

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2022 at 6:30pm
In the Council Chamber, Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, Swindon

Present	Cllr C Watts (Chair)	Cllr W Horley
	Cllr J Howarth (Vice Chair)	Cllr N Hopkins
	Cllr S Ahmed	Cllr L Kasmaty
	Cllr S Allsopp	Cllr S Pajak
	Cllr V Ayris	Cllr N Watts
	Cllr J Firmin	
	Cllr D Griffiths	
	Cllr A Hamid	

Officers	Jake Mee	Chief Executive Officer
	Abigale Scutts	Events Manager
	Natasha Abrahamson	Planning & Agenda Clerk

Public Mayor Abdul Amin arrived at 19.15

Public Questions None

Apologies	Cllr M Gladman	Cllr S James
	Cllr P Herring	Cllr Javed Miah
	Cllr J Milner-Barry	Cllr Jamal Miah
	Cllr T Philpot	

2223-29 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None

2223-30 **Accounts**
RESOLVED: To approve the April 2022 accounts. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as Appendix A

2223-31 **Payment Schedule**
RESOLVED: To approve the May 2022 payment schedule. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as Appendix B

2223-32 **Investments, CCLA & WASCU**
The CEO provided Council with a written report regarding Investments, a copy of which can be found in the minute book as Appendix C.

3 **Recommendations**

3.1 To commission a suitability report from Arling Close Ltd to be brought to a future meeting for a decision on whether to invest with the CCLA Property Fund.

3.2 To consider an investment with Wiltshire and Swindon Credit Union of £21,500.

RESOLVED: To approve Recommendation 3.1 and to invest £21,500 with Wiltshire and Swindon Credit Union

2223-33 Letter of Thanks

RESOLVED: To note the letter of thanks received for the use of Broadgreen Community Centre for NHS testing. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as Appendix D

2223-34 Planning Dates

Council discussed the proposed new Planning Committee dates due to conflicts with Swindon Borough Councils Planning Committee. It was noted that the following dates conflicted with the Environment Working Party but were still feasible. Where Planning meetings coincide with LEA, Planning meetings will occur first.

- 26 July
- 27 September
- 18 October
- 4 April

RESOLVED: To approve the proposed new planning dates and times.

2223-35 Farmyard Circus Event

The Events Manager presented a written report which can be found in the minute book as Appendix E on the Farmyard Circus event outlining the proposed plan: The event would take place on August 30 2022 and would be a free to access event, but the Company have requested that there be no hire charges for the space. The only revenue to be made would be from an Alcohol restricted pop-up bar on the day. There would be 2-3 performances throughout the day.

Cllr Firmin proposed that a free ticketing system such as Event Bright be utilised to ensure that numbers could be monitored and reported.

Cllr N Watts asked if the Marketing of the event was in hand and the Events Manager advised that the Company had their own Marketing Plan

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1 with the proposed amendment.

3. Recommendations

3.1 To support the Events Working Party recommendation to allow Farmyard Circus to use Queens Park free of charge with the conditions outlined in point 2.4 as follows:

At the Events Working Party on Thursday 23 June, Parish Councillors recommended that Farmyard Circus be allowed the use of Queens Park without charge, with the conditions that the event is free to access, that the companies hire fee is waived, and that there are suitable restrictions placed on any bar that is selling alcohol at the event.

AMENDMENT: That the use of a free ticketing system such as Event Bright be utilised to ensure that numbers could be monitored and reported.

2223-36 Youth Working Party – Buckhurst Field Community Fun Day

The Events Manager presented a written report (A copy of which can be found in the minute book as Appendix F) to Council regarding the Buckhurst Field Community Fun Day to be held on Saturday 28 August 2022. A sponsorship had been agreed with Nationwide for the sum of £3000 to be match funded by the Parish.

The sponsorship package is to include:

- Sponsorship of the 'Entertainment area' of the fun day
- Logo to be added to banners and print materials
- Inclusion in PR
- Promotional stall at the event

Cllrs requested an amendment be made to the recorded budget mentioned in Recommendation 3.2 due to this being an incorrect figure.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1** That the youth working team hold discussions with potential partners (Nationwide, and the Nepalese community)
- 3.2** That the total budget for the day is £6,000. That a charge be made for each young person that has their face painted of £1.
- 3.3** South Swindon Parish Council made a proposal to Nationwide for a like for like deal of £3000 (match funded by the Parish Council) and some volunteer support on the day.

RESOLVED: To amend the amount mentioned in recommendation 3.2 from £6,000 to £7,500.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendations 3.1, 3.2 & 3.3

2223-37 **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**

2223-38 **Staffing**

Cllr J Miah arrived during this item

The CEO provided Councillors with a verbal report relating to staff changes and use of the Special Leave Policy

RESOLVED: To allow the CEO to implement the special leave Policy at their discretion.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council