



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 4th September 2024 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair)
Cllr Ana Fernandes (Vice Chair)
Cllr Paul Park
Cllr Dave Patey

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves

Officers:

Mr Aaron Cripps (Marketing, Literacy & Digital
Services Manager)
Mr Aaron Webb (Community & Youth Officer)
Mrs Louise Whatley (Assets Officer)
Mr Matt Gleed (Leisure Manager)

Member of the Public Present: Carron Johnson

Apologies

Gladys Barr (Community Grants Officer)

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CD125	Public Questions & Public Correspondence Member of the public Carron Johnson asked if the parish council were aware that the church who occupy Pinetrees Community Centre have made a planning application on	

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	another building and if this would affect the income of the Community Centre. The group were unaware. Mr A Reeves advised that he met with the church last Month and given that they had been there for 13 years they are still keen to retain Pinetrees as a base even if they take on a second building. It is likely that if the church do pull out then the centre wouldn't open on a Sunday due to rising staff costs etc.	
CD126	Declarations of Interest None.	
CD127	Mannington Mural Mr A Webb gave a verbal update on suggestions for the mural. Mr A Webb explained again the issues with choosing people to be on the mural and how sports people who are popular now may not be in the future. A suggestion was made that the sports that are played at the site are depicted. The artist has confirmed he is happy to go ahead on this basis. Ferndale Mural Councillors discussed potential locations for a mural in Ferndale. The subway underneath Hawksworth Way was mentioned as was Iffley Road. In terms of design Mr A Webb suggested that he takes it to Fernbrook Centre School and get the school children involved in a competition. Councillors requested that further update be provided at the next meeting in October. Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD128	Grants Manager Update Mr A Reeves gave a verbal update from a written report provided by Gladys Barr. See Appendix 1. Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD129	Leisure Manager Update Mr M Gleed provided an update on some of the events going on in August. The Macmillan Charity Football Match took place along with our Twin day where a group from our German twin, Salzgitter, came over and had an action pack sporting day and a BBQ. The football season is just	

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getting going with the first grass pitch usage taking place. The 3G football pitch should be highlighted. It is our biggest cost but also our biggest potential source of income. We are at around 95% occupancy on that field now and the sites opening hours have been extended to maximise usage and income. This will mean it is coming in over budget and even with costs being taken in to account there will still be some profit which can be used to subsidise other activities.

Over 200 children have be learnt to ride a bike this summer. Often many have come back to the site to use the mini road section and also the pay as you go facilities.

The aim is to get 12 Cricket teams here for next season to maximise the income for the new wickets. This will also gauge the interest in a netted area / artificial wickets which we would look to potentially invest in in the future.

Softball have enjoyed a good season and will continue.

The BMX set up is now free to use. £11,000 of investment has been received. £10,000 for capital and £1,000 for coaching and education. A further £4,000 is going to be applied so we can put on a full programme, hire coaches and put on chargeable sessions. The development of further areas of the park is going to be looked at. This will include a feature such as a 'bowl' and also the possibility of introducing a skateboard/scooter area. Mr A Reeves advised that a working group has been formed to look at The National Lottery grant which was returned with feedback. This will be tweaked and re submitted in due course.

Roller blading / roller skating is a new activity that has been introduced on a Friday night and is popular.

Further activities and sports are continuing to be investigated. A running club has shown an interest and Parkrun are being contacted to potentially list us as a junior partner.

Cllr J Yeowell will officially open the café on Monday 9th September 2024.

Councillors **NOTED** the update.

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CD130 **Events Working Group Update**

St Marks Summer Community Event

Cllr Ana Fernandes gave a verbal update on the success of the Community Event held in August. This was outside of the parish council remit and Cllr James Yeowell proposed that it is included on the Events Working Group programme for next year. The group agreed.

Pride Of The Parish

Mr A Webb gave a verbal update on planning for the Pride of The Parish event. The nominations will go live on Monday 4th November 2024. The group made a decision on the date of the 10th February 2025 which will be booked with the Moredon Sporting Hub. It will run from 6.30pm til 9pm.

The five categories will be the same as last year. Carer of the Year, Young Person of the year, Community Group of the year and Volunteer of the year. There is also an overall winner. It was also suggested that a Charity of the year category will be added.

Mr A Webb will look into the cost of getting the trophies designed with the parish logo included instead of being generic. Cllr Ana Fernandes will look into arranging some music for the event.

Winter Wonderland

Mr A Webb advised that he would give further update on the trip to Winter Wonderland at the next meeting in October. The event has been booked and the risk assessment can now be prepared. The event will start to be advertised in the first week in October.

Silver Saturday

Mr A Webb advised that planning was well underway with the Annual National 'Silver Saturday' event which will go ahead at Pinetrees Community Centre in October.

Barry Island

In August we took 52 Parish residents to Barry Island. This was well received and had lots of positive feedback. It was subsidised by the Parish Council with a charge of £5. Given the success we will be looking to run it again next year.

Councillors **NOTED** the update.



CD131	Community & Youth Officer Update Mr A Webb gave a verbal update. Our world week Nova Herod In July at Moredon Sporting Hub we worked with Nova Herod to help support them in our world week. We attracted over 300 children and young people across the week. It was a great opportunity for us to showcase the amazing facilities that we can offer at MSH. Summer Half Term During the summer half term we delivered youth work in every ward of our parish. Outreach was held in the areas that don't have youth clubs. The forestry school at Penhill was also a great success. Lots of positive feedback and another will be held in October. Upcoming Events Youth activities will begin at Moredon Sporting Hub in the next few weeks on Tuesday's and Thursday's. The timings will be straight from school – 3.30pm til 5pm which is a new time slot we are trialling. Football sessions will be running on a Friday afternoon from 5.00pm til 6.00pm. The disability sessions that are currently run at Pinetrees Community Centre will be transferred to Moredon Sporting Hub because more suitable facilities are available. Mr A Reeves advised that build work has begun on the Penhill Youth Club. It is hoped that it will be completed by Christmas but this will be weather dependant. Mr A Reeves will be meeting with Mr A Webb to start work on planning the programme. Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD132	Marketing, Literacy & Digital Services Manager Mr A Cripps joined the meeting and gave a verbal update. The main focus at the moment is on the system build with XN and the booking systems for the grass pitches and the Community Centres. We are now enrolled with Switch, and online payment portal, which will facilitate card payments for bookable pitches etc. Mr A Cripps is also in communication with GOV.UK Pay which would enable us to take payments without a fee. This is ongoing and the group will be informed of any further updates in due course.	

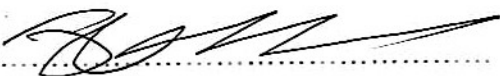


	The Audio Visual installation's to the meeting rooms at Moredon Sports Hub are also currently being reviewed and quotes are being obtained. Mr A Cripps is also looking at the possibility of live streaming Council Committee Meetings making them more accessible to members of the community. The Summer Reading Challenge has been completed. We are awaiting final figures to establish success. The National Literacy Trust will again be delivering the story times at Pinetrees Library on a Saturday Morning. The Lego Club will be restarting at Penhill and there will also be a creative writing session at Penhill on a Tuesday's. A 'You are here' visual map for Moredon Sporting Hub is currently being developed. Mr A Cripps asked Mr A Webb To send over the details for some local artists for design so this can progress. Mr A Cripps asked if Cllr Paul Park could contact him to set up a meeting regarding Swindon Story Shed. Cllr Dave Patey asked if there had been any issues with the change of location for the Even Swindon Library. Mr A Cripps confirmed no significant issues apart from a small delay with the installation of broadband which has now been resolved. Mr A Cripps will shortly be undertaking a review of the existing Parish website to ensure everything is still working and that the content is up to date. Cllr J Yeowell asked if a hearing induction loop feed will be installed at Moredon Sporting Hub. It was confirmed that these are no longer required with the use of modern hearing aids and also there is no longer a provider of this service. Councillors NOTED the verbal update.	
CD133	Community Centre Manager Mrs L Whatley gave a verbal update from a written report. See Appendix 2.	

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	Citizen's Advice Swindon are coming in to Pinetrees Community Centre on a Friday to offer up advice on benefits, debt, budgeting etc. Cllr Dave Patey raised that he had read that quite lot of people eligible for pension credits who are not claiming them. Could we ensure that the Citizen's Advice days are well advertised to the local community. Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD134	Community Litter Picks Cllr James Yeowell proposed a regular centralised ward litter pick and also discussed offering a participation incentive. A terms of reference will need to be completed. The events working group will be used to facilitate this. Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD135	St Marks Summer Community Event The St Marks Summer Community Event update was presented in CD130, Events Working Group.	
CD136	Pride Of The Parish The Pride Of The Parish update was presented in CD130, Events Working Group.	
Meeting Closed 20:21		

Signed.....



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05/11/2024