



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 5th February 2025 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair)
Cllr Vanessa Bentley (virtually)
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Muhammad Khan (virtually)
Cllr Paul Park
Cllr Raj Patel
Cllr Dave Patey

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)

Officers:

Mr Aaron Webb (Community Youth Manager)
Mr Aaron Cripps (Marketing, Literacy and Digital
Systems Manager)
Ms Gladys Barr (Grants Manager)

Member of the Public Present: John Stooke (The Kelly Foundation)
Emma Rees (The Kelly Foundation)

Apologies

None

		Action
CD179	Declarations of Interest Cllr Paul Park declared a non-precursory interest in the Library & Leisure Trust. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the declaration.	
CD180	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	
CD181	The Kelly Foundation Mr John Stooke gave a presentation on The Kelly Foundation and their project to create a mental health support line, manned from 9am until midnight, 7 days a week. Between midnight and 9am a clear and targeted message will be played. They will then listen, understand, and set up a support package. They will be seen, face to face, the next day without fail and a support plan will be agreed with the client/agencies. Nobody will be left without hope. The program will cost £600,000 over three years. The National Lottery will be requested for 70%. CSNPC % contribution by electorate will be £11,500 per year for three years. Mr A Reeves explained that the 25/26 budget has just been agreed so no funding will be available until the 26/27 budget is decided. The situation is dire across the country, and this could be a situation where national Government support could be needed. Cllr J Yeowell asked about the face-to-face meetings. Emma Rees explained that the face-to-face meetings would be between 9am-5pm. Clients who call out of those hours will be seen the next day. Cllr J Yeowell asked about managing Pinetrees if open longer hours. Mr A Reeves said that The Parish would manage The Kelly Foundations needs once it was established. Cllr P Exell noted that the newsletter was coming out soon and this could be a good way to advertise the service. He mentioned that it is shame that this national issue is looking to be funded from a Parish level, he supports the	

project but noted that there would be procedures The Parish would have to follow to support this project long term.

Ms G Barr noted the importance of making the provision sustainable.

Cllr R Patel supported the project but noted that the Government should be doing more to help.

Mr A Cripps asked about The Kelly Foundations plans to make Pinetrees Community Centre a Mental Health Hub. Pinetrees as a Community Centre has a specific role, as would a Mental Health Hub, how does he see them working alongside each other.

Mr J Stooke explained that for now the space The Kelly Foundation uses is adequate, but as the project develops more space will be needed. The National Lottery funding request will include provision for room hire.

Cllr P Exell noted that Community Development could approve support in principle, but it would have to go to the Finance & General Purposes Committee and then Full Council for confirmed approval.

Cllr P Park explained as a father he worries about mental health support in The Parish and he supports the project.

Cllr D Patey asked about other services available.

Mrs E Rees explained that there are long delays to access support, and once received they usually only last 6-8 weeks.

Cllr D Patey asked if there is other support available from The Parish, would Gladys be able to support them with The National Lottery application.

Ms G Barr said she would be able to support The Kelly Foundation with any applications for funding.

Cllr P Exell proposed The Parish support of The Kelly Foundation with a yearly monetary contribution of £11,500.00 towards the Mental Health Helpline, and the recommendation be taken to the Finance & General Purposes Committee in March.

Cllr P Park seconded.

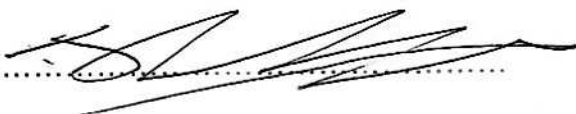
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	RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED The Parish support of The Kelly Foundation with a yearly monetary contribution of £11,500.00 towards the Mental Health Helpline, and the recommendation be taken to the Finance & General Purposes Committee in March.	
CD182	Marketing, Literacy and Digital Systems Manager Mr A Cripps presented an update. BT are still assessing how they will be able to get fibre to Moredon Sporting Hub. The mobile broadband currently being used is suitable for the needs at the moment but limits The Parishes ability to take payments until the building has a VPN. The Libraries financial year is looking to be under budget for 24/25 but no future savings will be possible in the current financial situation. There is a new member of staff called Olha. The Home Education group that spoke at Community Development recently are now using JMH regularly. There is work in progress to support adding residents to the new Green Cards as library members. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD183	Grants Manager Update Ms G Barr presented an update. See Appendix 1. Cllr D Patey asked about Apprentices, are The Parish expected to manage a certain amount as Private Businesses do. Mr A Reeves explained that The Parish is not obliged to manage a certain amount, but that The Parish is looking to initiate a few. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD184	Community Youth Manager Mr A Webb presented an update. See Appendix 2. Mr A Cripps requested that we do a VE day event.	

	Cllr P Exell noted that other Parishes are also doing VE events and co-ordinating with them. Cllr J Grotzinger explained that the advertising for the African Festival has been going well and will be funded through her Ward Allowance. Cllr J Grotzinger requested that the African Festival be this year and the Asian Festival be next year. Cllr Raj Patel noted that combining the African Festival with the yearly Colour Festival in the future could be useful. Mr A Reeves asked Councillors to agree which events the Community Development Committee would like to fund in the 25/26 year. Mr A Webb explained that he would like to see events spread out around the Parish in areas that do not normally see events. Councillors discussed events and which The Parish should support this year. Cllr P Exell PROPOSED The African Festival, VE Day event, Silver Saturday, Pride of the Parish and a December event. Cllr P Park seconded. Mr A Reeves explained that sometimes events may need adjusting or moving for safety issues dependant on weather. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED The African Festival, VE Day event, Silver Saturday, Pride of the Parish and a December event.	
CD185	Cllr Paul Park Cllr P Park updated the committee that the Scouts have been told to vacate the Evelyn Centre by the end of March 2025. There could be possible re-homing needs. Mr A Reeves explained that we have some available space that could be made available at a cost for those groups looking for a new permanent home. Councillors NOTED the update.	

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