



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 6th March 2024 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair)
Cllr Dave Patey (Vice Chair)
Cllr Anna Fernandes
Cllr Paul Park

Clerk:

Mr Aaron Webb (Community & Youth Officer)

Officers:

Ms Gladys Barr (Grants Officer)
Mr Aaron Cripps (ML&D Services Manager)
Mr Matt Gleed (Leisure Manager)
Mrs Louise Whatley (Assets Officer)

Member of the Public Present: None

Apologies

Cllr Paul Exell (dispensation)

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CD088	Declarations of Interest None.	

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CD089	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	
CD090	A419 Consultation Update The Chair gave an update on the A419 Consultation. The A419 needs major road improvements, and the Highways will be implementing a repair schedule which will include road closures at some sections. The plan is to complete the repairs by 1st March 2025. Mr A Webb explained they will be providing a report which will be presented to Councillors at a future meeting. Councillors NOTED the A419 Consultation update. Cllr Paul Parks requested to become a member of the Community Development Committee. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED Cllr Paul Parks election to Committee member of the Community Development Committee.	
CD091	Leisure Manager Update M Gleed presented an update on the Moredon Sporting Hub. The track is being laid this week, and lighting is being put in at the main pavilion which means we can start to put furniture and furnishings in by April 2024. Requests for events have started to come in but nothing can be booked until Swindon Borough Council have handed the site to us. A Cripps gave an update on the inclusivity bicycles being given to us and when and how they would be transferred to Moredon Sporting Hub. M Gleed explained that until a storage container was in place to keep the bicycles safe the transfer would not be able to take place. Cllr J Yeowell mentioned the transfer of the inclusivity bicycles and creating an event around it for publicity. Cllr D Patey asked about access for those using the adapted bicycles.	

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	The bicycles would be stored about halfway around the track, and the aim is to get side access to create ease of use. M Gleed explained his concerns around parking and the lack of spaces. He expressed a keen desire to use undesignated land to create essential parking spaces. Cllr J Yeowell expressed concerns about the speed of traffic travelling down the road by the entrance. Cllr D Patey asked if a sign saying turn left could be placed at the exit and people could turn around at the roundabout to create a safer flow of traffic. Cllr J Yeowell asked about electric charging points. M Gleed explained that we will have about 6 initially, more funding for extra was in the pipeline. Alternative parking was discussed. The booking system is in the process of being constructed and has been a challenging endeavour. Cllr D Patey asked about the possible flooding issues. M Gleed explained provisions have been implemented to correct this. Cllr D Patey asked about football tournaments. M Gleed said both the 3g and grass pitches would be used for a massive 5v5 tournament in the future. Cllr D Patey asked about the Princess Anne Pavilion. M Gleed explained that until the changing rooms are completed work on the Princess Anne Pavilion could not be completed. Councillors NOTED the Leisure Manager report.	
CD092	Community & Youth Officer Update A Webb gave a verbal presentation. The Inclusive Activity group has been very successful with lots of positive feedback.	

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	The Cookery Program is continuing to run with a boy and a girl's group. The rapport between the young people, the police officers and ourselves is developing nicely. Easter Activities for Easter will start on Tuesday the 2nd April 2024. The Easter Lunch Club will be on the 23rd March. The Pride of the Parish event went down really well, the winners were visibly proud and joyful on receiving their awards. Cllr D Patey asked about the Ready Steady Sensory. A Webb explained that Siobhan has had support from him from the start, and has been guiding and supporting her to grow and establish herself. Councillors NOTED the Community & Youth Officer update.	
CD093	Assets Manager Update L Whatley gave a verbal update. JMH booking requests for February 2024 have gone up by 121%, new customer bookings are up 25% and average booking value is up by 319%. Penhill scouts have booked a badge presentation from the library to encourage library use. Pinetrees booking requests for February 2024 have gone up by 52%, new customer bookings have dropped by 27% and the average booking value is up by 33%. Regular customers groups have been very successful. Cllr D Patey asked about us advertising activities on our website for groups who use our premises. A Cripps explained that this was a plan for moving forward and he would be working with groups to help them provide the advertising material in a suitable format for The Parish to use. Councillors NOTED the Asset Manager update.	

CD094	Grants Manager Update Councillors deferred the Grants Manager update to the next Community Development meeting.	
CD095	Marketing, Literacy and Digital Services Manager Update A Cripps gave a verbal update. Work is continuing with SkyLab which until Swindon Borough Council have handed over Moredon The Parish cannot progress any further. Councillors will be contacted in the future to discuss what the Councillors want to see in connection with promotion of Moredon Sporting Hub. Libraries are running smoothly and attendance is increasing across the board. Interviews for a new permanent library assistant at Moredon Library take place next week. The new IT support company is rolling out soon and will be up and running in about six weeks' time. New internet is also going ahead and will be active in the next 6-8 weeks improving wifi access across our sites. Cllr J Yeowell asked about if Councillors would be receiving new laptops. A Cripps explained that at present there were no plans to replace laptops. Officers laptops are replaced as needed. Cllr D Patey asked about The Parish magazine. A Cripps requested that Councillors complete an individual update about the previous years successes and forward it to A Cripps to include in the magazine in the next week or so. Councillors NOTED the Marketing, Literacy and Digital Services Manager update.	
CD096	Events Working Group A Webb gave a verbal update. It was discussed to hold a Winter Wonderland theme event at St Marks with a marque with Santas grotto and Christmas market stalls, finishing with a laser show.	

	Pembroke Open Day event was discussed and co-ordinating dates to not be too close to the Moredon Sporting Hub opening event. Other events are the POP event and the Simon Walls event on the field outside Pinetrees. Councillors NOTED the update from The Working Events Group.	
CD097	Pride Of the Parish Update given in CD092.	
	Meeting Closed 20:27	

Signed.....

Date.....07/08/2024

