

**SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

**Finance & Staffing**

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2020 at 6.30pm  
at a VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

<b>Present</b>	Cllr C Watts	Chair
	Cllr J Howarth	Vice-Chair
	Cllr J Ali	
	Cllr S Allsopp	
	Cllr J Firmin	
	Cllr D Griffiths	
	Cllr N Hopkins	
	Cllr W Horley	
	Cllr J Milner-Barry	
	Cllr S Pajak	
Cllr N Watts		
<b>Officers</b>	Rob Core	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
	Jake Mee	Chief Finance Officer (CFO)
	Matt Bradley	Communications and Events Manager (CEM)

**Public** One

**Public Session** None

**1244** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

None

**1245** **Payment Schedule – November 2020**

The CFO submitted the Payment Schedule for November 2020, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** that the Payment Schedule for November 2020, totalling £290,401.64 be approved.

**1246** **Accounts – October 2020**

The CFO submitted the Accounts for the period to October 2020, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Cllr Horley joined the meeting during this item.

**RESOLVED** that the October 2020 Accounts be approved

**1247** **Grant Application – MHA Communities Swindon**

The CFO submitted a grant application from MHA Communities Swindon a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £ 2,000 be approved.

**1248** **Broadgreen Working Party**

The Communications and Events Manager (CEM) gave a verbal report regarding the Broadgreen Safer Neighbourhood Project.

The CEM said that the Parish had strengthened their relationship with the police who from January 2020 had used the hut adjacent to the Broadgreen Centre as a base and the parish had donated two electric bikes in August 2020 for their use in Parish areas.

In the summer local Police Officers for the Town Centre area approached the Parish and reported that the Police are not getting information from the Broadgreen Community to help them address crime and disorder. All intelligence is coming from police officers patrolling the area. The Police believe that many residents moving in to Broadgreen

come from cultures where there is a lack of trust in the Police. Following a meeting held with Central Ward Parish Councillors it was agreed to start a Safer Neighbourhoods scheme with four Broadgreen community leaders to be at the forefront so that residents would understand it was a project initiated by Broadgreen rather than for Broadgreen. Relevant community groups have also been consulted on how this scheme should progress.

The suggestion is to have a Facebook Page to communicate the neighbourhood safety initiatives to the Broadgreen community. A page has been created and is ready for when the project goes live. There will also be a dedicated phone number and email for intelligence, but residents will be told they need to log via 101 for police records. This is for suspicious behaviour rather than logging crimes.

As this could be beneficial to the Broadgreen area, the Parish Council has offered the services of the Centre Development Manager as the community centre will likely remain closed until well in to 2021.

After Christmas there will be a launch event for this initiative, with the Police delivering a leaflet to all houses in the Broadgreen area and a drop-in event at the Hut in the Broadgreen Centre where residents will be able to speak to the Police and Parish Councillors about the project. This will be dependent on the relevant Covid-19 guidelines.

When the project goes live, we will look to bring PC Finning the Police Constable for the Broadgreen area in to update the Parish Councillors on the scheme which we hope will add benefit to the Broadgreen Community.

**NOTED**

**1249 Youth Working Party**

The Chair of the Youth Working Party gave a verbal update regarding the youth work

The Chair said that he and the Parish youth worker had attended a Youth First tele-conference organised by NALC. The conference was based on four subjects: people's budgets, partnership working, youth conferences and training. The conference gave both of them ideas to start working on when able to, and to find if the services could be adapted to work within the Parish. Both felt that the conference had been useful and thanked NALC for organising the meeting.

The CFO advised Councillors that the youth worker would be employed directly by the Parish from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**NOTED**

**1250 Admission of Public and Press**

To resolve in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) that 'in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they be instructed to withdraw'. Reason: Staffing.

**1251 Staffing - Confidential**

The Chief Financial Officer submitted a report regarding staffing, a copy of which appears in the Confidential Minute Book.

The report provided information regarding staffing profiles, re-banding, and recommendations.

**RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations submitted by the CFO. The meeting closed at 18:52pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council