

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

**EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 08 June 2021 at 6.30pm  
at the Marriot Hotel, Pipers Way Swindon SN3 1SH

- Present** Cllr C Watts (Chair) Cllr N Hopkins  
Cllr J Howarth (Vice-Chair) Cllr W Horley  
Cllr S Ahmed Cllr S James  
Cllr J Ali Cllr L Kasmaty  
Cllr S Allsopp Cllr M J Miah  
Cllr V Ayris Cllr J Milner-Barry  
Cllr J Firmin Cllr S Pajak  
Cllr D Griffiths Cllr T Philpot  
Cllr E Heavens Cllr M Strinkovsky  
Cllr P Herring
- Officers** Rob Core Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Jake Mee Chief Finance Officer (CFO)  
Matt Leather Communications and Events Manager (CEM)  
Theresa Gordon Planning & Agenda Clerk
- Public** None
- 1413** **Apologies**  
Cllr M Gladman  
Cllr A Hamid  
Cllr E Heavens  
Cllr W Horley  
Cllr J Miah  
Cllr M Strinkovsky  
Cllr N Watts
- 1414** **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**  
None
- 1415** **Updated Meeting Schedule**  
The Cllr C Watts, Chair of the Parish Council submitted an updated meeting schedule for the remainder of 2021/22 a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.  
**RESOLVED** that the updated Meeting Schedule for 2021/22 municipal year be approved.
- 1416** **Committee & Working Party Membership**  
The Chief Finance Officer gave a review of the Committee & Working Party Membership.  
The CFO said that Cllr J Milner-Barry would be standing down from the Finance & Staffing Committee and that a vote was required for Cllr D Griffiths to join the Assets Working Party.  
**RESOLVED:**  
That Cllr J Milner Barry standing down from the Finance & Staffing Committee be Noted.  
That Cllr D Griffiths election onto the Assets Working Party be approved.
- 1417** **Grant Application**  
The Chief Finance Officer submitted a grant application from Swindon and Wiltshire Pride a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book  
Councillors discussed possible wear and tear of the Town Gardens, how the group had raised funds from the public, a shop they operate, and that Nationwide was a sponsor.  
**RESOLVED** that a grant be approved for 2021.

**1418 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: Commercially Sensitive

**1419 Town Gardens Event**

Councillor N Hopkins gave a verbal report to Councillors, a copy of which appears in the Confidential Minute Book

Councillors were given a verbal report with slides from a company regarding a proposed future event. Councillors discussed the details of the presentation that had been given. The Old Town Christmas light switch on and its funding, was also discussed.

**RESOLVED** That the Council waive financial regulations relating to contracts to enable a price to be negotiated without competition because of the specialist nature of the event and the time scales involved to secure the event.

That recommendation 3.1 be approved that the Council agree to an illuminated lights trail in the Town Gardens from 1st December to 31st December.

That recommendation 3.2 be approved to agree to contract all services relating to the illuminated trail to Yes Events, with a budget for this event of up to £200,000 and the recommendation be amended and up to £150,000 be funded from the Events earmarked reserve.

The meeting closed at 7.26pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council