



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Moredon Sporting Hub,

Cheney Manor Industrial Estate,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 3rd February 2026 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Dave Patey (Chair)
Cllr Mick Lucas (Vice Chair)
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves

Officers:

Mr Andrew Briggs
Ms Emma Till

Member of the Public Present: Mr Mike Ware (Idverde) – virtually
Mr John Stooke (The Kelly Foundation)
Mrs Rebecca Rocker (Torn Curtain)
Mrs Rosanna Kent (Torn Curtain)
Mrs Carrie Roberts (Centre Manager Nelson Trust)
Mrs Lianne Stokes (Keyworker Nelson Trust)

Apologies

Cllr Kevin Small
Cllr John Ballman

		Action
FGP548	Declarations of Interest Cllr Mick Lucas declared an interest in the Library & Leisure Trust. RESOLVED to NOTE the Declarations of Interest.	
FGP549	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	
FGP550	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th January 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th January 2026 as a true and accurate record.	
FGP551	Grounds Maintenance Update Mr M Ware presented a verbal update from a written report. See Appendix 1. Cllr D Patey requested updates on SBC fly tipping clearances. Cllr J Yeowell queried property left out for 'free to collector', is this considered fly tipping. Cllr D Patey responded officially yes. Mr A Reeves requested Idverde clear fly tipping accumulation along various spots of Akers Way, especially around the school entrance. RESOLVED to NOTE the Grounds Maintenance Update.	
FGP552	Transaction Logs Cllr M Lucas and Cllr D Patey to confirm review of December 2025 transaction logs. (£4,763.77) Cllr D Patey noted that an error on one of the Officers cards has been rectified. RESOLVED: Cllr M Lucas and Cllr D Patey confirmed the GPC transaction logs for December 2025. (£4,763.77)	

FGP553	Budget Report & Forecast To NOTE the summary of income and expenditure and Forecast against the budget report for December 2025. • Revenue • PWLB Councillors recommended moving Maintenance Compliance out of Leisure & Recreation (L&R) as these items are legal bound duties the Parish must complete. RESOLVED to NOTE the summary of income and expenditure and Forecast against the budget report for December 2025.	Officers to move Maintenance Compliance out of L&R for 26/27.
FGP554	Payments List To REVIEW and APPROVE December 2025 Payments List. RESOLVED to APPROVE December 2025 Payments List.	
FGP555	Debtor List To REVIEW the Debtor lists for December 2025. • Sales Ledger • Allotment RESOLVED to NOTE the Debtor lists for December 2025.	
FGP556	Ear Marked Reserves To NOTE the balances of Ear Marked Reserves as of 31st December 2025. Cllr D Patey enquired about election costs. Mr A Reeves explained that there have been no definitive expenditure costs yet, but it is estimated around £55,000.00. Councillors discussed the election. Cllr D Patey reminded Councillors that CIL requests should be in by the end of February 2026 to be included in March 2026 FGP. RESOLVED to NOTE the balances of Ear Marked Reserves as of 31st December 2025.	Mr A Reeves to communicate with SBC about rental of room for extra day for election.

FGP557	Ward Allowance Update To NOTE the current balances of Ward Allowances. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the Ward Allowance balances. ADJUSTMENT: Cllr Kevin Small and Cllr Muhammad Khan request for £1,035.00 each (£2,070.00 total) from their Ward Allowance towards Christmas lights at the FGP 06/01/2026 to be adjusted to £475 each (£950.00 total). RESOLVED to APPROVE ADJUSTMENT: Cllr Kevin Small and Cllr Muhammad Khan request for £1,035.00 each (£2,070.00 total) from their Ward Allowance towards Christmas lights at the FGP 06/01/2026 to be adjusted to £475 each (£950.00 total). Cllr Paul Park requests £250 from his Ward Allowance towards planting a tree at Downton Road. RESOLVED to APPROVE Cllr Paul Park requests £250 from his Ward Allowance towards planting a tree at Downton Road.	
FGP558	Grant Requests Balance of Grant Fund £7,003.00 RESOLVED Balance of Grant Fund NOTED. The Kelly Foundation request £453.60 towards access to café space beyond their lease to hold a men's wellness group. Mr J Stooke presented an update on the men's wellness group grant request. Councillors supported the application. RESOLVED to APPROVE The Kelly Foundation request for £453.60 towards access to café space beyond their lease to hold a men's wellness group. Mr J Stooke left the meeting. The Nelson Trust request £1,000.00 towards room rental to provide counselling to vulnerable women. Mrs C Roberts presented an update on the room rental request for free counselling.	

	Councillors supported the application. RESOLVED to APPROVE The Nelson Trust request for £1,000.00 towards room rental to provide counselling to vulnerable women. Mrs C Roberts and Mrs L Stokes left the meeting. Torn Curtain request £1,999.00 towards creating a support group for mothers suffering with mental health issues. Mrs R Rocker and Mrs R Kent presented an update on the support group for mothers suffering with mental health issues. Cllr J Yeowell mentioned that the room would need to be rented within the Parish and it may be possible to contact one of the Parish Officers around using one of the Parish libraries. Councillors explained that match funding was for capital already owned, and that the Ward Councillor in the area they are planning to hold the group could possibly contribute some of their Ward Allowance to top up the rest. RESOLVED to APPROVE the Torn Curtain request £1,000.00 towards creating a support group for mothers suffering with mental health issues. Mrs R Rocker and Mrs R Kent left the meeting.	
FGP559	Policy Review To REVIEW and ADOPT the following policies and procedures. No policies to review and adopt.	
FGP560	Ops & Project Update Cllr D Patey proposed moving agenda item 13. Ops Update to the end of the meeting. RESOLVED to APPROVE moving agenda item 13. Ops Update to the end of the meeting. Mr A Briggs presented an update from a written report.	

	See Appendix 2. RESOLVED to NOTE the update. Councillors discussed extending the application date for tenders. RESOLVED to APPROVE keeping the application date for tenders as is. <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> <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.</i> Mr A Briggs presented an update on Salix. RESOLVED to NOTE the update.	
FGP561	Transfer to PWLB To NOTE update. Mr A Reeves presented an update on £50,224.88 of items to be transferred from general budget lines to PWLB Capital and Play Areas cost centres. RESOLVED to APPROVE moving the £50,224.88 of items from general budget lines to PWLB Capital and Play Area cost centres.	
FGP562	Moving FGP Committee Meeting To REVIEW moving FGP Committee meeting to the 3rd or 4th week of the month RESOLVED to APPROVE moving FGP to the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting in March 2026.	

FGP563	Actions Noted To NOTE the Actions Noted list. • FGP500 – completed • FGP521 – completed • FGP537 – completed • FGP538 – remind again • FGP543 – completed • FGP546 – completed RESOLVED to NOTE the Actions Noted.	
Meeting Closed 20:42		

Signed.....

Date..... 25/3/26.....