



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 5th December 2024 18.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr John Ballman (Chair)
Cllr Ian Edwards (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr Paul Park
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andrew Briggs (Head of Operations)

Officers:

Mr Neil Jackson (Allotment Officer)

Member of the Public Present: None

Apologies

none

		Action
LR390	Declarations of Interest Cllr John Ballman declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Leisure & Library Trust and HBuF. Cllr Ian Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Leisure & Library Trust.	

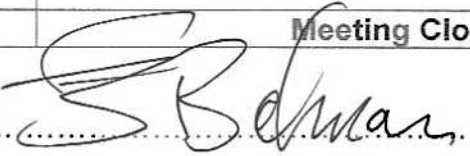
	Cllr Paul Park declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Leisure & Library Trust. RESOLVED: Item NOTED.	
LR391	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	
LR392	Minutes of Previous meeting To NOTE the minutes of the meeting held on the 07.11.2024. Cllr J Ballman explained the history of HBUF and the current situation. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the minutes of the meeting held on the 07.11.2024.	
LR393	Play Areas Mr A Briggs presented an update regarding play area remedials. See Appendix 1. Mr A Briggs advised Members that the zip wire at Inglesham Rd had been decommissioned due to a safety issue and presented cost options to replace. Cllr J Ballman asked would the steel frame last longer and need painting. Mr A Briggs explained it would not need painting as it will be galvanised steel and yes if maintained should last longer. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR394	Allotments A: To RECEIVE an update from the Allotments Officer. Mr N Jackson presented an update. SBC have removed the poplar trees at Akers Way, further trees are being looked at being treated. The last collection of compost has been picked up and delivered for this year, as storage is challenging. It will continue again in the new year as it has been extremely popular with allotment tenants. Hops will continue as	

	they are easier to store and can just be laid out on the soil. Idverde have started hedge cutting across all allotments. A tree fell at Rodbourne Farm and there is a gully there that will need clearing regularly to help drainage. The community garden at Churchward has been replanted. There are nine new tenants, the occupancy rate is 96.1% and there are 160 people on the waiting list. Cllrs discussed the future Allotment Competition. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update. B: To RECEIVE the notes from the Allotment Working Group meeting. See Appendix 2. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the notes.	
LR395	Allington Rd – Community Project Mr A Briggs presented an update. The consultation carried out by Mr A Briggs and Cllr P Park highlighted the desire by residents to ensure the site be kept for wildlife habitats, whilst allowing some community use with minimal maintenance requirements. Neil Pullen has been emailed and asked to create a design which will be brought to a future meeting. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR396	Trees for Climate Mr A Briggs presented a proposal for tree planting in several of our locations which will be funded by Trees for Climate. Cllr J Ballman asked if this would include Allington. Mr A Briggs replied no, but the process would be similar. Cllr J Ballman asked that Mr A Briggs investigated the Trees for Bees organisation.	

	Cllr I Edwards proposed that the Parish proceed with the Trees for Climate funding application through SBC. Cllr J Yeowell seconded. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the Trees for Climate proposal.	
LR397	Sports Pitches Mr A Briggs presented the Football Foundation biannual reports. See Appendix 3. Cllr J Ballman asked about drainage for the pitches and the high cost of doing the works. Mr A Briggs explained that it is a process. The Parish has received funding to do maintenance on the pitches, and only after this doesn't work will the next stage be initiated. At this point the Football Foundation will send someone out to complete a report which will then be used to apply for funding to complete the drainage works needed. Councillors discussed the pitches and their conditions. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the recommendations outlined within the Football Foundation reports and the Officers report.	
LR398	Penhill Bowls Club Project Mr A Briggs presented an update on the refurbishment of the Penhill Bowls Club. See Appendix 4 for photos. The Parish approved The Parkside Hub as the new name at the Full Council meeting on the 27/12/2024, and this has been sent to the Gazetteer to be registered. All future Committee meeting agenda points will be listed under the new name. The money to refurbish the skatepark has now been confirmed and the skatepark equipment will be moved over around January, as will the installing of the CCTV cameras.	



	Cllrs discussed future activities at The Parkside Hub including a permanent table tennis table. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR399	Redlynch Close – SBC Allotment Land Offer Mr A Briggs presented an update on the Redlynch Close Allotment land and the provisional proposal for transfer from SBC. SBC are happy to transfer the land to the Parish to be used as an allotment site, but without any transitional money to do any work. Mr A Briggs recommended that as the work needed doing there to bring it back to a usable status was extensive, the Parish at this time should place SBC's offer on hold and have further discussions within the Parish as to what the Parish would use the land for. This would allow Officers to create a budget requirement and conduct research into costs and whether any budget or funding could be acquired to manage it. Cllrs discussed options. Mr A Briggs recommended that Councillors request Officers write to SBC to inform them of the damage being done to properties surrounding the land and the need for it to be maintained. RESOLVED Councillors AGREED to place the transfer offer from SBC on hold while further research and budget planning was completed, and for Officers to write to SBC to remind them of the need to maintain the land for the benefit of residents properties. Mr A Briggs proposed that the January meeting be moved from Thursday 2nd January 2025 to Thursday 9th January 2025. RESOLVED Councillors AGREED to move the Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting from the 2nd January 2025 to the 9th January 2025.	
Meeting Closed 20:00		

Signed... 

Date... 4.3.2025