



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 4th April 2024 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr John Ballman (Chair)
Cllr Ian Edwards
Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andrew Briggs (Head of Operations)
Mr Neil Jackson (Allotment Officer) (virtually)

Member of the Public Present: None.

Apologies

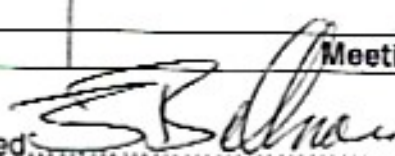
Cllr Ray Ballman

		Action
LR330	Declarations of Interest Cllr John 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.	
LR331	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	

LR332	Allotments A. To NOTE the current occupancy rates. Mr N Jackson gave a verbal update. There is 97.4% occupancy, 16 vacant plots. Councillors NOTED the current occupancy rates. B. To REVIEW & APPROVE the judging criteria for a 'best in show' Parish Allotment competition. Mr A Briggs gave a verbal update from a written report. Refer to Appendix 1. A discussion was held on ideas. Mr A Briggs suggested that the criteria go to the Allotment Working Group be ratified and brought back to L&R in the future. Cllr J Yeowell asked about the compost from the Defence Academy. Mr N Jackson explained that the compost has been a great success. Councillors NOTED the judging criteria for 'best in show' Parish Allotment competition and AGREED to it being taken back to the Allotment Working Group for ratification. C. To NOTE an update regarding the Community Forest project at Churchward. Mr A Briggs gave a verbal update. Councillors NOTED the update regarding the Community Forest project at Churchward.	
LR333	Parks & Open Spaces A. To RECEIVE a report & APPROVE the proposal for wildflower planting following community consultation. Mr A Briggs gave a report on the community consultation for wildflower planting in support of the charitable organization 'Bugs Life'. Refer to Appendix 2.	

	Councillors NOTED the consultation results, the comments of Neil Pullen and the proposed seed mix. The Chair proposed to proceed with planting wildflower seed mix at the areas outlined within the original report and to remove the area of land adjacent to the school at Seven Fields due to potential cross contamination. Cllr I Edwards seconded. RESOLVED and APPROVED the proposal for wildflower planting following the community consultation as outlined in the original report and to remove the area of land adjacent to the school at Seven Fields due to potential cross contamination.	
LR334	Green Flag A. To REVIEW the first draft of the interpretation board for St Marks Park. Mr A Briggs gave an update on the interpretation board for St Marks Park. Members commented positively on the draft design. Cllr J Yeowell asked whether there was a protective covering for the screen. Members asked to see more photos rather than stock images. Councillors NOTED the first draft of the interpretation board for St Marks Park.	Final draft to be brought to a future Committee meeting for review.
LR335	Play Areas A. To RECEIVE an update on the early engagement work for play area designs. Mr A Briggs gave a verbal update on the Play Areas identified for refurbishment and referred to the Contract Finder portal. A discussion was held on alterations that may be required at each site to make them more accessible. Councillors NOTED the update. B. To NOTE & CONSIDER a list of outstanding remedial works.	

	Mr A Briggs gave a verbal update from a written report. Refer to Appendix 3. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the costs for priority repairs as outlined in point 4 of Appendix 3 within the available budget remaining.	
LR336	Sports Pitches A. To RECEIVE the Football Foundation bi-annual pitch assessment report. Mr A Briggs gave a verbal update referring to the Football Foundation pitch assessment reports. It was commented that whilst the reports were generally positive, the poor weather had caused a number of matches to be cancelled. A discussion was held on the need for significant drainage works to be carried out across all sites due to excessive flooding issues. A Briggs highlighted the possibility of applying for grant funding for the work as to support project costs. Councillors NOTED the update.	A Briggs to contact Football Foundation to seek grant application information.
Meeting Closed 20:09		

Signed: 

Date: 04.09.2004