



Parish Council
Central Swindon North Parish Council
Pinetrees Community Centre,
The Circle,
SWINDON SN2 1QR

**EXTRAORDINARY LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday 13th November 2024 18.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Ian Edwards (Vice-Chair)(virtually)
Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Muhammad Khan
Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr Paul Park
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andrew Briggs (Head of Operations)

Member of the Public Present: None

Apologies

Cllr John Ballman

		Action
LR385	Declarations of Interest Cllr Ian Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Leisure & Library Trust. Cllr Paul Park declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Leisure & Library Trust. RESOLVED: Item NOTED .	

LR386	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	
LR387	Year to Date Budget & EMR Review Mr A Briggs presented a year to date budget for Leisure & Recreation and EMR. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR388	24/25 Budget Considerations A. To REVIEW the associated report. See Appendix 1. Cllr J Yeowell asked how much of a percentage increase on the precept is L&R request from last year. Mr A Briggs explained it would be a nominal increase, and the Parish has some EMR funds available to complete projects. Cllr M Khan asked how much of the Play Area budget would be to cover the PWLB loan. Mr A Briggs stated around £30,000 of the Play Area budget would be to cover the Play Areas portion of the PWLB repayment. Cllr P Park asked about what the Parish receives from Green Flag status. Mr A Briggs explained it gives us an actually flag, recognition that the park is maintained to an internationally approved standard and is advertised on the Green Flag site. Cllr M Lucas requested that extra money be made available in the budget for allotment maintenance as the ringfenced income itself was not enough to cover the cost of the work that needs completing. Cllr M Lucas proposes an extra £5,000.00 in the Allotment Maintenance Budget request for additional maintenance work. Seconded by Cllr J Yeowell. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED to increase the proposed Allotment Maintenance Budget request by £5,000.00.	

Cllr M Khan requested that extra money be made available for Mannington Rec as residents were unhappy with the quality of the Parishes provision there.

Mr A Briggs explained that it would be prudent to request an increase the overall Play Areas budget, then put in a request to use some for Mannington Rec specifically.

B. To **CONSIDER** the requests from;

- i. Allotment Working Group
- ii. Parks Working Group
- iii. Play Area Working Group

C. To **CONSIDER** other requests pertaining to 25/26 budget setting.

Cllr J Yeowell asked if the Leisure & Recreation Committee should consider the Sports equipment and wildflower budgets mentioned in the budget update.

Cllr P Park asked if we purchased equipment in bulk to reduce costs does the Parish have space to store them.

Mr A Briggs replied yes.

Cllr J Grotzinger asked if £2,500 was enough to fund goal net purchases.

Mr A Briggs explained that goal nets generally last 3 seasons, however if they are damaged accidentally it can take time to order and replace them. Each set of nets cost about £300.00.

Cllr J Yeowell asked about the wildflowers and would we be able to gain funding again.

Mr A Briggs explained that we could return to the charity, but additional costs are incurred in the preparation of the land before the seeds can be planted and this would have to be covered by the Parish.

Cllr J Grotzinger asked about the bulb planting at St Marks.

Mr A Briggs explained that the order had been placed for them, and that Cllr J Grotzinger ward allowance request would cover those.

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	Cllr J Yeowell proposed the inclusion of the £2,500.00 Sports Equipment budget request. Cllr M Lucas seconded. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the inclusion of the £2,500.00 Sports Equipment budget request.	
LR389	L&R Committee Budget Proposal To CONFIRM the Leisure & Recreation Committee 25/26 budget recommendations, as to be presented as part of the overall budget setting schedule. <u>Recommendation</u> 1.1 Consider the budgetary increases outlined within the report, ensuring provision for loan repayments and contributions for grants while covering inflation and maintenance needs. 1.2 Reinstate the parks budget to £5,000.00 to support Green Flag status efforts. 1.3 Maintain the ringfenced allotment income and ensure any surplus is directed towards the sinking fund at year-end. 1.4 Consider requirement for additional Committee budget discussion meetings. 1.5 Include a £5,000.00 additional budget for Allotment Maintenance and £2,500.00 new budget for Sports Equipment. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED recommendation 1.1 to 1.5.	
Meeting Closed 18:40		

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Date 04/03/25