Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Moredon Sporting Hub,

Cheney Manor Industrial Estate,

SWINDON SN2 2QJ

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 14th October 2026 19.00

Present:	
Councillors:	Cllr Vanessa Bentley (Chair) Cllr Joy Grotzinger (Vice Chair) Cllr Sandra Absalom Cllr Rouchell Cardoso Cllr Ana Fernandes Cllr Tony Fernandes Cllr Dave Patey Cllr Josh Woods
Clerk:	Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)
Officers:	Mr Aaron Webb (Community Youth Manager) Mr Joe Gelston (Leisure Manager)
Member of the Public Present: none	
Apologies	Cllr Paul Exell

		Action
CD-2026.35	**Declarations of Interest** None	
CD-2026.36	**Public Questions & Public Correspondence** None **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**	
CD-2026.37	**Leisure Manager Update** Mr J Gelston presented a verbal update from a written report. See attachment CD-2026.37. Councillors discussed the Walking Football and Mr J Gelston recommended contacting him beforehand so that the co-ordinators are aware of numbers. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** Leisure Manager update.	
CD-2026.38	**Making Swindon Veteran Friendly** Mr A Webb presented a verbal update on the project Cllr Leanne Stevenson from Swindon Borough Council (SBC) as Armed Forces Champion. She will hopefully be attending the next Committee meeting. Cllr V Bentley requested Officers communicate with Cllr Leanne Stevenson and invite her to a future meeting to discuss further. Cllr D Patey enquired about the remembrance wreath. Mr A Reeves explained that Cllr P Exell will be laying the wreath this year on behalf of the Parish on Sunday the 8th November 2026 at the cenotaph. Mr A Reeves proposed affirming the statement put forward by SBC of; 'The Council re-affirms its commitment to recognise and supporting serving personnel, reservists, veterans, cadet force, adult volunteers, cadets, military spouses/families and all those that contribute to the UK's Armed Force family' **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** confirming the statement from SBC.	

CD-2026.39	**Charity & Parish Vision** Mr A Webb presented a verbal update explaining the interviews for the Charity Partnership are taking place next week at which time a decision will be made on the Parishes partner for the coming year. Mr A Reeves presented a verbal update on the Parishes Vision. He explained that now Councillors are six months into their tenure the creation of a Parish Vision allows Councillors to create a plan/guide with which to make positive recordable changes during their time as Councillors. Mr A Reeves described all the areas/people that the Parish work with each year and requested that Councillors return next month with ideas that can be used to create the CSNPC Vision Plan for 2027-2030. Councillors discussed potential ideas for the Parish Vision. Mr A Webb mentioned a resident's consultation in January 2027 to help Councillors decide how to progress with the Parish Vision. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**	
CD-2026.40	**Pride in Place Update** Mr A Webb presented a verbal update from a written report. See attachment CD-2026.42. Councillors discussed ideas on how to communicate with residents. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**	
CD-2026.41	**Fireworks Display** Mr A Webb presented verbal update from a written report. See attachment CD-2026.42. Cllr D Patey enquired around projected numbers. Mr A Reeves explained that provisions are in place, and residents have been encouraged to walk and use public transport. The event is extremely popular and numbers are expected to be high.	

	RESOLVED to **NOTE**	
CD-2026.42	**Community Youth Manager and Events Update** Mr A Webb presented a verbal update from a written report. See attachment CD-2026.42. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**	
CD-2026.43	**November Blue** Cllr V Bentley presented a verbal update on a project to support men's mental health that Cllr D Patey is working with herself to put on an event at Gorse Hill Community Centre on the 27th November 2026 7-9pm. Various groups will be there to offer support and advice. Cllr S Absalom explained about events she has been a part of within Penhill that supports men's mental and physical health. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**	
CD-2026.44	**Budget Report** Mr A Reeves presented the 2026/27 budget report to date. Cllr D Patey was concerned about the Agency cost figures. Mr A Webb explained that income from rental at Parkside Hub has been diverted towards the larger agency cost expenditure as this has been the main factor for the increase in expenditure. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** Mr A Reeves requested Councillors propose a budget recommendation for 2027/28 to be reviewed at FGP. Councillors discussed recommendations for the 2027/28 Budget and events for 2027/28. Councillors discussed the option of purchasing a stage, to reduce rental costs for future events. Community Development Committee 2027/28 Budget proposal: - 5405/500 Community Events £20,000	

	- 5415/500 Community Enhancement £5,000 - NEW Budget Line Community Development Equipment Capital £6,000 - 4055/510 Staff Costs Agency £2,500 - 5425/510 Youth Breakfast £1,500 - 5430/510 Youth Excursions £1,500 - 5435/510 Youth Council £1,500 **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** recommendations.	
CD-2026.45	**Actions Noted** - CD-2026.6 – completed - CD-2026.28 – completed - CD-2026.34 – completed Add the Veterans and November Blue items to November Agenda. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**	
	Meeting Closed 20:52	

Signed…… Date…….