



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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday 6th August 2025 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair)
Cllr Vanessa Bentley (Vice Chair)
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Ana Fernandes
Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Dave Patey

Clerk:

Mr Aaron Webb (Community Youth Manager)

Officers:

Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)

Member of the Public Present: Rachel Barnes (Swindon Tuition Centre) –
virtually
Beccy Nolan (Swindon Tuition centre) - virtually

Apologies

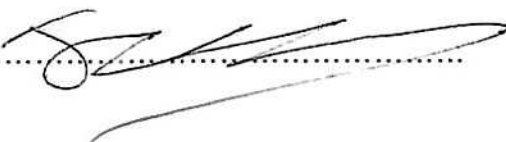
Cllr Paul Park

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		Action
CD225	Declarations of Interest None	
CD226	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	
CD227	Parkside Hub Ms B Nolan provided a presentation on the Swindon Tuition Centre and what they provide. Ms B Nolan explained that the Swindon Tuition Centre has been established for 10 years providing various types of education and learning. During the day they are an alternative provision to help support students not being supported by other education providers. The students they support can come with issues and trauma which requires a bespoke style of education. Swindon Tuition Centre also provides outdoor learning over four sites. Each education program is bespoke and inclusive for all. Cllr A Fernandes asked where they were located in Gorse Hill. Ms R Barnes replied Cricklade Road. Cllr A Fernandes asked how they received referrals. Ms B Nolan explained that referrals come from a variety of places like schools, Swindon Borough Council and Home Educating parents. Cllr A Fernandes asked what ages. Ms B Nolan responded with 5-18 years. Mr A Webb presented the proposal from the Swindon Tuition Centre to use the Parkside Hub between 9am-3pm Monday to Friday during term time only to include running the café, ground maintenance and allowing access to local community groups where necessary for regularly held meetings. A rental fee of £1,000.00 per month was discussed, and all income from the café. Damages will be paid for by the Swindon Tuition Centre as well. This would be a 12-month contract. They have also requested an allotment plot, Mr N Jackson the Allotment Officer has said the Parish can offer one at Pickards Field.	

Cllr P Exell asked if the rental fee was market rate. Mr A Reeves explained that as Swindon Tuition Centre was not a registered charity market rates would need to be applied for any rental agreement. Cllr D Patey asked if it would interfere with groups/events already using the premises or were planning to use the premises. Mr A Webb explained it shouldn't as most of the Parish's events and activities take place in the evenings and weekends. Swindon Tuition Centre is also happy to allow access to the groups that do meet there during term time. Mr A Webb asked that the rental income be ringfenced for maintenance and running costs connected with the Parkside Hub, as further work does still need doing in the future. Cllr D Patey noted the ringfencing decision would need to go to FGP. Cllr J Yeowell asked will the café still be run by the Parish during the evenings and weekends. Mr A Webb responded yes. Swindon Tuition Centre and the Parish will share resources, but all income will come to the Parish. The Swindon Tuition Centre have also offered to donate some kitchen appliances like a barista coffee maker. Cllr J Yeowell asked what would happen to any surplus food. Mr A Webb explained that at present food is made to order so there is limited surplus food. He would like to see any surplus food being donated back to the local community through food banks and the Pop-Up Shop. Cllr P Exell asked about Food Hygiene qualifications for all those handling food. Mr A Webb replied yes this had been discussed and staff have them. Cllr J Yeowell asked about the allotment plot.	
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	Mr A Webb mentioned that Mr A briggs has said an allotment plot can be provided as part of their rental fee. Cllr P Exell agrees that a quarterly review is a good idea, allowing both the Parish and Swindon Tuition Centre opportunity to discuss any issues that may arise. Cllr J Yeowell asked about storage. Mr A Webb explained that Swindon Tuition Centre are happy to pay for a storage container to provide adequate storage, with permission being granted for the Parish to use any unused space. He explained that there are unused changing rooms and an already located storage container the Parish can look at providing for extra storage space. The Chair proposed that the report with recommendations for Swindon Tuition Centres proposal be brought to FGP in September for approval. RESOLVED to APPROVE a report with recommendations for Swindon Tuition Centres proposal be brought to FGP in September for approval.	
	Meeting Closed 19:22	

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Date...24/01/2025...

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