

South Swindon Parish Council

Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2024 at 6.30pm

In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, SN1 2AU

Present:	Cllr L Kasmaty (Chair) Cllr R Banwell-Moore (Vice-Chair) Cllr S Allsopp Cllr J Firmin Cllr D Griffiths Cllr P Herring	Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney Cllr T Philpot Cllr T Silberberg Cllr D Dias (substituting for Cllr J Pereira) Cllr G Philpot (non-voting member)
Apologies:	Cllr S James	Cllr J Pereira
Absent:	Cllr D Vales	
Officers:	Matt Leather Deborah Lamb Carol Clark	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Libraries Manager Administration Assistant
Public:	One	
Public Questions:	A member of the public highlighted that the chairs supporting the recently refurbished GWR train wheels located at the entrance to GWR Park have been manufactured by the London Midland Scottish Railway (LMR) and are not in keeping with the heritage of the Great Western Railway. To maintain the heritage value of this GWR Park feature, can these LMR chairs be replaced with GWR chairs?	

The Chair thanked the member of the public for bringing this issue to the Council's attention and this issue will be investigated further.

2324 – 280

Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation

A non-pecuniary interest was declared by Cllr S Allsopp regarding item 5, Buckhurst Field Improvement Plan Update, due to his residency near Buckhurst Field.

2324 – 281

South Swindon Libraries Update

The Libraries Manager provided a written report regarding the progress of Old Town and Badbury Park Libraries. A copy of this report which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Recommendations

12.1 To note the contents of the report.

12.2 To support the purchase of 300 new children's non-fiction books to replace outdated stock as proposed in Point 11.1.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 12.1 and 12.2.

2324 – 282

Community Facilities Update

The Community Facilities Officer provided a written report regarding Badbury Park Community Hub and Broadgreen Community Centre. A copy of this report which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney arrived during this item.

The committee provided feedback regarding the proposal to lease the Broadgreen Hut to Changing Suits. They asked the Chief Executive to confirm with Wiltshire Police that the building would no longer be available and to ask Changing Suits if they would accept an 18 month tenancy so that the rental for the full tenancy period would cover the cost of refurbishing the building.

Recommendations

3.1 To note the contents of the report.

3.2 Provide feedback on the proposal for the Broadgreen Hut as outlined in Points 2.1, 2.2, & 2.3.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

2324 – 283 Buckhurst Field Improvement Plan Update

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer provided a written report regarding the Parish Council's emerging plans for Buckhurst Field. A copy of this report which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

The committee asked for a visit to be arranged with the skate park designers at recent skate parks they have developed that are within the Swindon area.

Recommendations

3.1 To note and provide comment on the contents of this report.

3.2 To provide feedback on the proposals from companies for the improvements to the skate park and play area.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

2324 –284 Heritage Action Zone Interpretation Design

The Swindon Borough Council's Heritage Action Zone Officer provided a written report regarding interpretation signage in GWR Park. A copy of this report which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED: To approve the design of the sign as proposed in the Heritage Action Zone report.

2324 – 285 Community Centre Block Booking Discount

Cllrs Domingos Dias Pereira proposed that the Parish Council consider block bookings for their community centres to encourage long term hire arrangements during the working week.

The committee encouraged Cllr Dias to arrange for the hire of Broadgreen Community Centre in the usual way through the Community Facilities Officer.

2324 – 286 Tree Planting Update

The Parish Council's Administration Assistant provided a verbal update regarding tree planting across the parish.

2324 – 287 Allotments Update

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer provided a verbal update regarding the Allotments Service.

2324 – 288 Parish Council Gateway Signage Update

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer provided a verbal update regarding the agreed gateway signage at Parish entry points.

2324 – 289

Report from Youth Working Party

The Chair of the Youth Working Party provided an update regarding the Parish Council's Youth Work Programme.

RESOLVED: A report to be produced at January 2024 Finance & Staffing meeting, detailing what has happened with the Youth Service over the last 6 months, who has taken these decisions, who took the decision to close the Youth Club and why, and the effect the uncertainty over the Youth Service has had on staff members and their wellbeing

Meeting Closes at 20.34pm

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Chair of the Parish Council