



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 29th October 2025 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair)
Cllr Vanessa Bentley (Vice Chair)
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Ana Fernades
Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr Paul Park
Cllr Dave Patey

Clerk:

Mr Aaron Webb (Community Youth Manager)

Officers:

Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)
Mr M Gleed (Leisure Manager) - virtually

Member of the Public Present: none

Apologies

Cllr Joy Grotzinger

		Action
CD245	Declarations of Interest None	
CD246	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	
CD247	Ward Allowances Mr A Webb requested that Councillors consider contributing a portion of their Ward Allowance towards creating around 60 Christmas Hampers to deliver to Parish residents who are in need. Officers will approach local supermarkets and ask for contributions of goods. Cllr P Exell noted that any Ward Allowance requests must go through Finance & General Purposes Committee (FGP), and requests will need to be put in by 11am tomorrow morning to be included on the next FGP agenda. He also mentioned that Hayden Wick Parish have been providing hampers to residents for several years and their Councillors support the officers with deliveries. He suggested Councillors here could do the same. Cllr D Patey asked about the issue that Ward Allowances are for specific use within Councillors Wards. He noted that as the hampers would be across the Parish would this create an issue. Cllr P Exell mentioned situations like the Pop-Up shop where Councillors can approve a combined Ward Allowance pot of funds that are used specifically for deliverance across the Parish. Councillors discussed how much each Councillor would be able to contribute. Cllr D Patey, Cllr V Bentley and Cllr J Yeowell proposed offering £1,000.00 each from their Ward Allowances and request these be added to the next FGP agenda. Mr A Webb explained that the Parish is proposing to hold a Christmas meal at Moredon Sporting Hub on Wednesday the 3rd December 2025 for people over the age of 55. It will be a two-course meal costing £4.95 and will have entertainment and talks, with an option for Councillors to come and talk to Residents. The event will require extra funding of around £300.00.	Officers add Ward Allowance requests to FGP agenda.

	Cllr J Yeowell proposed using £300.00 of his Ward allowance for this event. Mr A Reeves noted that food boxes are being provided from JMH on Christmas day, and Di will provide the Parish with a list of the people receiving them so the Parish can make sure to not deliver to the same people. RESOLVED to NOTE the requests and include them on the next FGP agenda.	
CD248	Penhill Trailblazing Mr A Reeves presented an update on the funding and plans for setting up the design making body to manage the funds, £2,000,000, in the coming months. There are a lot of areas needing improvement from the arts to pothole repair, and the committee created will design a plan on how the money should be spent, directed by the residents living in the area. Once the plan is agreed by Government, the funds will then be given to Swindon Borough Council (SBC) who will allocate the money as needed for the projects. RESOLVED to NOTE update.	
CD249	Sport England Cllr J Yeowell presented an update from the meeting the previous week. Mr A Reeves explained that a bid has been put in for £90,000 for a Wellbeing Manager at Moredon Community Centre for two years. The aim is to get people active, and it goes to vote in December. The post will be for developing Moredon Sporting Hub as well and across Moredon in areas like transportation, play areas and using all the facilities around Moredon efficiently. Cllr P Exell mentioned the recent meeting at a local centre went well and was very positive. The resident's views matched what the Parish have proposed to achieve. Cllr J Yeowell mentioned that residents have noted their desire for more swimming pools to be provided in the area. RESOLVED to NOTE update.	
CD250	Community Centre Manager Update Mr A Webb presented an update from a written report.	

	See Appendix 1. Mr A Webb mentioned that he would like to see the Parish offer a lunch club every day across the Parish at different Community Centres. Cllr J Yeowell mentioned the toilets at Pinetrees and suggested funding be acquired to renovate them soon as it is not a cleaning issue but possibly a flooring issue. Councillors discussed the all-night Warhammer event that took place at JMH recently. RESOLVED to NOTE update.	
CD251	Community Youth Manager and Events Update Mr A Webb presented an update from a written report. See Appendix 2. Cllr J Yeowell informed Councillors that Lawrence will be attending a Community Development meeting in the new year to provide an update. Cllr P Exell mentioned about some families in Ferndale who contacted him last week about doing a litter pick around Alanbrooke. He joined them on Friday and loaned out the Parishes equipment as he supported several young people complete a litter pick around that area. RESOLVED to NOTE the update.	
CD252	Budget Mr A Reeves explained that the first draft would be compiled on Monday, then the Chair Cllr K Small and himself go through and consolidate the figures and create a corporate spend budget, which Cllr D Patey will check and agree to, before it is taken to FGP for an approval recommendation, followed by final approval at Full Council in January. Cllr D Patey requested some funding be provided for the Kelly Foundation to support their important mental health work in the Parish. Mr A Webb presented an update from Mr A Cripps for the Library & Leisure Trust with a request for a similar funding amount to the current years.	Mr A Webb to coordinate usage of the minibus for the museum visit.

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	Mr A Reeves explained that the solar panels will reduce their electricity usage by about 20% next year. Cllr V Bentley requested usage of the minibus for a group of 15 children to be taken to a museum. Councillors discussed the activity. Mr A Webb responded that he would co-ordinate this. RESOLVED to NOTE the 26/27 budget requests.	
	Meeting Closed 19:48	

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