



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 7th December 2023 19.00

Present:	
Councillors:	Cllr John Ballman (chair) Cllr Ray Ballman (Vice Chair) Cllr James Yeowell
Clerk:	Mr Andrew Briggs (Head of Operations)
Officers:	Mr Aaron Webb (Community & Youth Officer) (virtually) Mr Neil Jackson (Allotment Officer)(virtually) Mr Andy Reeves (Clerk)(virtually)
Member of the Public Present: None	
Apologies	Cllr Marilyn Beale, Cllr Ian Edwards, Cllr Mick Lucas and Cllr Dave Patey.

		Action
LR300	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.	

LR301	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None Received RESOLVED: Item noted.	
LR302	Youth Investment Fund/Skatepark Report A Briggs presented Members with an associated report. A Briggs informed Members of the outcome of the YIF application. The Chair mentioned a group that use to provide cooking classes to young people in the area. Cllr R Ballman asked what would be sold in the shop. A Briggs explained the main idea is to have a café open at specific times run by volunteers. There would be a youth room also. Any products would be skateboard related. Cllr R Ballman asked if the money had to be spent by any specific time. A Briggs explained that if approved the capital spend would commence in April 2024 and need to be spent by March 2025. A Webb explained about the prospective activities and aims for creating the skatepark and connecting different young people in the area. Cllr J Yeowell asked if we want the Skatepark positioned anywhere else would we lose the funding. The Chair said yes. The Chair PROPOSED The Parish accept the Officers recommendations as listed within the report. RESOLVED: The Parish accept the offer from the Youth Investment Fund and propose the relocation of the Oasis skatepark to the Penhill Bowls Club as part of the project. RESOLVED: To APPROVE the report and APPROVE the recommendations. RESOLVED: That the report and recommendations are presented to the December 23 Full Council.	

	The Chair requested thanks be noted for the hard work undertaken on the application by Officer A Briggs, G Barrs and A Webb.	
LR303	Parks A Briggs presented an associated report from the Parks Working Group meeting held on the 15th November 2023. RESOLVED: Members NOTED the notes from the Parks Working Group meeting held on the 15th November 2023. A Briggs asked Members to consider the application for Green Flag status for Penhill Park for May 2024. The Chair PROPOSED The Parish go ahead with Green Flag status for Penhill Park in May 2024. RESOLVED: Councillors AGREED to an application for Green Flag status for Penhill Park in May 2024.	
LR304	Allotments N Jackson presented a verbal update. The Chair asked if SBC would be able to provide any road planing to fill the allotment potholes. The Chair asked if the Parish will be using the new tipper van to have a regular schedule for rubbish clearing at the allotments. N Jackson explained that a regular allotment clearance plan was due to be initiated eventually. RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the verbal update from the Allotment Officer. RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the current balance of the Allotment budget.	
LR305	Play Areas A Briggs presented a verbal update on all Play Areas. RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the verbal update on all Play Areas. A Briggs updated on the change in contractor for the annual safety inspections. RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the change of contractor for the annual safety inspections.	

	RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the balance of the Play Area budget. RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the update on the program continuation of Play Area Painting.	
LR306	Community Ownership Fund Update A Briggs gave a verbal update on the status of the Community Ownership Fund application. RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the update on the status of the Community Ownership Fund application.	
LR307	Sports Pitches A Briggs presented a verbal update on sports pitch usage & maintenance. A Briggs explained the issues with water-logged pitches at the moment. RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the update on sports pitch usage & maintenance.	
Meeting Closed 19:50		

Signed.....

Date.....04.07.2024