the best could be put on display for public access with parental permission. Cllr P Exell asked whether library users could put forward book suggestions. The Libraries Manager advised this was tried before and we could try again.	

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	Cllr M Beale felt that JMH Library online reading advertising could be improved. RESOLVED: That Councillors NOTE the report from the Libraries Manager.	
	Meeting Closed 20:04	

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