



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

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday 5th November 2024 19.00

Present:	
Councillors:	Cllr Dave Patey (Chair) Cllr Mick Lucas (Vice Chair) Cllr Joy Grotzinger (virtually) Cllr Muhammad Khan Cllr Javes Rodrigues Cllr James Yeowell
Clerk:	Mr Andy Reeves
Officers:	Mr Andrew Briggs (virtually)
Member of the Public Present: Mike Ware (Idverde)(virtually)	
Apologies	Cllr John Ballman Cllr Kevin Small

		Action
FGP298	Declarations of Interest None	
FGP299	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	

FGP300	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FGP301	Grounds Maintenance Update Mr M Ware from Idverde presented a written report. See Appendix 1. Cllr J Yeowell asked when the street cleaning would begin again. Mr M Ware explained the street cleaning would continue all year round. Cllr D Patey asked about the amount of rubbish collected, was it monthly or yearly. Mr M Ware explained this is a monthly amount. Cllr D Patey asked if the green waste could be used on the allotments. Mr M Ware noted that a lot of it was brambles etc, and that the waste would need to be chipped. Cllr J Rodrigues thanked Mr Mike Ware for the detailed report. Mr A Reeves thanked Mr Mike Ware for collecting the rubbish collected at Cllr J Grotzingers event at the weekend. RESOLVED Councillor NOTED the Grounds Maintenance Update. Mr Mike Ware left the meeting.	
FGP302	Transaction Logs Cllr M Lucas to confirm review of August 2024 (£12,759.00) & September 2024 (£7,551.69) Transaction logs.	



	Cllr M Lucas explained that most GPC's were good, just one needed organising a little better. RESOLVED: Cllr M Lucas confirmed the GPC transaction logs for August 2024 & September 2024.	
FGP303	Budget Report & Forecast To NOTE the summary of income and expenditure and Forecast against the budget report for September 2024. Mr A Reeves explained that the numbers were slightly inaccurate as the loan income and payment are included in this. Cllr D Patey asked where we would be at the end of the year. Mr A Reeves said we would be on budget at the end of the financial year. A discussion was held around bringing more business into the Moredon Sporting Hub to increase income. RESOLVED to NOTE the summary of income and expenditure and Forecast against the budget report for September 2024.	
FGP304	Debtor List To REVIEW the Debtor list for September 2024. RESOLVED to NOTE the Debtor list for September 2024.	
FGP305	Ear Marked Reserves To NOTE the balances of Ear Marked Reserves as at 31st October 2024. RESOLVED to NOTE the balances of Ear Marked Reserves as at 31st October 2024.	
FGP306	Ward Allowance Update To NOTE the current balances of Ward Allowances. RESOLVED to NOTE the current balances of Ward Allowances. Cllr Paul Park requests £2,000.00 of his Ward Allowance be used towards supporting Penhill Scouts in paying their Scouts UK fee.	



	Cllr D Patey explained Mr M Ware discussed this in his report. Cllr D Patey asked about hiring the cherry picker at Gorse Hill Community Centre to repair the roof and to also fix lights at Pinetrees. Could this be combined to reduce costs. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
FGP311	Remote Meeting Consultation Mr A Reeves presented a verbal update. Mr A Reeves asked Councillors if they continued to support hybrid working. Cllr D Patey agreed with hybrid working for Councillors but training in how to hold those types of meetings would be useful. Cllr J Yeowell expressed a need to have measures in place to stop Councillors taking advantage. Cllr J Rodrigues agreed to supporting hybrid working. Mr A Reeves explained that the original measures were put into place in the 1970's before online abilities became a part of Government and that the changes are needed. Cllr M Lucas explained that Councillors should, where possible, be physically present at meetings and that Councillors should not be allowed to log in online, voice an opinion then go. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the Consultation response in accordance with Councillors opinions voiced today.	
FGP312	Budget Review 25/26 Mr A Reeves asked that dates be set for 25/26 budget review. Cllr Kevin Small will be providing some dates soon so no decisions need making today. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
FGP313	National Budget Mr A Reeves presented an update from a written report. See Appendix 4.	

	RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
	Meeting Closed 20:32	

Signed..........

Date.....4/3/25.....