

South Swindon Parish Council

Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2024 at 6.30pm
In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, SN1 2AU

Present: Cllr L Kasmaty (Chair) Cllr D Vales
Cllr J Firmin (Vice Chair) Cllr P Herring
Cllr D Griffiths Cllr T Silberberg

Apologies: Cllr N Hopkins
Cllr S James
Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney
Cllr R Banwell-Moore

Absent: Cllr S Allsopp

Officers: Jake Mee CEO
Max Tanner Committee Officer

Public: None

Public Questions: None

2425 – 30 **Apologies**

Cllr N Hopkins, Cllr S James, Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney and Cllr R Banwell-Moore

2425 – 31 **Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation**

None

2425 – 32 **Community Facilities Update**

The Committee received a written update from the Parish Council's Community Facilities Officer regarding community facilities, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix A.

Recommendation

3.1 To note the contents of the report.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

2425 – 33 **Buckhurst Field Improvement Programme Update**

The Committee received a written update from the Projects Officer regarding the Buckhurst Field Improvement Programme, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix B.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report.

2425 – 34 **Libraries Update**

Councillors received a written update from the Deputy CEO regarding the Parish Council's library service which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix C.

Recommendations

3.1 Note the contents of the report.

3.2 Approve the permanent removal of all fines for book loans to children up to 17 years old.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendations 3.1 and 3.2.

2425 – 35

Youth Services Update

Councillors received a written report from the Parish Council's Youth Worker regarding the council's youth service which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix D.

Recommendation

3.1 To note the contents of the report.

3.2 To provide feedback on the activities of the youth service and emerging youth strategy.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

Council requests to fund the youth engagement activity at the Pride festival as detailed in point 2.5 from the Parish Council's Youth Reserve.

2425 – 36

Quarry Road Tennis Courts

The committee received a verbal update from the CEO regarding the progress of the Quarry Road Tennis Courts.

2425 – 37

Parish Council Gardening Update

Councillors received a written update from the Deputy CEO regarding gardening projects within South Swindon Parish which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix E.

Recommendation

3.1 To note the contents of the report.

3.2 To consider feedback received from Eastcott Parish Councillors on the Prospect Place planter and consider next steps.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report as recommended in Point 3.1.

To delay a decision on the Prospect Place planter for a future meeting.

2425 – 38

Free Activities in Parish Council Parks and Open Spaces

Councillors were presented with a written report from Parish Council's Deputy CEO regarding free activities in Parish Council Parks and Open Spaces which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix F.

Recommendation

3.1 To note the contents of this report.

3.2 To endorse the introduction of Park Play as proposed in Point 2.2 and Junior Park Run as proposed in Point 2.3.

RESOLVED: The report be noted as recommended in 3.1.

The Parish Council supports the introduction of Park Play as proposed in 2.2 and Junior Park Run as proposed in 2.3 and requests that a report be brought to the committee after one year to review the activities success and the resources available to support them.

Meeting Closes at 20.28pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Parish Council