



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

MOREDON SPORTING HUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday 10th November 2025 19.15

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Kevin Small (Chair)
Cllr Paul Park (Vice Chair)
Cllr John Ballman – virtually
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Matt Gleed (Leisure Manager)

Officers:

Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk) – virtually
Mr Andrew Briggs (Ops Manager) - virtually
Mr Aaron Webb (Community Youth Manager)
- virtually

Member of the Public Present: none

Apologies

none

		Action
MSH037	Declarations of Interest Cllr Paul Park declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust. Cllr John Ballman declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust, HBUF and RSPB. Cllr Mick Lucas declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust. Cllr Paul Exell declared a non-pecuniary interest in Swindon Softball Club. RESOLVED to NOTE declarations of interest.	
MSH038	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	
MSH039	Minutes of the Previous Meeting To APPROVE the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee held on 15th September 2025. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee held on 15th September 2025.	
MSH040	MSH YTD Revenue Update Mr M Gleed presented a verbal update. Income and grant income is ahead of target. Councillors were asked to take into account that providing some out of hours opening times to increase income requires additional costs on staffing. Room hire is the only income under target but as the winter months are incoming room bookings are expected to increase. Understanding the market needs and the usage of the Parishes other assets which can affect room bookings at Moredon Sporting Hub (MSH). Cllr K Small queried the café income/expenses and the mark up to create a self-sufficient café not requiring subsidising from Parish funds. Mr M Gleed explained that he is expecting an increase in trade over the winter months during the football season.	

	Cllr M Lucas asked about equipment costs. Mr M Gleed responded that the café expenditure costs were for consumables and extra day to day costs associated with running a café. Cllr K Small suggested looking at increasing prices to cover costs appropriately without out pricing the market. Mr M Gleed explained that fitness classes are separated to help the Parish monitor usage for possible future grant funding. Cllr D Patey asked how much is room hire, and how much is Parish lead classes. Mr M Gleed explained that most income is from room hire itself. Cllr D Patey asked if the room hire and fitness classes income was all for room hire, and would that include parties. Mr M Gleed responded yes, the room hire income and fitness class income is all for room hire. Parties are hard to create income from. The £200 cost to hire the room is good, but the Parish then has to supply staff and extras to run the party which creates more expenditure. Cllr J Yeowell asked about the Pump Track income. Mr M Gleed explained that the Parish received a grant last year to fund free usage for residents of the track. Mr M Gleed explained that Agency costs are higher than salary costs as there was proposed to be more permanent members of staff initially but have been kept low to make better use of coverage needed. Further funding is required to cover costs for staffing. Cllr K Small responded that there is a small safety net of funding available that could help support the needs with staffing for MSH. Mr M Gleed noted that MSH has some buildings not in usage at present and electric charging points that were expected to provide income and haven't. Cllr D Patey asked now the house building has started when the electric charging points will be available.	
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	Mr M Gleed responded between 18-22 months is projected. He has requested a scheme of work from the builders to be aware of the plans and possible disruptions that may occur going ahead. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
MSH041	MSH Budget Setting 26/27 Cllr K Small explained that this is not to approve a budget but to suggest recommendations. Mr M Gleed suggested funding for Padel Tennis Courts as it is a fast-growing sport. Funding to support updating the playing fields or possibly moving locations to create space for more pitches. Cllr K Small requested a written report be presented about the moving/relocation of pitches at the next meeting. RESOLVED to NOTE the recommendations.	Mr M Gleed to present a written report re pitch relocation to January MSH meeting.
MSH042	British Cycling Partnership (March 2026) Mr M Gleed noted that the British Cycling Partnership will be ending soon, and he suggested the Parish bring the funding for the activities and staffing be brought in house. Grant funding in association with the Library & Leisure trust is in the process of being applied for. RESOLVED to NOTE update.	
MSH043	Site Development Mr M Gleed explained that the house building reduces parking and open space for events and the need to increase parking available. Due to the lack of parking spaces, it is not possible to put on multiple events at the same time. Cllr K Small requested a written report be presented at the next meeting. Cllr J Yeowell asked if MSH were still considering getting a 4G pitch. Mr M Gleed explained that some present users of the site may be object. Cllr K Small explained that decisions around site usage is for Councillors to decide.	Mr M Gleed to present a written report re parking issues at the January meeting.

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	Cllr D Patey queried the car parking request and would this effect the off-road bike track approved recently. Mr M Gleed explained the off-road bike track is a different area of land and that tree and bush clearance has started now for this activity. Cllr K Small noted that some of the trees there were over 70 years old and well established and should not be removed. Councillors agreed. RESOLVED to NOTE update.	
MSH044	Car Park Charging Cllr K Small requested a written report for this to be brought to a future meeting, but an over-view of what is being proposed could be discussed now. Mr M Gleed explained that with the increase of non-MSH users parking in MSH car park reducing the spaces available for MSH users, a similar structure that has just been approved for St Marks would be useful to instate at MSH. Once the housing is built there is also the possibility that residents could use the car park as an overflow car park. Cllr K Small explained that there is an agreement with the housing builders that the car park will be closed at a certain time and will not be unlocked if residents choose to park there. Cllr K Small responded that this would need to be provided as a written report. Cllr P Exell reminded Councillors that as a parking issue it would need to go to Environment & Planning first for discussion. Cllr D Patey suggested contacting other businesses nearby and seeing if we could offer them free parking during the week in return for free parking at their car park over the weekends. Cllr J Ballman mentioned that car parking fees are not about revenue creating but about controlling who uses the space. Wherever there is a free car park there will be people using it who are not using the facilities it is	Mr M Gleed to present a written report about car parking charges at MSH to a future meeting.

	connected to. Parking fees return control to the owner and provide a way to make sure the car park is used for those who are using the facilities it is connected to. Cllr J Yeowell asked about people using the car park for the free hours and then leaving and returning. Mr M Gleed explained that this could happen but be included in the parking charge's structure. RESOLVED to NOTE the update. Cllr K Small requested an emergency item be brought to the meeting. <i>'The Council is asked to consider whether, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, it considers that the public and press should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.'</i> 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.	
MSH045	Emergency Item Councillors were informed of recent events involving financial misconduct of a hirer of Moredon Sporting Hub. Officers advised the situation did not directly involve the Council and that the Council had not been financially impacted. Matters related to a specific individual within the third-party organisation. Members were reassured the matter was being handled by the authorities and that they were being made aware of the situation given the sensitive nature of the matter, and the potential future impact outcomes may have on the third parties use of the facility. RESOLVED to NOTE the update.	
Meeting Closed 19:58		

Moredon Sporting Hub

November 10, 2025

Signed.....

Kris Smith

Date.....

26/11/25