



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 27th November 2024 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr K Small (Chair)
Cllr Ian Edwards (Vice Chair)
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Ana Fernandes
Cllr Joy Grotzinger (virtually)
Cllr Mick Lucas (virtually)
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr Javes Rodrigues
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andrew Briggs

Officers:

Mr Aaron Webb

Member of the Public Present: none

Apologies

Cllr John Ballman

		Action
FC423	Declarations of Interest Cllr I Edwards declared an interest in the Leisure & Libraries Trust.	

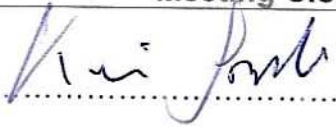
	RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the declaration.	
FC424	Public Question Time & Correspondence None	
FC425	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 25 th September 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on the 25 th September 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC426	Environment & Planning Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on the 4 th September 2024, 18 th September 2024, 2 nd October 2024, 16 th October 2024 & the 6 th November 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on the 4 th September 2024, 18 th September 2024, 2 nd October 2024, 16 th October 2024 & the 6 th November 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC427	Finance & General Purposes Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on the 1 st October 2024 & 5 th November 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on the 1 st October 2024 & 5 th November 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC428	Community Development Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Community Development Committee meetings held on the 2 nd October 2024 & 6 th November 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Community Development Committee meetings held on the 2 nd October 2024 & 6 th November 2024 as a true and accurate record.	

FC429	Leisure & Recreation Committee The Vice Chair presented the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meetings held on the 3rd October 2024 & 7th November 2024, and the Extraordinary Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 13th November 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meetings held on the 3rd October 2024 & 7th November 2024, and the Extraordinary Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 13th November 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC430	Moredon Sporting Hub Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee meeting held on the 23rd September 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee meeting held on the 23rd September 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC431	Updated Policy Approval To REVIEW and ADOPT updated policies & procedures. a) Health & Safety Policy. b) Mobility Scooter Policy. a) RESOLVED Councillors ADOPTED the updated Health & Safety Policy. b) RESOLVED Councillors ADOPTED the Mobility Scooter Policy.	
FC432	Penhill Bowls Club Rename a) To APPROVE a virement request from the Play Area Budget 210/5515 to EMR385 to cover an unbudgeted cost within the overall project. Mr A Briggs presented a verbal update. Cllr D Patey asked if the money should be spent on parks not leisure facilities. Mr A Briggs explained the excess money in the Play Area Budget was originally for the PWLB which the Parish will not start to pay for until next year. Cllr K Small proposed the virement request of £5,000.00 from Play Area Budget 210/5515 to EMR385 to cover an	Finance Manager to transfer £5,000.00 from Play Area Budget 210/5515 to EMR385. Ops Manager to submit new name to Gazetteer.

	unbudgeted cost within the project, and that any underspend be returned to the Play Area Budget. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the virement request of £5,000.00 from the Play Area Budget 210/5515 to EMR385 to cover an unbudgeted cost within the project, and that any underspend be returned to the Play Area Budget. b) To APPROVE the renaming of the Penhill Bowls Club. Mr A Briggs presented a verbal update from a written report. See Appendix 1. Councillors discussed the naming options. Cllr P Exell proposed the name Parkside Hub. RESOLVED Councillors RESOLVED to rename the refurbished Penhill Bowls Club to Parkside Hub.	
FC433	PWLB To APPROVE to seek approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, House and Communities to apply for a PWLB loan of £1,250,000 over the borrowing term of 25 years for Capital Works and Play Areas. The annual loan repayments will come to around £94,232.60, which equates to an annual precept increase of 5.14%. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED to seek approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, House and Communities to apply for a PWLB loan of £1,250,000 over the borrowing term of 25 years for Capital Works and Play Areas. The annual loan repayments will come to around £94,232.60. It is intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 5.14% a year. This will be subject to a precept increase consultation.	
FC434	Staff Engagement Survey Mr A Briggs presented an update. See Appendix 2. Cllr D Patey asked about why we are taking so long to close a month, and he liked the idea of the tour around our	

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	assets. He also mentioned it would be nice to connect the staff and Councillors with a yearly event. Cllr J Rodrigues liked the survey and the impression it gives but would like the Parish to continue to monitor diversity within staffing. Cllr P Exell asked if more staff could partake in community projects like litter pick. Cllr K Small proposed that items 1.2, 3.1, 3.2 & 5.1 be considered as part of the budget setting process and the rest to be approved. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED all the recommendations in the associated report except 1.2, 3.1, 3.2 & 5.1 which would be considered as part of the budget setting process.	
FC435	Tractor Repairs Mr A Briggs presented a verbal update. Mr A Briggs proposed the underspend from the grounds maintenance budget be used to repair the tractor as well as any contribution from HBUF. Cllr D Patey mentioned that the lease to HBUF needs to be looked at if they continue to use the tractor. Cllr P Exell noted that the continued maintenance of the tractor is not cost effective and whether the Parish should continue maintenance. Cllr D Patey proposed £5,000 be allocated from the grounds maintenance budget for repairs to the tractor. Any underspend to be returned to the budget. Cllr P Exell seconded. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the allocating of £5,000.00 from the grounds maintenance budget for repairs to the tractor. Any underspend to be returned to the ground maintenance budget.	
Meeting Closed 19:28		

Signed..... 

Date..... 4/3/25