

South Swindon Parish Council
Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2024 at 6.30pm
In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, SN1 2AU

Present:	Cllr L Kasmaty (Chair)	Cllr T Silberberg
	Cllr R Banwell-Moore (Vice-Chair)	Cllr S James
	Cllr S Allsopp	Cllr N Hopkins -
	Cllr J Firmin	(Deputising for Cllr J
	Cllr D Griffiths	Pereira)
	Cllr P Herring	
	Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney	
	Cllr T Philpot	
Apologies:	Cllr J Pereira	
Absent:	Cllr D Vales	
Officers:	Matthew Leather	Deputy CEO
	Abigail Garside-	Events Manager
	Scutts	
	Cheryl Hopes	Office Assistant
Public:	None	
Public Questions:	None	

2324 – 344 Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation

A non-pecuniary interest was declared by Cllr D Griffiths regarding item 8 as he is a resident of Stonewater Housing Association.

2324 – 345 Summer Events Ticket Pricing

The Events Manager submitted a report regarding the ticket pricing for this year's summer events.

Recommendations

4.1 - To support the Events Working Party's recommendation that the ticket pricing structure, as laid out in 2.1, be approved for the events due to take place in summer 2024.

4.2 - To reach a decision regarding concessionary rates for the summer 2024 events season

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to the recommendation of point 4.1.

Councillors agreed to all concessions listed in Point 4.2 of the recommendations – except for over 65yr old concessions.

2324 – 346 Grant Fundraising Strategy for the Town Gardens Bowl

A grant fundraising strategy was provided by the Parish Council's grants consultants, -New Elements, for the Town Gardens Bowl.

Recommendations

3.1 Note the report produced by New Elements.

3.2 Support the fundraising approach proposed on Page 7 of the New Elements report (also detailed in Point 2.3 of this report).

RESOLVED: To note the reports recommendation on Point 3.1
To support the recommendation on Point 3.2

2324 – 347 Town Gardens- Green Flag Entry

The Parish Council's Open Spaces Consultant submitted a report on entering the Town Gardens in to the 2025 Green Flag Award Scheme

Recommendations

That the Parish Council shall enter the Town Gardens into the 2025 Green Flag Award scheme and that the Chief Executive in consultation with the Environment Working Party shall prepare an entry for submission in January 2025.

RESOLVED: To agree the recommendation in the report.

2324 –348 Allotments Survey and Plot holders Meeting

The Deputy CEO presented the results of the Parish Council's recent survey for allotments and the notes of the plot holders meeting that took place on 30th January.

RESOLVED: To note the plot holder meeting notes and the results of the allotments survey.

2324 – 349 Green Corridor Management Plan

To consider a management plan produced by the Parish Council's Projects Officer to enhance a wildlife area between Broome Manor Lane and Croft Wood as part of improvements to the South Swindon Green Trail.

RESOLVED: To note the plot holder meeting notes and the results of the allotments survey.

2324 – 350 Manor Road Community Garden

The Deputy CEO presented a proposal to develop a community garden off Manor Road in Central Swindon.

Recommendation

3.1 - Agree to the Parish Council supporting the Manor Road Community Garden project in ways listed in Points 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5

3.2 - Authorise the CEO to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with other partners in the Manor Road Community Garden project with a view to developing the community garden in to a community focused space for growing and learning.

RESOLVED: To agree recommendation 3.1 and 3.2.

2324 – 351 Town Gardens Bowls Club Annual Review

The deputy CEO submitted a report on the Parish Council's annual review with the Town Gardens Bowls Club.

Recommendation

3.1 - That the committee note the report.

RESOLVED: The report was noted.

2324 - 352 Parish Council Gateway Signage

To receive an update regarding gateway signage at vehicular entry points to the Parish.

RESOLVED: To defer this item until a future Full Council meeting.

2324 – 353 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

2324 – 354 New Youth Strategy

To consider a new youth strategy for the Parish Council and provide feedback.

Recommendation.

3.1 Note the contents of this report.

3.2 Support the recommended youth work actions referred to in Point 2.5 of the report.

RESOLVED To note the report in recommendation point 3.1
To support the recommendation in Point 3.2

Meeting Closes at 19:50pm

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Chair of the Parish Council