



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1RF

EXTRAORDINARY LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2023 at 19.00

Present:	
Councillors:	Cllr J Ballman (Chair) Cllr M Lucas Cllr J Yeowell
Committee Clerk:	Mr A Briggs
Member of the Public Present: NONE	
Apologies	Cllr Ian Edwards Cllr Dave Patey

		Action
LR295	Declarations of Interest Cllr J Ballman declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Hreod Burna Urban Forest (HBuF), the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and The Leisure & Library Trust. RESOLVED: Item noted.	
LR296	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None Received. RESOLVED: Item noted.	

LR297	Year to Date Budget & EMR Review The Chair agreed for the update on the item to be included within the budget consideration report. RESOLVED: Item moved.	
LR298	24/25 Budget Considerations The Head of Operations presented a written report. A copy of which can be found in appendix A. Members were informed that budget code 200/5500 relating to Sports Pitch Maintenance showed an overspend. However, this was due to works being completed and coded to the budget, that were in conjunction with the receipt of funding through the Football Foundation. Members were reminded that the sliding scale for the football Foundation grant was now applicable. Therefore, the parish would need to increase its contribution. Members were informed that there was a remaining balance of approx. £20k within the Play Area budget. Members were updated on several projects within the parks Working Group budget, that were scheduled to be completed before the end of the financial year. The Head of Operations informed Members of the resolution agreed at the Property & Assets Committee. It was confirmed that the P&AM had resolved to recommend a Public Works Loan was considered to support capital & project work. The Head of Operations recommended Members considered whether the Leisure & Recreation Committee wished to provide their support to review the feasibility of a PWLB application to include Play Areas and Allotments. Cllr J Ballman asked for further information on the reasoning behind the P&AM recommendation. It was explained that the loan would facilitate much of the large capital works that had been identified in building condition surveys conducted in 2021. Cllr J Ballman asked how the loan would be financed. Confirmed that no capital sum had been proposed. The Head of Operations provided several indicative repayment figures on a PWLB. Confirming current interest rates were around 5%. Cllr J Ballman highlighted the income streams from both the L&R Committee & the P&AM Committee. These were itemised	

	as, Sports pitch income, Allotment income and Community Centres. Cllr J Ballman queried whether the incomes were profit, loss or break even. It was suggested that the community centres operated at a neutral cost. Cllr J Ballman suggested that a loan could be serviced from the income streams, as apposed to increasing the Parish precept. Members held in depth discussion on the option of a Public Works Loan. The Head of Operations presented Members with the report recommendations. Cllr J Ballman asked for a collective meeting with the P&AM Committee to discuss the PWL. Members requested the Head of Operations and Parsh Clerk draft a report for Council to consider the specific details of loan application. The Head of Operations advised the P&AM committee meeting was due to take place on 11th December and suggested the matter be discussed at that meeting. Members agreed. Cllr J Ballman proposed the L&R budget proposal recommendations as tabled in Min Ref LR292. Cllr M Lucas Seconded. Members voted in favour. RESOLVED: Members approved the Committee budget requests as listed in Min Ref 292, be proposed to the Finance committee for consideration as part of the 24/25 FY budget setting process.	
LR299	L&R Committee Budget Proposal The Leisure & Recreation Committee agreed that the items listed 1 through 8 are proposed and tabled for consideration at the December Finance & General Purposes committee, to form part of 24/25 budget setting process. 1. Budget Code 200/5500 be increased to £5,000 2. Budget Code 200/5515 be increased to £25,000 3. Budget Code 200/5535 remains unchanged. 4. Budget Code 200/5761 remains unchanged.	

	5. Allotment income remains ringfenced for use on Allotments. 6. To increase all applicable budget codes inline with RPI. 7. That the L&R & P&AM committee meet to discuss a joint loan application. 8. That the Head of Operations & Parish Clerk produce and present a report on a PWLB application to support both the P&AM and L&R committees with capital and projects work. RESOLVED: Members APPROVED items 1 through 8 and AGREED that all itemized requests are presented as part of the 24/25 budget setting review to the December Finance & General Purposes Committee.	
	Meeting Closed at 19:38	

Signed 

Date 04.07.2024