



Parish Council
Central Swindon North Parish Council
Pinetrees Community Centre,
The Circle,
SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday 7th February 2024 19.00

Present:	
Councillors:	Cllr James Yeowell (Chair) Cllr Dave Patey
Clerk:	Mr Andy Reeves
Officers:	Ms Gladys Barr (Grants Officer) Mr Aaron Cripps (ML&D Services Manager) Mr Aaron Webb (Community & Youth Officer) Mrs Louise Whatley (Assets Officer)
Member of the Public Present: None	
Apologies	Cllr Paul Exell (dispensation) Cllr Ana Fernandes

		Action
CD080	Declarations of Interest None.	
CD081	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	

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CD082	Pride of the Parish Gala Night A Webb gave an update on the upcoming Pride of the Parish Gala night. The Pride of the Parish event will take place on Tuesday the 13th February 2024 from 18:30 to 20:30. A Webb and A Cripps have processed all the applications and the winners have been informed. Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD083	Green Card A Reeves gave an update on the on the agreed Green Card Scheme agreed for use by the Full Council in January 2024. The Community Development Committee will be responsible for the scheme and Councillors were asked to NOTE the following terms agreed by Full Council; a) SN2 and SN25 eligibility, b) To serve the residents within the Parish Council area only, c) It can be used at The Moredon Sporting Hub, St Marks Tennis Centre, the Community Centres and any other Leisure Facility The Parish take on, d) Library membership will be included, e) Membership will last for two years, f) There are three tiers agreed, g) Applications will be completed online, h) Evidence for tier two and three will require evidence of receipt of a specific benefit. A Cripps noted the need for something to be added to the application form for people who were signing on another person's behalf. Cllr D Patey asked about the card being used at St Marks Tennis Centre. A Reeves explained that it would depend on St Marks Tennis Centre being able to accommodate the card on their systems. Cllr D Patey asked about whether we would charge residents for the card. A Reeves explained that the administration charge for charging for the cards would not be cost effective, so all cards would be free.	

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	Cllr J Yeowell asked if the croquet club would be included. A Reeves explained that this would not be included initially, but in the future it could be included. Councillors NOTED the terms agreed.	
CD084	Community & Youth Officer Update A Webb gave a verbal update as the Community & Youth Officer. The Disability program happens every Friday now, capped at 8 participants and 45 minutes in duration. Parents have spoken about how much they appreciate this chance to bring their young people to a positive and inclusive sports activity. The Cookery Program is still ongoing with the police and is working well. They will be cooking for the Full Council meeting next month. The Youth Club attracts 35 young people per session, 70-75 young people attend the football sessions. The Food Poverty Program that started in June 2023 is moving ahead, Heather Pictor is managing the project coordinating Gorse Hill Salvation Army, Gorse Hill Baptist Church and The Night Shelter. The charities are working well together to provide support and help to parish residents in need. The increased communication has meant duplication of food packages is reduced which means more people are able to receive support. A discussion was held on gaining more funding for the future so this project could continue. Cllr D Patey mentioned the agreed funding for a Gorse Hill Pop-Up Shop. Cllr J Yeowell asked for the Youth Council to come in and provide an update on their work. Councillors NOTED the update from the Community & Youth Officer.	
CD085	Leisure Services Manager Update M Gleed gave a verbal update on leisure services.	

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	Football terms and conditions have been established and this will guarantee funding going forward. Moredon Sporting Hub has had 47 people looking to book pitches, mostly evenings and weekends. We have had issues with chewing gum which we will be monitoring closely and dealing with using fines if necessary. Four applicants for the British Cycling job, interviews are on the 15th February 2024. Moredon Sporting Hub has had a lot of interest from cricket teams and softball teams. The kitchen and café plans are now ready, and will be going out for tender soon. Cllr D Patey asked about the funding for the Cycling Officer. G Barrs explained that they found £64,000 in total, enough to cover two years. Most has come through Swindon Sports Forum and Swindon Cycling Campaign. A discussion was held on what was being done about the chewing gum situation. Councillors NOTED the update from the Leisure Services Manager.	
CD086	Grants Manager Update G Barrs gave an update on grants. Swindon Cycle Campaign for £20,000 was not successful, but after meetings they have asked us to re-submit. The Community Ownership Fund bid for Pembroke Gardens was turned down, so after studying the reasons we will re-submit after liaising with someone else who can critique the application before it is submitted. She has applications with the chewing gum fund, the Cycling Advisory Group and Swindon Cycling campaign. The Swindon Sports Forum has struggled for attendance recently and G Barrs has offered to support them for a year in the hopes to help support more funding to filter down to The Parish. Cllr D Patey asked about the Dementia Café and funding going ahead.	

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	G Barrs explained that their initial funding has been spent, but extra money for the next year has been acquired. Councillors NOTED the update from the Grants Manager.	
CD087	Marketing & Digital Services Manager Update A Cripps gave an update on Libraries. As his role has changed recently, he has confidence in his staff to continue with the work needed for the Parishes Libraries to be run smoothly. The Solar Panel project is moving ahead, and once final decisions are made the project will be completed. Councillors NOTED the Update on Libraries.	
Meeting Closed 19:56		

Signed.....

Date.....7/8/2024

