



Parish Council

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

FULL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES **Wednesday 20th December 2023 19.00**

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Kevin Small (Chair)
Cllr Mick Lucas (Vice Chair)
Cllr John Ballman
Cllr Marilyn Beale
Cllr Ana Fernandes
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves

Officers:

Mr Andrew Briggs
Mr Aaron Cripps

Member of the Public Present: None

Apologies

Cllr Ray Ballman
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Javes Rodrigues

		Action
FC333	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. Cllr Marilyn Beale declared an interest in Penhill Orchard and Penhill Trust. Councillors NOTED the declaration of interest.	
FC334	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	
FC335	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th November 2023 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th November 2023 as a true and accurate record.	
FC336	Environment & Planning Committee The Committee Vice Chair presented the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on the 15th November 2023 and the 6th December 2023 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on the 15th November 2023 and the 6th December 2023 as a true and accurate record.	
FC337	Finance & General Purposes Committee The Committee Chair presented the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 5th December 2023 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 5th December 2023 as a true and accurate record.	
FC338	Community Development Committee The Committee Chair presented the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on the 6th December 2023 to be approved as a true and accurate record.	

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	RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on the 6th December 2023 as a true and accurate record.	
FC339	Leisure & Recreation Committee The Committee Chair presented the minutes of the Extraordinary Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 30th November 2023 and the Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 7th December 2023 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 30th November 2023 and the Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 7th December 2023 as a true and accurate record. The Chair requested an update on the Skatepark. Mr A Briggs explained that this would be covered in item 13 on the agenda.	
FC340	Property & Asset Management Committee The Committee Vice Chair presented the minutes of the Extraordinary Property & Asset Management Committee meeting held on the 27th November 2023 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Property & Asset Management Committee meeting held on the 27th November 2023 as a true and accurate record.	
FC341	Moredon & Rodbourne Cheney Library Solar Panels Leisure & Libraries Trust Request Mr A Cripps gave a verbal report on the Leisure & Libraries Trust request to install solar panels at Moredon & Rodbourne Cheney library. Mr A Cripps made the following recommendations to Councillors for resolution; 1) The Parish approves the Trust's request to install solar panels at Moredon & Rodbourne Cheney Library, subject to all considerations as outlined in the report being met, and costs of installation being met from Trust General Reserves; and 2) The Parish approves the Trust's request to install solar battery capacity when feasible. Mr A Reeves expounded to the Councillors that this is a building alteration request, and Councillors are asked to	

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	consider if this is an appropriate change to the building, whether the intent is for aims that we would support and that there are no liabilities attached which could adversely affect The Parish Council or Swindon Parish Council when assets transfer in the future. Cllr D Patey asked if enough money would be left for general expenses. Mr A Cripps explained that the funding would come from the reserves, not general running costs, so day to day expenses would not be effected. Cllr D Patey asked about the selling unused power back to the energy company. Mr A Cripps explained that WME will be providing this from April 2024. Cllr J Ballman proposed that The Parish accept the Officers recommendations. Cllr M Lucas seconded. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the recommendations presented by the Leisure & Library Trust to install solar panels at Moredon & Rodbourne Cheney Library, subject to all considerations as outlined in the report being met, and costs of installation being met from Trust General Reserves, and the installation of a solar battery when feasible. Exclusion of Press and Public to RESOLVE that in accordance with the provision of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item due to confidentiality reasons.	
FC342	APPROVE Integrated Leisure Management System build & Implementation for all services/MSH To CONSIDER the associated report and APPROVE the recommendation of the Clerk. The Clerk gave a verbal report on the Integrated Leisure Management System build & implementation for all services/MSH.	

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	A display of the system options and further discussion was held. Councillors discussed the different options available and the costing of option 1 and 3. The Chair asked about options 2 and 4, and whether displays of those two systems were available. The Chair asked Councillors to discuss the two options presented, 1 and 3. The Chair PROPOSED Councillors APPROVE the recommendations of the Clerk to accept option 3. RESOLVED; to APPROVE the Clerks recommendation to accept option 3.	
FC343	Moredon Sporting Hub Branding The Clerk requested to move the Moredon Sporting Hub Branding to be included in the FGP on the 2nd January 2024. RESOLVED; to move the Moredon Sporting Hub Branding to the FGP on the 2nd January 2024.	
FC344	IT Service Review Mr A. Cripps gave a report on adopting a managed IT Service solution going forward. He described the issues we have had with the current company, and the three company options available to us to service our IT service needs. Councillors discussed the needs of The Parish and the three company options available. The Chair PROPOSED that Councillors AGREED to change The Parish IT Service support to company 2. Cllr J Ballman seconded the proposal. RESOLVED Councillors AGREED to change IT Service support to company 2.	
FC345	Penhill Bowls Club Mr A Briggs gave an update on the grant funding available to move the skatepark to Penhill Bowls club and further development of the site, and asked councillors to APPROVE acceptance of the funding, and the relocation	

of the skatepark and the recommendations within the report.

Councillors discussed the issue.

Cllr M Beale is concerned that land originally set aside for a splash park is being used for a project not agreed by the community.

Cllr J Ballman asked about the issue with noise from the skatepark.

Mr A Briggs explained the feasibility study and the funding provided for soundproof fencing to reduce noise disruption to local residents.

Cllr M Beale left the meeting.

The Chair explained the history in this situation and his remorse for a Councillor feeling so upset about this issue.

The Chair asked if local residents had been asked about the project planned for the site.

Mr A Briggs explained his recent door to door research, and although there were some concerns, residents were happy to see the site being renovated.

Cllr D Patey was concerned about noise to local residents.

Cllr I Edwards thought the skatepark was originally going on the car park, was enough being done to negate the noise and that more resident research could be needed.

Mr A Reeves explained that originally hard standing was part of the funding agreed with the removal of the skatepark, but that was withdrawn, so alternative arrangements had to be made.

The Chair **PROPOSED** that subject to a consultation with local residents, which will be reported back to January's Full Council, The Parish **NOTE** the Skatepark feasibility report, The Parish **ACCEPT** the grant of £165,000 from the Youth Investment Fund to facilitate the Penhill Bowls Club refurbishment project. Councillors agree that Penhill Bowls Club is the most suitable location for the refurbished skatepark facility and **APPROVE** the project delivery plan as per the appendix, and request Head of Ops to contact Southern Capital with an update of the project.



	RESOLVED Councillors AGREED that subject to a consultation with local residents, which will be reported back to January's Full Council, The Parish NOTE the Skatepark feasibility report, The Parish ACCEPT the grant of £165,000 from the Youth Investment Fund to facilitate the Penhill Bowls Club refurbishment project. Councillors agree that Penhill Bowls Club is the most suitable location for the refurbished skatepark facility and APPROVE the project delivery plan as per the appendix, and request Head of Ops to contact Southern Capital with an update of the project.	
	Meeting closed 21:17	

Signed.....

Mark Ford

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27th June 24