



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 28th May 2025 20.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Kevin Small (Chair)
Cllr Paul Park (Vice Chair)
Cllr John Ballman
Cllr Vanessa Bentley
Cllr Ian Edwards
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Ana Fernandes
Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Muhammad Khan
Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr Raj Patel
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr Javes Rodrigues
Cllr Tom Smith
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves

Officers:

Mr Aaron Webb
Mr Andrew Briggs (virtually)
Miss Rachel Westcott

Member of the Public Present: none

Apologies

none

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		Action
FC465	Declarations of Interest Cllr John Ballman declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Library & Leisure Trust, the RSPB and HBUF. Cllr Paul Park declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust. Cllr Ian Edwards declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust. Cllr Muhammad Khan declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust. Cllr Mick Lucas declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the declarations.	
FC466	Public Question Time & Correspondence None	
FC467	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th March 2025 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th March 2025 as a true and accurate record.	
FC468	Environment & Planning Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on 19th March 2025, 2nd April 2025, 16th April 2025, 30th April 2025 and 21st May 2025 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on the 19th March 2025, 2nd April 2025, 16th April 2025, 30th April 2025 and 21st May 2025 as a true and accurate record.	
FC469	Finance & General Purposes Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on the 1st April 2025 and the 8th May 2025 to be approved as a true and accurate record.	

	RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on the 1st April 2025 and the 8th May 2025 as a true and accurate record.	
FC470	Community Development Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Community Development Committee meetings held on the 2nd April 2025 and the 7th May 2025 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Community Development Committee meetings held on the 2nd April 2025 and the 7th May 2025 as a true and accurate record.	
FC471	Leisure & Recreation Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meetings held on the 10th April 2025 and the 8th May 2025 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meetings held on the 10th April 2025 and the 8th May 2025 as a true and accurate record.	
FC472	Salix Grant (Heat Decarbonisation) To RATIFY grant offer APPROVED at the Finance & General Purposes Committee on the 6th May 2025, FGP399 Mr A Briggs explained that the Parish had been successful with their Salix grant application to a total of £295,000 for the replacement of outdated heating systems at JMH, Gorse Hill and Even Swindon Community Centres to air source heat pumps. The Parish would be required to match fund at an estimated cost of £135,000. He noted how this is a massive saving for the Parish and mean more money would be available from the PWLB loan to fund other repairs needed. Cllr J Rodrigues asked if the Salix heating system was better value for money than a gas or electric system, especially in the long run for things like repairs etc in the future. He was concerned that this was a large expenditure and could end up costing the Parish more in the long run. Mr A Reeves explained that the gas boilers being used at these assets at present are extremely expensive to run. The new Salix system will be a lot more cost effective to run saving the Community Centres thousands of pounds	

	each year and future proof costs by allowing the Community Centres to be more self sufficient and not dependant of gas prices. Cllr J Rodrigues explained he understood that the running costs should be consistently lower than a traditional heating system but are the maintenance costs going to be the same. He was concerned that the repair and maintenance costs could out way the savings made in running costs and possibly exceed overall expenditure. Councillors discussed whether to approve the grant offer. Cllr D Patey proposed to accept the Salix Grant (Heat Decarbonisation) offer APPROVED at the Finance & General Purposes Committee on the 6th May 2025, FGP399 Councillor J Ballman seconded. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED to accept the Salix Grant (Heat Decarbonisation) offer APPROVED at the Finance & General Purposes Committee on the 6th May 2025, FGP399.	
FC473	Policy for Ratification To REVIEW and ADOPT updated policies & procedures. a) Information Security Policy b) Waste Separation & Disposal Policy a) RESOLVED Councillors ADOPTED the updated Information Security Policy. b) RESOLVED Councillors ADOPTED the Waste Separation & Disposal Policy.	
FC474	Polling Districts and Polling Places Review To REVIEW proposed Polling Districts and Polling Places. Mr A Reeves presented an update on the proposed new Polling Places within the proposed new Polling Districts. Councillors discussed the areas and locations provided by Swindon Borough Council. Cllr K Small noted that the new boundaries leave residents in RCA-A & RCA-B must travel all the way to St Andrews Church, which is the top left of the area. He proposed the Bowling Club would be a good option.	

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	RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED contacting Swindon Borough Council to propose Districts RCA-A & RCA-B also have The Bowling Club as a Polling Station option. Exclusion of Press and Public to RESOLVE that in accordance with the provision of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item due to confidentiality reasons. Cllr M Lucas joined the meeting.	
FC475	Rodbourne Cheney Play Area To RATIFY winning bidder APPROVED at the Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting on the 8th May 2025, LR438. Mr A Briggs presented a written report describing the different contractors and the scoring system used. He explained that Contractor A was the cheapest but both the Leisure & Recreation Committee and Mum's on a Mission felt that Contractor C provided a better layout and looked more user-friendly. Cllr P Exell noted he also preferred Contractor C's layout. Cllr J Ballman explained to Councillors why the Leisure & Recreation Committee chose Contractor C. Cllr J Ballman proposed to APPROVE Contractor C for the Rodbourne Cheney Play Area Refurbishment. Cllr K Small seconded. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED Contractor C for the Rodbourne Cheney Play Area Refurbishment.	
FC476	Moredon Community Centre Legal To REVIEW LGA72 exemption notice. Mr A Reeves provided Councillors with an update on the history and current situation at Moredon Community Centre. Councillors discussed the options available to manage the Moredon Community Centre situation.	

	RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the termination of Moredon Community Association tenancy at Moredon Community Centre.	
	Meeting Closed 20:29	

Signed.....*Kate Jones*.....

Date.....*24/9/25*.....