



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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 4th June 2025 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair)
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)
Mr Matt Gleed (Sports Manager)
Mr Aaron Cripps (Marketing, Literacy and Digital
Services Manager)

Member of the Public Present: Mr Jeremy Blain (DiversITy-Talent)
Mrs Anna Somaiya (DiversITy-Talent)
Mr Joe Beale (Mountain Bike & Skills)
Adrian (Mountain Bike & Skills)

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Apologies	Cllr Ana Fernandes
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CD207	Declarations of Interest None	
CD208	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	
CD209	DiversITy Update Mr J Blain presented a report on the aims of DiversITy-Talent for Swindon and what they are planning on providing for the community. Their aims are to set challenges to young people especially from marginalised and ethnic minorities and then helping them with learning skills to achieve these goals. The group looked at what were the issues effecting young people in Swindon which could lead to anti-social behaviour and what they could create or provide to reduce these issues locally. They decided a sport and learning centre, a Youth Hub, would be a great provision with areas to exercise, socialise and learn trades and skills. They noticed the old Moredon Sporting Hub changing rooms was being unused and would be a great location to build this. The organisation is asking the Parish to help support this initiative with funding and permission to use the buildings for this initiative. Two young men who are part of the program spoke about their lives and what they desire. Mr M Gleed voiced his support for the project. Mr A Webb explained it is not the Pavilion, but the block next door and he supported this project and recommended we support the initiative by talking to Gladys to see what types of funding would be available and also working out how much the renovations would cost. Cllr P Park was impressed with the initiative and believes this is exactly the type of endeavour the Parish should be supporting. Mrs A Somaiya mentioned this would be a totally inclusive for all residents from the youngest to the oldest.	Mr A Reeves to create a comfort letter of policy support for the DiversITy-Talent initiative.

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	A discussion was held around what the project could provide. Mr A Cripps asked how the project aims to create income to sustain the project long term. Mrs A Somaiya explained that they believe there are various options available to create income from room rentals, reduce cost hairdressing and gym hire. Mr A Cripps asked how much would be needed for the refurbishment and what types of funding have they investigated so far. Mr J Blain explained that this project has just started and getting Parish support is the first step. Once the Parish gives their support the next steps can be started towards reaching out for business fundings and grants that can be applied for. Cllr D Patey asked if that building was on the current maintenance plan. Mr A Reeves responded no. Cllr P Exell agreed that this fits in with what the Parish is doing across the area and this would be a great project for the Parish to support. Mr A Webb recommended the group visiting other Hubs in the area to gather ideas. Mr A Reeves asked if the footprint of that building would support all the activities the group want to use it for. Mr J Blain explained that no, the area would need to be designed well and certain parts of it would be used. Mr A Reeves noted that understanding what the building would be used for helps the Parish direct you to the right funding choices. Mrs A Somaiya agreed that designing this to suit the space available was extremely important and that as the footprint is quite small it would probably be a building up situation. Cllr J Yeowell proposed Councillors support this initiative and Mr A Reeves create a comfort letter of policy support.	
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	RESOLVED Councillors AGREED to support the initiative and Mr A Reeves to create a comfort letter of policy support. The DiversITy-Talent group left the meeting.	
CD210	Multi-Cultural Update Cllr J Yeowell explained that this would become a regular agenda item to tap into the diverse culture within the Parish and how Councillors can support all residents. Mr A Webb mentioned it's about connecting all the different community groups in the area and supporting them in their activities. Cllr P Exell asked if it would be good to increase this into being for Multi-Cultural and Neurodiverse as both groups would benefit from the Parishes support in connecting to the local community. Councillors discussed ideas for events to support these groups. Cllr J Yeowell proposed that a new agenda item be created called Community Engagement, one month could be for Multi-Cultural groups and the alternate month could be for Neurodiverse groups, and Officers discuss with Cllr V Bentley a program to proceed. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED adding a new agenda item on an alternating basis between Multi-Cultural and Neurodiverse Groups and Officers to discuss with Cllr V Bentley a program to proceed.	
CD211	Cycling Working Group Cllr J Yeowell proposed the creation of a Cycling Working Group quarterly open to Councillors, cycling groups and consumers. Cllr P Exell reminded Councillors that the funding for the cycling provision ends in 2026, and a decision needs to be made on how the Parish proceeds and funds the activities and equipment costs to create a seamless transition for consumers. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the creation of a Cycling Working Group.	Mr M Gleed to create a Cycling Working Group first meeting for the end of June 2025.

	Mr A Reeves reminded the Councillors that the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee is also working on the funding for the Cycling Officer and the Cycling Working Group and Community Development Committee would have to coordinate around this subject.	
CD212	Sports Manager Update Mr M Gleed presented an update. A change of season is starting with football reducing and cricket increasing. Car boot sales on Wednesdays in the overflow car park and on Sundays on the unused new house development space. Contractors are coming in over the next few weeks to tick off before Moredon Sporting Hub is finally handed over to the Parish. The Parish is looking continuously at how to develop the site and promote cycling, and increased use of the provision already available. Mr J Beale talked about creating a mountain bike skills development area on a small patch of land catering to all ages and abilities. See Appendix 1. Mr M Gleed explained it would be behind the Pavilion towards the pump track. Adrian explained this is a group being built from scratch by local residents for local residents and beyond to encourage more people to get into mountain biking. They spoke about a desire to create a provision suitable for children as nothing is available for them in the area at present. Cllr J Yeowell asked if the group would be using the skatepark at Parkside Hub and the pump track at Moredon Sporting Hub. Mr J Beale said there would be a lot of crossover with existing provisions, but not on the size of the skatepark. Mr M Gleed reminded Councillors that this type of activity would interest new riders who would appreciate the skills they could learn here. This would be a permanent facility, instead of the temporary one being used at present. Cllr J Yeowell asked about funding for the project.	Mr A Reeves to investigate insurance costs.

Mr J Beale explained that it would be something that can be built in stages as it is mostly built using recycled and repurposed materials. This means the cost is kept low and is environmentally aware.

Mr A Cripps asked if the landscape of the area would be altered.

Adrian explained that this may be something for the future if approval was given

Mr A Cripps would the Parish be responsible for liability insurance.

Mr A Reeves explained that it would be the Parishes responsibility, and as long as the Parish does it's due diligence and provides risk assessments etc he believes gaining insurance for this activity would be possible. This will produce an additional revenue cost.

Cllr D Patey asked about the land, did the Parish have any other plans for its use.

Mr M Gleed responded no.

Cllr D Patey asked if the insurance would cover other people who may use the area when the classes were not taking place.

Mr A Reeves responded yes. The group would also need to have their own insurance.

Cllr D Patey asked if this would bring more customers to the cycle track.

Adrian replied yes, there would be a lot of cross over.

Cllr P Exell said it would be good to build activities there gradually as needed.

Mr M Gleed recommended that the Parish support the organisation with Gladys help to find possible grant funding sources, and Councillors approving the use of the land for this purpose.

Cllr J Yeowell proposed Councillors approve the use of the land by the Mountain Bike Group, Mr A Reeves to look at insurance costs and the Mountain Bike & Skills Group provide a map with a plan for the layout so that rental can

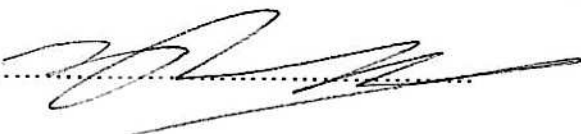
	be agreed and Gladys directed as to what funding she can support them in applying for. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the use of the land by the Mountain Bike & Skills Group, Mr A Reeves to look at insurance costs and the Mountain Skills Group provide a map with a plan for the layout so that rental can be agreed and Gladys directed as to what funding she can support them in applying for. The Mountain Bike & Skills Group left the meeting.	
CD213	Marketing, Literacy and Digital Services Manager Update Mr A Cripps presented an update. The Fibre cable is being laid at present and by the first weeks of June Moredon Sporting Hub will have a fibre connection. This will improve usage for office staff and the ability for Moredon Sporting Hub to install and use a more secure payments system going forward. The Chronic Pain Awareness Group starts at Pinetrees Library on Mondays as a quiet place to help people complete benefit forms etc. Mr Mike McEwan asked Mr A Cripps to join an anti-smoking group to provide the Parish with a connection to facilitate advertising and events. The Library & Leisure Trust AGM is tomorrow Thursday 5th June 2025. Mr M Gleed asked about the booking system transfer once the fibre is connected at Moredon Sporting Hub. Mr A Cripps explained it should all proceed smoothly as systems are all in place, but bookings will need to be transferred. Cllr D Patey asked about the groundworks used to provide fibre to Moredon Sporting Hub, would they be suitable for the new housing. Mr A Cripps said no, this is just for Moredon Sporting Hub usage. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	

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CD214	Community Youth Manager and Events Update Mr A Webb presented an update. See Appendix 2. Cllr J Yeowell asked if it would be possible to do more events at Pinetrees for residents. Mr A Webb explained that Parish events are always very well received, but he recommended utilising alternative Wards to make events accessible to all residents. Mr A Reeves reminded Councillors that events for 25/26 have already been agreed and budgeted for, but this could be discussed for 26/27. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED update.	
CD215	Sports England Update Mr A Webb presented an update. The Parish is unsure of how much funding the Parish will receive yet, but Officers are thinking about providing something similar to what a UK charity called Doorstep Sports provides. Activities provided in green spaces, parks, MUGA's and open area, something the Parish has lot's of. The activities would be free or low cost and provided by experienced staff. The funding could provide staff to lead activities right in the centre of area's with the highest inactivity levels making accessing the activities easier. Cllr J Yeowell presented an update an update from participating in the Sports England Working Group. Mr A Reeves explained that activity groups can apply for funding from the Parish, which will be provided from Sports England, using the Test & Learn process. This covers Penhill, Gorse Hill and Moredon. Mr A Reeves asked Councillors to come up with ideas to suggest to the Sport England Board. Councillors discussed the options Cllr P Exell proposed the Doorstep Sports and the Mountain Bike & Skills Group.	

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	RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED Doorstep Sports and the Mountain Bike & Skills Group as activities to request.	
	Meeting Closed 21:00	

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Date...23/07/2025