



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

MOREDON SPORTING HUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday 18th November 2024 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Kevin Small (Chair)
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Paul Park
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andrew Briggs

Officers:

Mr Matt Gleed
Mr Aaron Webb
Mr Aaron Cripps

Member of the Public Present: none

Apologies

None

		Action
MSH015	Declarations of Interest None.	
MSH016	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	

MSH017	Minutes of the Previous Meeting To APPROVE the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee held on 23rd September 2024. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee held on 23rd September 2024.	
MSH018	MSH YTD Revenue Update Mr M Gleed presented a verbal update. Mr M Gleed explained that Income is at 26% of budget and is projected to be around 45% at Year End. This was due to a late start and weather which has limited facility usage. Mr M Gleed explained that there are issues with Cycle Clubs not wanting to commit funds to bookings. The clubs themselves are not very active which makes it challenging to gain regular bookings. MSH is preparing for the summer cycling events now around the other cycling events in the area. Mr M Gleed explained that Officers in The Parish are working hard to navigate the intricate situation. Cllr J Yeowell asked if cyclists are using other facilities. Mr M Gleed answered that the facility has lights which is a positive compared to other facilities. Mr A Cripps asked about the cost and are we overcharging. Mr M Gleed stated that the price is competitive to other facilities. He explained that cycling will have a seasonal element which we need to work around and understand. Mr M Gleed talked about the summer learning to ride groups and how those riders have returned during October half term and will hopefully be returning again in the future. Mr A Briggs noted it would be worthwhile for the Cycling Development Officer to attend a future Committee meeting to explain what she is doing within her role and to update the Committee.	

The BMX track has received a grant from WASP for £11,000 which will help fund activities to bring people in to take part in activities during the summer.

The café is profitable when we are busy.

Cricket teams will increase from 2 to 7 next year with an expected £4,500-£7,000 income from fees. Extra income from refreshments from the café and out on the field will help increase overall income as cricket matches are long.

Room hire is low to what we expected and income from these elsewhere like the café is generally low. We have lots of fitness classes starting in the next few weeks totalling about 20 per week.

Mr M Gleed explained that an introductory rate has been provided to encourage use of the rooms and gain momentum for the people wanting to start in January. He explained the need to separate room hire into 3 categories, fitness classes, meetings and hospitality to be able to break down how the rooms are used and the best way to increase income from those different usage.

Mr A Briggs mentioned that the license request is in the process of going through to allow the facility to hold sports events in the future.

Cllr D Patey asked how residents book these activities.

Mr M Gleed explained that many instructors bring their members with them, but we can increase classes going forward.

EV charging is not able to start until the facility gets power to the charging points, which should be done once the housing starts to be built.

Vending income was discussed.

Cllr K Small asked about holiday clubs and schools using the 3g pitch during term time.

Mr A Webb explained the Parish is planning to put on a holiday club at half-term in February.

Cllr K Small asked about further grant and sponsorship.

	Mr M Gleed explained there is a business networking meeting on the 6th December to raise advertising income with a variety of options available. Gladys is still working hard to apply for as many grants as possible. Mr M Gleed explained the MSH expenditure. Cllr K Small asked if it was possible to reduce costs going forward. Mr A Cripps explained that there is a limited amount needed to purchase so overall costs will be low, next year costs will be lower as items purchased should have a life expectancy of 2-3 years. Councillors discussed how items are coded and whether some would need moving to other codes. Mr A Briggs explained that Mr M Gleed and himself are looking to gain extra funding to help maintain the pitches going forward. Cllr K Small asked that for the next meeting we see ideas to increase income and reduce expenditure as well as moving capital costs out of the overall running costs. Councillors NOTED the update.	
MSH019	Online Bookings/Green Card/XN System Mr A Cripps presented a verbal update. The bookings system is not being used much right now but expect an increase in the coming months. Hard Wire broadband will be going in shortly which will make payments easier and overall usage of Wi-Fi will be better going forward. XN has had issues connecting with Rialtas, our accounting software, which has caused a few issues with managing figures, but work is in progress to resolve this. Mr A Cripps explained he will be having further discussions with Mr A Reeves in the weeks ahead in how to provide the green card. Cllr D Patey explained that the green card is a way for residents to gain something back for their investment.	

	Councillors NOTED the update.	
	Meeting Closed 20:00	

Signed.....*Kim Ford*.....

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