



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 8th January 2025 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair)

Cllr Paul Exell

Cllr Paul Park

Cllr Dave Patey

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)

Officers:

Mr Aaron Webb (Community Youth Manager)

Mr Matt Gleed (Leisure Manager)

Mrs Louise Whatley (Assets Officer)

Ms Gladys Barr (Grants Manager)

Member of the Public Present: Steve Neale (WASP)(virtually)
Stuart Arthur (WASP)(virtually)
Tim Howe (Longevity Games)
Matt Pound (Roxi Foundation)
John Morgan (Roxi Foundation)

Apologies

None

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		Action
CD170	Declarations of Interest Cllr Paul Park declared a non-precursory interest in the Library & Leisure Trust. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the declaration.	
CD171	Public Questions & Public Correspondence Mr S Neale gave a presentation around Swindon Place – Based Expansion, which is connected to Sport England Uniting the Movement strategy. £250 million over the next five years worth of funding designed to support local projects to deliver impact against: • Increasing activity • Decreasing inactivity • Tackling inequality • Providing positive experiences for children and young people. Cllr J Yeowell mentioned that some of the resident opinions may not accurately cover the majority of local opinions. Mr S Arthur explained that this project was focusing on the 25% of residents that are currently inactive and discovering how they feel about the local provision. Finding out why they don't use the local provisions is the main aim of the project and as such their opinions will differ to residents actively using the provision at present. Mr A Reeves thanked WASP for their presentation and the LGA training provided alongside it to CSNPC staff. Mr A Reeves mentioned that all previous interventions and strategies had been lead without the support of Parish Councils as Parish Councils in Swindon are a new entity and could those strategies have succeeded if they had had the people on the ground to make them work. He also asked if Sport England would be content to support funding for what is a minority number of people within the Parish. Mr S Neale explained that Sport England would be content to fund the work needed to bridge the gap between those who are inactive and the rest of the residents. He continued to explain that unless all involved listen to those actually effected by inactivity and create the	

	provision and support to get them active the situation will not change. Mr S Neale noted that WASP pushed to include the top 20% of inactive residents to include a larger number of areas in both Parish Councils. He emphasised that if more workers and officers could be supplied within the Parish Council to facilitate the increase in inactive people becoming active then this is something WASP can discuss and support in the future. Mr S Arthur explained that Sport England are very interested to see how local Parish Councils can support change to encourage more local inactive residents to become active. Mr A Reeves noted that The Parish Councils are on the ground with the local people and know the local people and can be a real asset in supporting a project like this. Mr S Neale explained that this is a possible four year funding contract to support getting a large number of people active and improve families in the long run. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the presentation.	
CD172	The Longevity Games Mr T Howe gave presentation on The Longevity Games. As a father he wants to be around to be a healthy grandparent and the lack of provision for older people to participate in activity is something he has noticed. He wants to increase the activities available for older people to increase longevity. The program he has designed is to increase core strength, leg strength and overall mobility, flexibility and physical health. Cllr J Yeowell asked how the program was created. Mr T Howe explained he spoke to experts from personal trainers, Sports College's an Universities, Sports Therapist and many others. Cllr J Yeowell asked is it disability friendly. Mr T Howe explained it is designed for 16 years plus right now due to insurance purposes, but he hopes to extend it to children and those with extra needs in the future.	

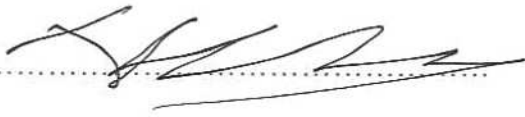
	Cllr J Yeowell asked what he was requiring from The Parish. Mr T Howe asked that when funding was available that subsidising residents to participate would be extremely helpful. Ms G Barr asked how much a person working with a personal trainer doing a 10-week course would be charged. Mr T Howe was unsure the total cost as the personal trainers are doing it separately. Mr A Reeves mentioned the FGP grant request that could be made if SN2 residents could be evidenced as using the facility. Cllr D Patey asked when he was at Moredon Sporting Hub. Mr T Howe stated the 20th July 2025. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the presentation.	
CD173	The Roxi Foundation Mr M Pound gave a presentation about the Roxi Foundation. The Roxi Foundation was created to support parents and children who suffer from Autism and ADHD. They have funded testing especially with children between 7-14 years old, who live in the Swindon area and it is means based (households under £40,000 per year income). The Roxi Foundation put on events with provisions for those effected by Autism and ADHD and signpost individuals to the support available. The difference having the diagnosis makes in the lives of the children is immense when you see how it improves the lives of the children. Mr M Pound explained the Roxi Foundation are not looking for funding but support advertising the events and activities the foundation are putting on. Mr A Reeves asked which areas the foundation were supporting most within Swindon as funding and resources could be made available to them.	

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	Mr M Pound explained at present they had not collected detailed data on this but that people were travelling from all over Swindon as not much like this is available. Ms G Barr mentioned the Aiming High group at Swindon Borough Council that could offer help and support. Cllr J Yeowell asked does the group link in with the local schools, do they work with other SEND charities and groups and is there any support for adults. Mr J Morgan explained it can take 2-3 years for a child and around 7 years for an adult to receive a diagnosis within Swindon at present. There is a discount for adults, but the group mainly focuses on 7-14 year olds. He noted the foundation work alongside other groups in the area and signpost a lot of people who come to them for help. Cllr D Patey mentioned the grant fund available from the FGP, and asked is the assessment that the foundation pay for accepted in schools. Mr M Pound explained that in schools it is but the NHS do not, which means the children can get the school support, even if they cannot access the medication they may need. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the presentation.	
CD174	Leisure Manager Update Mr M Gleed presented an update. See Appendix 1. Cllr J Yeowell asked when Mr M Gleed thinks the cycling track usage will increase. Mr M Gleed said he expects it to increase around May 2025, but explained that the income from football pitch usage is higher than the cycle track. He explained that he is working with officers to come up with strategies to increase footfall. Cllr P Exell asked about increasing cricket usage. Mr M Gleed explained this is one area that The Parish is looking at increasing this area. Cllr D Patey asked about funding a 2nd 3G pitch.	

	Mr M Gleed explained it is an option, but limited parking is an issue. Cllr J Yeowell asked if the fibre broadband had been put in at Moredon now. Mr A Reeves explained there has been a delay due to BT equipment, The Parish is working on it. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD175	Community Centre Manager Update Mrs L Whatley presented an update. See Appendix 2. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD176	Events Update Mr A Webb presented an update. See Appendix 3. Cllr D Patey noted that residents had mentioned to him how impressed they were with the Christmas events provided to them by The Parish. Cllr J Yeowell asked about the Pride of the Parish. Mr A Webb explained that the nominations are in now and he would co-ordinate with Cllr J Yeowell over choosing winners. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD177	Community Youth Manager and Events Update Mr A Webb presented a verbal update. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD178	Grants Manager Update Ms G Barr presented a verbal update. See Appendix 4. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
	Meeting Closed 21:20	

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Date...06/03/2025

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