



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 6th February 2024 19.00

Present:**Councillors:**

Cllr Dave Patey (Chair)
Cllr John Ballman
Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves

Officers:

Mr Andrew Briggs (virtually)

Member of the Public Present: None.

Apologies

Cllr Paul Exell (dispensation)
Cllr Kevin Small

		Action
FGP203	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. Councillors NOTED the declarations of interest.	

FGP204	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	
FGP205	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 2 nd January 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 2 nd January 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FGP206	Transaction Logs Cllr M Lucas to confirm review of December 2023 (£3,173.87) Transaction logs. RESOLVED: Cllr M Lucas confirmed the GPC transaction logs for December 2023.	
FGP207	Budget Report & Forecast To NOTE the summary of income and expenditure and the Forecast against the budget report for December 2023. RESOLVED to NOTE the summary of income and expenditure and Forecast against the budget report for December 2023.	
FGP208	Payments Lists To APPROVE the payments list for December 2023. RESOLVED to APPROVE the payments lists for December 2023.	
FGP209	Ear Marked Reserves To NOTE the balances of Ear Marked Reserves as at 31 st December 2023. A discussion was held on EMR333 Moredon Youth Hub balance and whether to reassign. Mr Andy Reeves explained and updated on the Moredon Management Issue. Cllr M Lucas asked if the EMR333 could be transferred to the Pembroke Changing facilities for toilet facilities. Mr Andy Reeves discussed the options available in cooperating with the Diocese to match fund with them to re-purpose the building.	Mr Andy Reeves to create a proposal in relation to re-purposing the Pembroke Changing Rooms and bring back to the committee.

	Mr Andrew Briggs explained that the Parish is in the process of applying for funding through the Community Ownership Fund to help with renovations, and that whatever money Councillors commit could be bolstered by external funding. The Chair proposed a resolution that Mr Andy Reeves create a proposal to bring to the committee in relation to working with the Diocese in the re-purposing of the Pembroke Changing Facilities using the EMR333 Moredon Youth funds. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED a resolution that Mr Andy Reeves create a proposal to bring to the committee in relation to working with the Diocese in the re-purposing of the Pembroke Changing Facilities using the EMR333 Moredon Youth funds. Cllr J Yeowell asked if the money in EMR's for play areas will be combined with the loan that will be procured in 24/25 or spent separately. Mr Andy Reeves explained that both are options. RESOLVED to NOTE the balances of Ear Marked Reserves as at 31st December 2023.	
FGP210	Ward Allowance Update To NOTE the current balances of Ward Allowances. RESOLVED to NOTE the current balances of Ward Allowances. Cllr Javes Rodrigues requests £4,000 from his Ward Allowance be used to purchase a CCTV camera at Poplar Avenue/Acacia Grove, and to cover the costs related to monitoring it after installation. Cllr J Ballman queried whether this was a suitable expenditure. He asked that Mr Andy Reeves consult with the Police, the Anti-social behaviour team and Swindon Borough Council about the feasibility of placing a CCTV camera in that location. Councillors did not approve Cllr Javes Rodrigues request at this time, until further research had been done and asked that Cllr Javes Rodrigues come to the meeting to explain his reasoning behind placing a CCTV camera at that location.	Mr Andy Reeves to consult with the Police, Anti-Social behaviour team Na Swindon Borough Council about the feasibility of placing a CCTV camera at Poplar Avenue/Acacia Grove. Mr Andy Reeves to remind Councillors to



The Chair proposed a resolution that further consultations be done around the placing of a CCTV camera at Poplar Avenue/Acacia Grove, and Cllr Javes Rodrigues present a more detailed explanation as to why he wants to place a CCTV camera at that location.

RESOLVED Councillors **APPROVED** a resolution to conduct consultations around the placing of a CCTV camera at Poplar Avenue/Acacia Grove, and Cllr Javes Rodrigues to present a more detailed explanation as to why he wants to place a CCTV camera at that location.

Cllr Dave Patey requests £650 from his Ward Allowance be used retrospectively to purchase Christmas lights at Gorse Hill Baptist Church.

RESOLVED Councillors **APPROVED** Cllr Dave Pateys Request for £650 from his Ward Allowance to be used retrospectively to purchase Christmas lights at Gorse Hill Baptist Church.

Cllr Dave Patey requests £1,000 from his Ward Allowance to be used towards a Pop-Up Shop at Gorse Hill, £1,000 from his Ward Allowance to be used towards a Mural by Sarah in Tideman Road/Elgin Subway and his remaining £350 is requested towards the upkeep/improvements of Edinburgh Street and St Marks play parks.

RESOLVED Councillors **APPROVED** Cllr Dave Pateys request for £1,000 from his Ward Allowance be used towards a Pop-Up Shop at Gorse Hill, £1,000 from his Ward Allowance be used towards a Mural by Sarah in Tideman Road/Elgin Subway and his remaining £350 towards the upkeep/improvements of Edinburgh Street and St Marks play parks.

Cllr Will Stone requests £400 from his Ward Allowance be used for the Cost-of-Living Shop.

RESOLVED Councillors **APPROVED** Cllr Will Stones request for £400 from his Ward Allowance to be used for the Cost-of-Living Shop.

Cllr John Ballman requests £2,000 from his Ward Allowance be used towards the Pinehurst Initiative Forum (PIF).

put in their Ward Allowances requests before the next FGP.

	RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED Cllr John Ballmans request for £2,000 from his Ward Allowance be used towards the Pinehurst Initiative Forum (PIF). The Chair asked Mr Andy Reeves to remind Councillors they only have one more FGP Committee meeting to put in their requests for uses of their Ward Allowances.	
FGP211	Policy Review To REVIEW and APPROVE the following policies and procedures; a) Safeguarding Policy b) Freedom of Information Procedure c) Bin Request Policy d) Litter Bin Policy a) The Safeguarding Policy to be amended and taken to Full Council. b) The Freedom of Information Policy to be amended and taken to Full Council. c) RESOLVED Councillors AGREED that the Bin Request Policy is no longer needed as it is covered by the Litter Bin Policy. d) Councillors RESOLVED to ADOPT the Litter Bin Policy.	The Safeguarding Policy and Freedom of Information Procedure go to Full Council after being updated. The Bin Request Policy go to Full Council to be removed as superseded by the Litter Bin Policy.
	Meeting Closed 19:47	

Signed..........

Date.....27/6/24.....