VB

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Moredon Sporting Hub,

Cheney Manor Industrial Estate,

SWINDON SN2 2QJ

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 19.30

Present:	
Councillors:	Cllr Vanessa Bentley (Chair) Cllr Joy Grotzinger (Vice Chair) Cllr Sandra Absalom Cllr Rouchell Cardoso Cllr Paul Exell Cllr Ana Fernandes Cllr Tony Fernandes Cllr Muhammad Khan Cllr Dave Patey Cllr Caitlin Pinks Cllr Josh Woods
Clerk:	Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)
Officers:	Mrs Louise Whatley (Community Centre Manager) Mr Aaron Webb (Community Youth Manager) Mrs Rebecca Cox (Cycling Development Officer) Miss Camille Clarke (Community Engagement Officer) Miss Rachel Westcott (Committee & Finance Administrator) - virtually
Member of the Public Present: Mr James Yeowell - virtually	
Apologies	none

		Action
CD-2026.8	**Declarations of Interest** None	
CD-2026.9	**Public Questions & Public Correspondence** Mr J Yeowell enquired about staff being available at Pinetrees Community Centre (PTCC) to allow people with disabilities access to the lift for Committee meetings. Mr A Reeves explained that PTCC is not staffed full time, but this will be monitored for future meetings. Mr J Yeowell asked about the Youth Council and his desire to be involved. Mr A Webb mentioned work towards creating this was progressing and he would be starting visits to Schools in July. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**	
CD-2026.10	**MSH Cycling Activities** Mrs R Cox presented a verbal update from a written report. See attachment CD-2026.10. Cllr V Bentley enquired if there was anything that the Councillors could do to help support the cycling provision. Mrs R Cox responded funds to run the activities, cover staff and pay for repairs and replacement to bikes/trikes. Cllr D Patey enquired about increasing Green Card users and making sure there is enough funding available to pay to replace bikes as they break. Mrs R Cox mentioned that one of the key barriers to access cycling is not owning a bike. Making sure to have funds available is important. Grant funding has been gained to purchase some BMX bikes and helmets, and other grant funding will be applied for. Cllr C Pinks enquired about advertising through leaflet distribution and posters.	

	Mrs R Cox noted this was something that be useful. Cllr A Fernandes queried the ages of the people using the provision. Mrs R Cox explained that all ages use the provision from babies to the elderly, and mentioned a recent first-time user in her 90's. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** update.	
CD-2026.11	**Diversity Inclusion Update** Cllr V Bentley requested removing this agenda item. **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE**	
CD-2026.12	**Community Centre Manager Update** Mrs L Whatley presented a verbal update from a written report. See attachment CD-2026.12. Mrs L Whatley requested Councillors inform her on the information they would like to see in future updates. Cllr D Patey mentioned a review of each Community Centre to see when the rooms are available. He also enquired around advertising the activities that already take place. Mr A Reeves responded that advertising activities at each Community Centre on a weekly basis has been discussed before and is something Councillors could look into going forward. Cllr V Bentley agreed that connecting with local businesses to make this work would also increase rentals. Cllr C Pinks asked if data on ad-hoc bookings and how to increase those would be useful. She also enquired about the Pop-Up Shop at PTCC and whether items could be donated like books etc. Mrs L Whatley noted that books and clothes have been donated in the past but there is a library at PTCC.	

VB

	Mr A Reeves explained that PTCC is extremely successful and has developed a lot since it was first acquired by the Parish. Cllr V Bentley responded that reviewing the Community Centres and improving advertising should be a promoted going forward. Cllr J Woods queried the Green Card and how to let residents know about it. Cllr V Bentley noted the Green Card information is on the website and was in the last Parish Newsletter. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** update.	
CD-2026.13	**Community Engagement Officer** Miss C Clarke presented a verbal update from a written report. See attachment CD-2026.13. Cllr P Exell mentioned the Parish Scouting & Guiding groups. Cllr D Patey enquired about how the Walcott Parish has progressed faster with the process. Mr A Webb explained that both areas are different and have different needs. The Walcott Councils have pushed harder to start the process, but this allows the Parish to learn from them which is advantageous. Mr A Reeves explained that the Government has provided a £22 million pot of money towards two disadvantaged areas in Swindon. The funding will have a huge impact for the residents in Penhill. Information will come through Community Development Committee over the coming months. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** update.	
CD-2026.14	**Community Youth Manager and Events Update** Mr A Webb presented a verbal update from a written report. See attachment CD-2026.14. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** update.	

CD-2026.15	**Budget Review** Councillors reviewed the 26/27 Budget. Mr A Reeves presented a breakdown of expenditure so far. Mr A Webb described the events planned for 2026/27. Councillors discussed events during 2026/27. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** update.	√B
CD-2026.16	**Actions Noted** Mr A Webb presented an update on the Youth Council and explained upcoming meetings and plans to establish the Youth Council for Year 6 & 7 students in Parish schools. Cllr V Bentley explained that a company had contacted her wanting to offer cleaning services for free to support residents who may be struggling for various reasons. She hopes to provide psychologists to help support the residents who may be dealing with mental health issues which have led to the overwhelming situations. Mr A Reeves mentioned that Swindon Borough Council (SBC) provide care packages to help support people needing Social Care Plans and SBC may be able to provide us with referrals. Cllr S Absalom enquired how much this would cost. Cllr V Bentley responded the company are offering their services for free. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the Actions Noted.	√
	Meeting Closed 20:30	

Signed...√Bentley..... Date...14/10/2026.