



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair)
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Ana Fernades
Cllr Paul Park
Cllr Dave Patey

Clerk:

Mr Aaron Webb (Community Youth Manager)

Officers:

Miss Rachel Westcott

Member of the Public Present: Mrs Charlotte Becker (Head of Primary Faze at Swindon Academy)

Apologies

Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Vanessa Bentley

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		Action
CD253	Declarations of Interest None	
CD254	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	
CD255	Swindon Academy School Mrs C Becker presented an update. She explained about the project she is leading called Cradle to Career focusing on the premiss that a good education is necessary but is not sufficient. The project is investigating and working on what can be done to help parents in the community through forming stronger relationships with residents and talking to them about what they need to help them support young people. They will be completing a listening campaign where they ask over 150 residents what makes them 'Mad, Sad & Glad'. Mrs C Becker mentioned that there is an old Sure Start building on their site and they are looking to recondition it for use in the project. Shine are working alongside them, as well as Nova and Sevenfields. The important part of this project is not about the groups involved deciding what is needed for the project but listening to the residents and providing what they need. Mrs C Becker explained that this is a very exciting project, and she is reaching out to organisations and charities already working in this area to come together to support and contribute to the project to minimise overlap and create cohesive support for the residents. Cllr P Exell discussed the Youth Council that the Parish would like to initiate where students from Parish Schools come and represent their school and pupil's needs and desires in a more formal setting than a youth club. Specifically focused on Secondary. Mr A Webb explained that the Parish is looking to target Year 7 & 8 students. Mrs C Becker asked how often they envisaged meeting. Mr A Webb responded once per term. The first week back at school, so it is about once every six weeks. Cllr J Yeowell noted that children have different learning skills and he was concerned that only the top achievers would be a part of the Youth Council. He asked if it would	

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	be possibly to make sure a variety of children could be included. Mrs C Becker responded that they could look at how the young people were selected. Cllr P Exell explained that the Youth Council would be about getting all Parish schools involved so young people can learn about debating, local government and what they can do to improve their community. Councillors discussed the project. Cllr D Patey queried if there were enough secondary schools to create a large enough Youth Council. Mr A Webb mentioned possibly opening it up to Year 6 students at primary schools. Councillors agreed to opening up to Year 6 from primary schools. Mrs C Becker mentioned setting up a meeting to bring all the local charities and organisations together. Mrs C Becker asked about funding sources available. Cllr D Patey mentioned the Community Grant which can be applied for through the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Cllr P Park noted that Ward Allowances are available from each Councillor if projects are within their specific wards. RESOLVED to NOTE the update. Mrs C Becker left the meeting.	
CD256	Grants Update Mr A Webb presented an update. See Appendix 1. The WASP Sports England grant request has been submitted now, and the Parish should hear back in the new year. RESOLVED to NOTE update.	

CD257	Diversity Inclusion Update Cllr V Bentley unable to attend meeting. Cllr J Yeowell proposed moving agenda item to the next meeting. RESOLVED to APPROVE moving Diversity Inclusion Update to next meeting.	
CD258	Leisure Manager Update Mr M Gleed unable to attend meeting. Cllr J Yeowell proposed moving agenda item to the next meeting. RESOLVED to APPROVE moving Leisure Manager Update to the next meeting.	
CD259	Community Youth Manager and Events Update Mr A Webb presented an update from a written report. See Appendix 1. Cllr J Yeowell requested that when delivering hampers, he not have to do them alone. Mr A Webb explained that Councillors will buddy up and go out in pairs with either another Councillor or a Parish Officer. Cllr D Patey asked if the fireworks the Parish put on were cost effective. Mr A Webb explained that it was a free event and was extremely well attended. Next year the Parish will be more prepared and have more vendors and fair rides. Cllr J Yeowell asked if it could be possible to acquire sponsorship for future events. Cllr P Exell responded that sponsorship may not be possible but using Ward Allowance or charging are options. Councillors discussed funding options for future events. RESOLVED to NOTE the update.	
CD260	Budget Review • 25/26 Budget Review	

Cllr D Patey noted that most years Community Development Committee are traditionally underspent until the end of the year.

Mr A Webb hopes that next year by charging for events/vendors at future events this will help fund Parish events.

Cllr J Yeowell mentioned he would prefer the events to be provided free of charge.

Mr A Webb explained that charging for events would only be possible at venues like Moredon Sporting Hub (MSH) as most sites have too many access points. By charging a nominal fee like £4-5 it would allow the Parish to fund the events and provide more and larger fireworks, as an example.

Cllr D Patey mentioned that the larger the event the more likely it would acquire a license.

Cllr J Yeowell noted the Parish need to take into account the change in legislation in reference to numbers of people using assets/sites.

Councillors discussed funding for events and how charging could affect what the Parish is able to provide.

RESOLVED to **NOTE** update.

- 26/27 Budget Review

Councillors discussed the budget proposals.

Cllr J Yeowell proposed that for the 26/27 budget; -

- 5540 – Pop-Up Shop (£1,500.00) be moved to 5435 – Youth Council.

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** that for the 26/27 budget; -

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Cllr J Yeowell requested that for the 26/27 budget; -

- 5425 – Youth – Breakfast/Lunch Club be increased from £600 to £1,000.
- 5430 – Youth – Excursions be increased from £1,150 to £1,500.

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** that for the budget for 26/27; -



	• 5425 – Youth – Breakfast/Lunch Club be increased from £600 to £1,000. • 5430 – Youth – Excursions be increased from £1,150 to £1,500.	
CD261	Actions Noted • CD244 – completed • CD247 – completed • CD252 – in process RESOLVED to NOTE the Actions Noted.	
	Meeting Closed 20:12	

Signed.....



Date.....

28/01/2025

