



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

MOREDON SPORTING HUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday 17th March 2025 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Mick Lucas (Vice Chair)(virtually)
Cllr Paul Park (virtually)
Cllr Raj Patel (virtually)

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)(virtually)

Officers:

Mr Matt Gleed (Leisure Manager)(virtually)
Mr Aaron Webb (virtually)

Member of the Public Present: none

Apologies

Cllr Kevin Small
Cllr Paul Exell

		Action
MSH025	Declarations of Interest None	
MSH026	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	

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MSH027	Minutes of the Previous Meeting To APPROVE the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee held on 27th January 2025. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee held on 27th January 2025.	
MSH028	MSH YTD Revenue Update Mr M Gleed presented a verbal update. Mr M Gleed explained the income and expenditure for the year from March 2024 to February 2025. Mr M Gleed noted that the football pitch has performed well, and even with our separation from one football group due to payment issues, the coming year is expected to be a good income provider. Cllr M Lucas asked if there were any summer football tournaments planned. Mr M Gleed replied yes. There is a football presentation for Abbey Meads in June, The Parish expects around 400 people. There are also tournament's planned in June. Both events are expected to create large secondary spend. Moredon has limited parking which reduces how many people can access the site at any one time. The Parish is looking into using the building site land until the building work begins. Mr M Gleed explained that the cycle track usage for the coming year will change, and The Parish looking to diversify will be an important step. Cllr P Park asked about the using of the track for running, will extra lighting be required. Mr M Gleed confirmed that the lights would need to be on when the track is in use whether being used for cycling or running. The Parish is also looking at possibly bringing the park run to Moredon Sporting Hub in the future. The Pump track charge of £2.00 is challenging to monitor and has been removed to encourage usage which leads to good secondary spends. The Parish will look to access funding to maintain the Pump Track as a free activity for residents.	

	There have been issues with the level of the ground used for cricket, but repairs need doing to make it hirable and The Parish needs to look at cost to create the right grounds compared to the income possibly generated in the future. SBC will need to accept responsibility for the quality of the land provided which at present is not suitable for use. Cllr P Park agreed that SBC should be held accountable for repairs needed. Cllr R Patel also agreed that the repairs need doing but time is running out as cricket season is about to start. Mr M Gleed explained that finding out what the issues are that need correcting has been challenging as communication with the Cricket Authorities is poor. He explained that he is working hard to try and expedite the situation with the parties involved, but that there is a possibility the cricket pitches will not be available until next year. Cllr R Patel asked if there was the possibility to alter the use of the cricket pitch land. Mr M Gleed explained that there was a possibility to look at replacing one of the cricket pitches with another 3G pitch, there is some expected backlash from the cricket pitch funders. Discussions and compromises will need to be decided. The Parish wants to provide cricket to residents, but The Parish does need support and collaboration with the cricket organisations. Cllr M Lucas explained he felt The Parish needs to continue to try and provide cricket for now, future changes can be discussed if they do not work. Moredon Sporting Hub does not have the space for indoor cricket. Mr M Gleed explained that having multiple usage for a pitch like softball or cricket on the football pitches helps maintain them. Room hire has been slow to build up, but The Parish expects to see an increase in the coming year as the prices are adjusted to be more competitive with other venues in the area. Cllr P Park asked if there was anything Councillors could do to help with room hiring.	
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	Mr M Gleed noted that moving Council meetings could be a possibility to allow for an extra rental session, but that The Parish is looking to push for more parties which could make it more profitable. Mr A Reeves explained that Moredon Sporting Hub is a unique venue to The Parishes other venues and with future training and publicising Moredon Sporting Hub will be a great venue for various events. Mr M Gleed explained that the EV charging has not begun yet, until a substation is built this will not be possible. Mr A Reeves added that the relevant people have been messaged about timelines for the building, which seems to have stalled at the planning stage, EV charging will need to be placed on hold. Mr M Gleed stated that the football and the café are the largest income streams as Moredon heads into the coming year. Hosting our own fitness classes could be more profitable than hosting other peoples fitness classes and is something The Parish will look into going forward. Mr M Gleed explained the staffing costs and how Moredon Sporting Hub have adjusted staffing to make it more cost effective. Cllr P Park asked about future maintenance of the building. Mr M Gleed explained that there are several faults including sewage issues and doors not working which are building issues from the original build that are not for us to correct, but which The Parish are struggling to get SBC to repair. Mr A Reeves noted that taking on the building from SBC has been challenging and The Parish is running out of time to get the issues corrected before warranties run out. All the Parish Officers are working hard to get the issues fixed and will continue to push for a satisfactory conclusion to reduce The Parishes future capital expenditure costs. Mr A Reeves explained that there had only been one PWLB repayment this year costing £24,000.00, but that the coming year there will be two totalling £48,000.00.	
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	Cllr M Lucas asked to see a better April and May turnover and noted that this would provide Councillors with a better idea of the overall Income and Expenditure costs. Mr M Gleed agreed and noted that in the last week the café has brought in £3,000.00 and that the more events that are put on, the more secondary income can be produced and the better the figures will be going forward. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
	Meeting Closed 20:02	

Signed.....*K. M. Jones*.....

Date.....*26/3/25*.....