



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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday 7th May 2025 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair)
Cllr Ana Fernandes (Vice Chair)(virtually)
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Paul Park
Cllr Dave Patey

Clerk:

Mr Aaron Webb (Community Youth Manager)

Officers:

Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)
Miss Gladys Barr (Grants Manager)

Member of the Public Present: Mrs Becky Cox (British Cycling)

Apologies

Cllr Vanessa Bentley

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		Action
CD200	Declarations of Interest None	
CD201	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	
CD202	Code Club Update Cllr P Park presented an update. The club has had around six regular students and is for one hour, which may be reduced as holding concentration can be challenging. The students are learning SCRATCH, and it is about building confidence. Cllr P Park showed the Councillors a video of the work they had done. Mr A Webb explained that the young people involved have gained a lot of skills and confidence which has had a hugely positive effect on the young people's mental health. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD203	Grants Manager Update Miss G Barr presented an update. See Appendix 1. Mr A Webb asked if it would be feasible to tie Mrs B Cox role into the Youth & Community role. Mr A Reeves explained that, as Miss G Barr has voiced recently, the importance of deciding what the focus is for the Parish over the next few years is extremely important. The Parish can then direct Miss G Barr in her role as Grant Manager in a certain direction, which could include funding to maintain the cycling provision provided by the voluntary sector and British Cycling for future years. Councillors discussed the cycling provision provided and what they would like to see in the future. Councillors discussed AI and the pros and cons of using it. Cllr D Patey asked about the mural at Tydeman Street and doing a day where people can draw what they would like on the other wall, and to congratulate all the officers involved in the Salix grant.	

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	RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
CD204	Community Cycling Update Mrs B Cox presented an update. See Appendix 2. Cllr D Patey asked about the Limitless sessions, do they have enough staff. Mrs B Cox explained they have been recruiting volunteers to cater to this need. Cllr D Patey asked if the bikes were provided or brought them own. Mrs B Cox said the Parish provides the bikes as not owning one can be a barrier. Cllr P Exell asked if there are any plans to provide a bike mechanics session. Mrs B Cox mentioned that this is something that the Parish would like to initiate at a later date. Cllr J Yeowell asked about the bike stock and when would they need replacing. Mr A Reeves explained that the bikes provided were not maintained very well before the Parish took ownership and will have a shorter life expectancy due to this. It would be advisable to start a regular fund to prepare for when the bikes will need replacing as they are costly items. Cllr J Yeowell asked if there was enough storage. Mrs B Cox explained that more storage would be great as the bikes could be damaged from being squeezed into a small storage area. Miss G Barr has been working towards gaining grant funding to help cover not only the cost of storage & bikes, but also the running costs of these activities. Cllr D Patey noted that storage is important, but the cycle track doesn't want to be cluttered by multiple containers. Councillors discussed the storage and toilet needs around the cycle track and the need to plan for these for the future.	

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	RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update. Mrs B Cox left the meeting.	
CD205	Events Update Mr A Webb amalgamated the Events update with the Community Youth Update. See CD206.	
CD206	Community Youth Manager Update Mr A Webb presented an update. See Appendix 3. Cllr D Patey asked if the deposit was cash or card as some people may want the money to spend on the day. Mr A Webb explained he would mention to the residents that if they want the money back in cash, they will need to pay the deposit in cash. Cllr P Exell mentioned the Rodbourne Cheney Newsletter which would be a good place to advertise Parish events. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
Meeting Closed 20:10		

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28/05/2025

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