

South Swindon Parish Council

Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2024 at 6.30pm
In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, SN1 2AU

Present:	Cllr L Kasmaty (Chair) Cllr J Firmin (Vice Chair) Cllr S Allsopp Cllr D Griffiths	Cllr P Herring Cllr N Hopkins Cllr S James Cllr T Silberberg
Apologies:	Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney	Cllr D Vales
Absent:	Cllr R Banwell-Moore	
Officers:	Matt Leather Max Tanner	Deputy CEO Committee Officer
Public:	None	
Public Questions:	None	

2425 – 178 Apologies

The committee accepted apologies for Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney and Cllr D Vales

2425 – 179 Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation

None

2425 – 180 Tree Planting

The committee received a report from the Assistant Clerk regarding new tree planting opportunities.

Recommendation

3.1 Resolve to proceed with the list of tree planting sites in Point 2.1 of this report.

- RESOLVED**
- I. To proceed with a consultation of the proposed tree planting sites listed in Point 2.1.
 - II. Following the completion of the consultation, to authorise the CEO, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Leisure, Environment and Amenities Committee, to determine which tree planting sites listed in Point 2.1 are progressed before the end of March 2025.

2425 – 181 South Swindon in Bloom Review

The councillors received a report from the Parish Council's Open Spaces Consultant reviewing this year's South Swindon in Bloom entry.

Recommendation

3.1 Resolve to agree that the Parish Council continues to support South Swindon in Bloom entry in the Southwest in Bloom competition in 2025.

3.2 Resolve to agree that the Judges feedback as detailed in 2.5 be implemented for the entry.

3.3 Resolve to agree to the Bloom Strategy for 2025 onwards as detailed in 2.6.

3.4 Resolve to agree that the Parish Council continues to encourage and support greater community and business participation for the South Swindon in Bloom project and the "Its Your Neighbourhood" scheme.

- RESOLVED:**
- I. To approve recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.
 - II. To thank all those involved in the 2024 South Swindon in Bloom entry.

2425 – 182 Buckhurst Field Improvement Plan Update

The Committee were presented with a written update from the Deputy CEO regarding the Buckhurst Field Improvement Plan.

Recommendation

3.1 Note the contents of this report.

3.2 To provide feedback on inclusion of low-level fencing as part of the Buckhurst Cycle-path design.

- RESOLVED:**
- I. To note the contents of the report.
 - II. To reject the inclusion of low-level fencing as part of the cycle-path design.

2425 – 183 Community Facilities Update

Councillors received an update from the Deputy CEO regarding the Parish Council's Community Facilities.

Recommendation

3.1 Note the contents of this report.

3.2 Approve the replacement windows in the Broadgreen Hut, Activity Room and Classroom as recommended in Point 2.2.

3.3 Provide a steer to Parish Officers to the cladding replacement detailed in Point 2.2.

- RESOLVED:**
- I. To approve recommendation 3.1 and 3.2.
 - II. To recommend cladding replacement work detailed in Point 2.2. to Full Council for approval.

2425 – 184 Youth Service Update

The committee received a report from the Deputy CEO regarding the Parish Council's Youth Service.

Recommendation

3.1 Note the contents of this report.

3.2 Provide feedback on the activities of the Youth Service and emerging Youth Strategy.

- RESOLVED:**
- I. To approve recommendation 3.1 and 3.2.
 - II. To thank the Youth Worker for their commitment to young people across the parish.

2425 – 185 Environment Working Party Update

Councillors received the notes of the last Environment Working Party meeting that took place on the 26th November 2024.

- RESOLVED:** To note the contents of the report.

2425 – 186 Health, Wellbeing & Community Working Party Update

The committee received the notes of the last Health, Wellbeing & Community Working Party that took place on the 28th November 2024.

- RESOLVED:** To note the contents of the report.

Meeting Closes at 19.48pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Parish Council