



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 4th February 2026 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

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

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)

Officers:

Mr Aaron Webb (Community Youth Manager)
Mr Aaron Cripps (Marketing, Literacy and Digital
Services Manager) – virtually
Mr Matt Gleed (Leisure Manager)

Member of the Public Present: Inspector Lawrence Copeland (Wiltshire Police)
Acting Sergeant Will Cooper (Wiltshire Police)
Mrs Claudia Alborno (Dance Therapy)
Mrs Nickie McCormack (The Elise Effect)
Mrs Emily Hagen (VAS)
Mr Luke Burge (The Elise Effect)

Apologies

Cllr Ana Fernandes
Cllr Joy Grotzinger

		Action
CD273	Declarations of Interest None	
CD274	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	
CD275	Wiltshire Police Insp L Copeland introduced himself and explained that he could provide an update for the Councillors or review any queries they may have. Cllr P Park mentioned the quad bikes using Sevenfields and enquired if there was anything the police could do to stop them from damaging the field. Sgt W Cooper explained that times and dates of events, including vehicles involved with license plates need to be gathered then decisions around how to proceed can be made. Cllr J Yeowell asked about fast drivers around Swindon housing areas late in the night. Insp L Copeland noted that the police have been out and about with speed devices across several different locations to monitor. Cllr P Exell mentioned electric bikes and scooters using public footpaths while travelling at speeds of 30mph or more. Insp L Copeland explained that the police have had various operations that have taken place and if Councillors could inform them of locations. Mr A Reeves mentioned the suspected drug dealing around St Marks which have been logged on 101. Insp L Copeland enquired about the times this was happening. Mr A Reeves responded usually after 12 noon most days until well into the evening. Mr M Gleed mentioned the travellers that had positioned themselves on Moredon Sporting Hub (MSH) car park recently. He enquired if in future the Traveller Liaison	

	Officer could keep the Parish in the loop when travellers were being moved on locally so the Parish could pre-emptively use precautions to protect assets. Insp L Copeland agreed this was a good idea and he would discuss it with the relevant Officers. Mr A Reeves mentioned that the Parish is left with the costs of replacement barriers, locks and rubbish clearance after they leave and enquired how the police manage prosecutions as there does not seem to have been any. Insp L Copeland explained that for criminal damage a perpetrator is required, which involves having a witness to the damage. The police are unable to arrest all the travellers for one lock, so security video or eyewitness statements are extremely important. Mr A Reeves suggested to Councillors that the Parish look into CCTV as a deterrent rather than investing in infrastructure, which can be damaged easier and is expensive to replace. Cllr J Yeowell requested the statistics from the police would be useful distributed in advance of meetings. Insp L Copeland updated Councillors on recent arrests and behaviour orders in place to try and improve the Parish. Mr A Webb mentioned the indecent exposures that occurred at St Marks last summer. The Parish are planning to put on youth activities during the summer of 2026 and would like to protect staff and children. Insp L Copeland suggested future plain clothes officers walking the area to police it to protect resident's and users. RESOLVED to NOTE the update. Insp L Copeland and Sgt W Cooper left the meeting.	
CD276	Dance Therapy Mrs C Alborno presented an update on her history and reasons for starting her Dance Therapy classes. She explained the health, social and emotional advantages of dance therapy for people with extra needs and their unpaid carers. The cost can be expensive, and she would like to ask the Parish to support her endeavour.	

	Mr M Gleed explained that space is available in the afternoons at MSH, and a Community Grant can be applied for as well as any possible Ward Allowance support. Mr A Reeves mentioned that there are certain restrictions in place when it comes to supporting activities with public money. Once a Community Grant is approved then further funding can be looked into. Cllr D Patey noted the Green Card and connecting this to the activity to support access for Parish residents. RESOLVED to NOTE the update and APPROVE a Community Grant request be presented at March Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting (FGP). Mrs C Alborno left the meeting.	
CD277	The Elise Effect Mrs N McCormack presented an update on the Elise Effect and how it works connecting local people and organisations. She explains that the gap between need and dire need is large and people do not know how or are expected to hit crisis before the help is accessible. The aim is early, accurate signposting at the appropriate time. Mrs N McCormack requested support for three practical enablers. 1) Collating accurate signposting materials across identified domains, 2) Guidance on appropriate funding streams and 3) Access to a safeguarding compliant room. The aim is not to duplicate service but compliment services already existing. Cllr P Park asked how the Parish can help with signposting. Mrs E Hagen suggested The Elise Effect be advertised on Parish websites and noticeboards. Cllr P Exell asked Parish Officers which suitable safeguarding compliant rooms are available. Mr A Reeves mentioned Parkside Hub, JMH, Pinetrees, Moredon Community Centre and Libraries. Mrs N McCormack asked about any funding available. Cllr P Exell noted the Community Grant may be an option.	

	Cllr P Park enquired about the key highlights from data already gathered that might be relevant to the Parish. Mrs N McCormack explained that there is a need for more non-clinical settings that house the appropriate support, there is a lack of trust with what is already operating due to failure to help from those services previously. RESOLVED to APPROVE moving Diversity Inclusion Update to a future meeting. Mrs N McCormack	
CD278	Diversity Inclusion Update Cllr J Yeowell proposed Mrs Emily Hagen from VAS replace the Diversity Inclusion Update. RESOLVED to APPROVE Mrs Emily Hagen from VAS replacing the Diversity Inclusion Update. Mrs E Hagen presented an update on the new Well-being sessions at Parkside Hub. See Appendix 1. RESOLVED to NOTE update. Mrs N McCormack, Mrs E Hagen and Mr L Burge left the meeting.	
CD279	Marketing, Literacy and Digital Services Manager Update Mr A Cripps presented an update. The XN till system is now in place at MSH and will start soon. The libraries are doing well with a moderate increase in registrations. He reminded Councillors to submit their reports for the newsletter by the 16th February 2026. RESOLVED to NOTE the Marketing, Literacy and Digital Services Manager update. Mr A Cripps left the meeting.	
CD280	Community Youth Manager and Events Update Mr A Webb presented a verbal update from a written report. See Appendix 2.	

	Cllr J Yeowell queried the reasons the children were using the Breakfast Club provision. Mr A Webb responded that he will be doing a questionnaire soon to ask the children their reasons. Cllr P Park noted that even though children say they 'do not have time' it could actually be 'could not afford' but they are embarrassed. Mr A Webb updated Councillors on the plan for the night for the Pride of the Parish. Cllr J Yeowell asked if there was an update on the Sports England funding. Mr A Webb updated Councillors on the progression and explained that the Parish is still awaiting a response. Mr A Reeves noted that the capital funding application for Moredon Community Centre (MCC) is looking positive. It will allow the Parish to perform well needed upgrades to MCC. RESOLVED to NOTE the update.	
CD281	Budget Review 25/26 Budget Review RESOLVED to NOTE update.	
CD282	Actions Noted CD261 – completed RESOLVED to NOTE the Actions Noted.	
Meeting Closed 20:29		

Signed.....

Date.....01/04/2026

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