



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 1st April 2026 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr James Yeowell (Chair)
Cllr Vanessa Bentley (Vice Chair) - virtually
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Dave Patey

Clerk:

Miss Rachel Westcott (Finance Administrator)

Officers:

Mrs Louise Whatley (Community Centre Manager)
- virtually

Member of the Public Present: None

Apologies

Cllr Paul Park
Cllr Joy Grotzinger

		Action
CD-2026.1	Declarations of Interest None	

CD-2026.2	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None.	
CD-2026.3	Nigeria Community Associates To RECEIVE update. Cllr J Yeowell proposed moving item to a future meeting. RESOLVED to APPROVE moving item to a future meeting.	
CD-2026.4	Diversity Inclusion Update Cllr V Bentley presented an update on future events. There are lots of activities, stalls and vendors planned on paper for the Diversity Event and once the Election is completed confirmations on plans will be presented. The Ladies Tea Party raised over £500 towards the event as well, and future events will hopefully contribute more funds. RESOLVED to NOTE the update.	
CD-2026.5	Community Centre Manager Update Mrs L Whatley presented an update on Community Centres. She explained that the Parish is in the process of transferring data to a new bookings system which should alleviate issues with missed/double bookings going forward. Mrs L Whatley explained the Food Cycle is going really well and had over forty people attended last Thursday. The Pop-Up Shop held at Pinetrees caters to around 18-19 households who take about six items each. Mrs L Whatley explained that The Kelly Foundation had loads of Easter Eggs donated so the Parish co-ordinated with Emma from The Kelly Foundation and created an Easter Egg Trail which was hugely successful attracting over 70 children. Cllr P Exell suggested co-ordinating with Moredon Sporting Hub (MSH) next year as they did a free egg for track time which was very successful the previous year. Mrs L Whatley mentioned the coach trip to a garden centre with a pub lunch afterwards which was so	

	successful the residents asked to go on a trip together next year. Cllr J Yeowell asked about Youth Work. Mrs L Whatley noted the sporting outreach at St Marks and a trip to Cheddar Gorge and an amusement arcade. RESOLVED to NOTE update.	
CD-2026.6	Budget Review Councillors reviewed the 25/26 Budget. Councillors discussed the creation and managing of a proper Youth Council and the need to work towards establishing one. Cllr D Patey requested Councillors request Officers initiate creating a Youth Council made up of students from all Parish Schools in the style of a normal Council as discussed at previous meetings. Councillors agreed. Mrs L Whatley explained that Mr A Webb is in communication with various schools and youth charities around the request to create a Youth Council. RESOLVED to NOTE update.	Officers to create a Youth Council and provide an update at the next meeting.
CD-2026.7	Actions Noted RESOLVED to NOTE the Actions Noted.	
	Meeting Closed 19:18	

Signed.....

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