

South Swindon Parish Council

Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2025 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 N Hopkins Cllr S James
Apologies:	Cllr R Banwell-Moore Cllr P Herring Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney	Cllr T Silberberg Cllr D Vales
Officers:	Matt Leather Max Tanner Carol Clark Lindsey Gardner	Deputy CEO Committee Officer Assistant Clerk Libraries Manager
Public:	None	
Public Questions:	None	

2425 – 257 Apologies

The committee accepted apologies from Cllr R Banwell-Moore, Cllr P Herring, Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney, Cllr T Silberberg and Cllr D Vales.

2425 – 258 Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation

None

2425 – 259 South Swindon Libraries Update

The committee received a written report and presentation from the Parish Council's Libraries Manager with updates on both Old Town and Badbury Park Libraries. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix A.

Recommendation

1. Open Badbury Park Library on Fridays between 11 and 4.30.
2. Change the weekday opening times for Old Town Library and Badbury Park Libraries to 11am to 4.30pm as proposed in Point 3 of the report.

RESOLVED:

- I. To approve recommendation 1 & 2.
- II. To approve the replacement of the Old Town Library shelving with the quote detailed in Point 12 of the report and funded from the buildings reserve.

2425 – 260 Tree Planting

The councillors received a written report from the Assistant Clerk regarding tree planting taking place in 2025. A copy of which appears as Appendix B.

Recommendation

- 3.1 To note the contents of the report.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report.

2425 – 261 Youth Service Report

The councillors received a written report from the Deputy CEO regarding the Parish Council's Youth Service. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix C.

Recommendation

3.1 Determine the venue of the third South Swindon Parish Youth Club with options listed in Point 2.3.

3.2 Endorse the Youth Development Objectives detailed in Point 2.4.

- RESOLVED:**
- I. To investigate where the need for the next youth club is and then bring back to a future Full Council Meeting for a decision.
 - II. To approve recommendation 3.2.
 - III. To thank the Events Manager for their hard work in creating additional youth events in conjunction with the Youth Working Party.

2425 – 262 Buckhurst Field Improvement Programme Update

Councillors received a written report from the Deputy CEO on the Buckhurst Field Improvements. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix D.

Recommendation

3.1 Note the contents of the report.

3.2 Provide comment on funding the additional items to the Buckhurst Skate Park listed in Point 2.6.

- RESOLVED:**
- I. To approve recommendation 3.1.
 - II. Support funding additional items to the Buckhurst Skate Park as listed in Point 2.6.

2425 – 263 Chatty Benches

The committee received a report from the Assistant Clerk regarding the creation of Chatty Benches in Parish Council parks. A copy of which appears as Appendix E.

Recommendation

3.1 To approve chatty benches for GWR Park and Queens Park as per 2.3 & 2.4 of this report.

3.2 For the Assistant Clerk to work with the Health, Wellbeing and Community Working Party to design the Chatty Bench signage.

3.3 To investigate new recycled plastic bench locations within Town Gardens and to bring the findings back to the Leisure, Environment and Amenities Committee for consideration.

- RESOLVED:**
- I. To approve recommendations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.
 - II. To ensure that the details of the Chatty Benches project are sensitively communicated to parishioners.

Meeting Closes at 20.06pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Parish Council