



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

MOREDON SPORTING HUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday 27th January 2025 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Kevin Small (Chair)
Cllr Mick Lucas (Vice Chair)
Cllr John Ballman (virtually)
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Paul Park
Cllr Dave Patey

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)

Officers:

Mr Matt Gleed (Leisure Manager)
Mr Aaron Webb (virtually)
Ms Gladys Barr (Grants Officer)
Mrs Becky Cox (British Cycling Officer)

Member of the Public Present: none

Apologies

Cllr Joy Grotzinger

		Action
MSH020	Declarations of Interest Cllr John Ballman declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Leisure & Library Trust, the RSPB and HBuF.	

	Cllr Paul Park declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Library & Leisure Trust. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the declarations.	
MSH021	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	
MSH022	Minutes of the Previous Meeting To APPROVE the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee held on 18th November 2024. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee held on 18th November 2024.	
MSH023	MSH YTD Revenue Update Mr M Gleed presented a verbal update. See Appendix 1. Mr M Gleed explained that the income was down in this current year due to the late opening but heading into 25/26 there are lots of activities planned to boost income during the summer. Mr M Gleed updated councillors on the learning curve The Parish has had to take to understand the way to best use the cycling provision through collaboration with cycling clubs and the events funded by the British Cycling. Mr M Gleed described the different ways of using the pump track in the coming year to increase revenue. Mr M Gleed explained the room hire costing decisions agreed at a previous committee meeting, and the reasons for continuing with these to maintain a steady income stream. Mr M Gleed described the new member of staff Elle who is a Receptionist/Green Card Officer. At present The Parish has 750 people signed up to the scheme which gives a discount depending on income and Parish residency, 10%, 20% or 30%. Elle will champion the scheme in the community to make residents aware of it and encourage them to sign up and use it.	

WJ

	Mr M Gleed updated the councillors on the vending and café income, and other events and collaborations planned. Mr M Gleed discussed the staffing costs and planned changes going forward as The Parish understands better the needs around staffing MSH. Cllr K Small asked about casual staff and if the changes in legislation around zero-hour contracts would affect us. Mr M Gleed explained that The Parish would hire staff through registered Agencies and would not be using zero-hour contracts. Cllr K Small asked if using an agency was more expensive. Mr A Reeves explained that it works out slightly cheaper as The Parish don't have to cover pension and NI contribution costs. Cllr D Patey asked about the cleaning of the track after off road users have used it. Mr M Gleed explained that it would be cleaned regularly to cover this. Mr M Gleed explained the situation around the electricity and the process of updating meters. Cllr K Small asked about the possibility of charging CSNPC for rental of office space within Moredon. Mr A Reeves suggested further discussions at a later date. Cllr D Patey queried if any of the costs were Capitol costs. Mr M Gleed explained that all Capital expenditure had been spent now, any future expenditure would be running costs or adaptations as needed. Cllr M Lucas asked about outdoor covering for the seating area outside. Mr M Gleed mentioned the supporting businesses have supplied umbrellas and table coverings at zero cost to The Parish.	
--	--	--

628

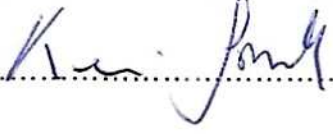
	Cllr K Small noted that the numbers are not where The Parish had hoped they would be due to unforeseen reduced support from some cycling organisations, but that other areas could increase income revenue and that The Parish did not expect to make a profit for the first year. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the revenue update.	
MSH024	British Cycling Officer Mrs B Cox, Community Developer for British Cycling at Moredon, provided a presentation. See Appendix 2. Limitless Cycling is a bi-weekly session on adapted cycles for adults with disabilities/long-term health conditions. Average attendance 38 (+support workers) Cllr K Small asked about how Mrs B Cox planned to fund the provision until June 2026. Mrs B Cox explained that there were various strategies The Parish are planning to use to reduce costs and keep the provision running for the full term. Cllr K Small asked if The Parish was able to support Mrs B Cox with the financial costs of the programs. Mrs B Cox explained that the initial funding was to support set up costs as The Parish initiated the provision which The Parish would then continue to provide once grant funding was ended. Cllr K Small explained that The Parish could not afford to cover the full costs of the provision, and either grant funding or increased cost to the user would need to be initiated to allow the provision to continue. Ms G Barr explained that grant funding has been acquired to fund a lot of the activities Mrs B Cox is managing. Further grant funding could possibly be acquired. Mrs B Cox explained that several of the provisions have been extremely popular, even during the cold winter months, and she fully expected an increase in users and income from both charges and café usage during the warmer months.	

128

Cllr D Patey asked about the difference between the staff who charge more as Cycling Instructors. Mrs B Cox explained that the £40ph Cycling Instructors were used initially to get the provision up and running. Cllr K Small asked about the income from the provisions. Mrs B Cox explained that the income from the provision was expected by the grant funders to be used to help continue to fund the provision, but at present it has been taken as income for Moredon. Ladies' Learn to Ride & Rusty Riders has supported 50+ women & girls over the last six months, including 10 women from Medaille Trust. Cllr K Small asked about future plans for staffing and costs and explained that any decisions for permanent employed staff would need to go through the FGP Committee for approval. Mr M Gleed explained that any future staff would be employed through an agency to take into account the unpredictability of the hours and flexibility of the job role. Kid's Learn to Ride and Cycle Confidence Sessions have supported 200+ children aged 4-13 to learn to ride a bicycle. Cllr K Small asked how many of the grants can be reapplied for. Ms G Barr explained that some can be, and others can't. It is important for accurate costing budgets be available to help with any grant applications. Mrs B Cox explained the 2025/26 plan to reduce costs and provide continued provision of the activities. Cllr K Small noted he liked the idea of employing an apprentice as The Parish being able to support young people into work was a positive help to local residents. All apprentices costs would need to be approved by the FGP committee. Cllr K Small asked about pricing structures.	
---	--

hdp

	Mr M Gleed explained that pricing was set initially to get the activities started, but a discussion was needed to agree costing increases to make sure the sessions are not priced too high to discourage local residents from being able to participate. Cllr K Small asked that a report on future costings be taken to FGP committee for approval so that the new charges can be initiated from April 2025. Cllr D Patey asked if there was an option to pay a fee for an extra hour after a session for users to continue practising. Mrs B Cox explained she had been thinking about this option recently and would look into the costing for this. Councillors NOTED the update.	
	Meeting Closed 20:10	

Signed..........

Date.....4/5/25.....