

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of Haydon Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.30pm held at Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Swindon, SN25 1QQ.

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Councillors R Ross (Chair), J Ali, E Baker-Walker, J Jackson, V Manro, P Park, B Patrick-Okoh and A Roupelis

OFFICERS: Georgina Morgan-Denn, Chief Officer/Clerk & RFO
Deputy Clerk & Services Manager, Laura Cutter

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Councillors A John and R Worman.

CD 099

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor C Flux. No apologies were received from Councillors G Choudhury or A Jimmy.

CD 100

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CD 101

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

CD 102

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members reviewed the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 and the Chair of the Committee signed the minutes as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor E Baker-Walker Seconded: Councillor J Jackson

Vote: Agreed with two (2) abstentions.

RESOLVED: Members confirmed as a true record the minutes of meetings held on 3rd October 2023.

CD 103

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christmas themed 'Haydon Wick Haven' is due to take place on Monday 18th December 2023 at 11.30am – 1.30pm. If members can donate any buffet food or refreshments, please contact the Office.

CD 104

WELL CHURCH – UNDERGROUND YOUTH PROJECT

The meeting heard there have been two pilot youth sessions which have been very successful, and connections are being built with the young people. Well Church has a meeting with Swindon Borough Council about extending the project and equipping the venue to be a fully functioning Youth Centre. Councillor V Manro advised that a local business has also donated £500.00 to the project, so there has been a lot of support.

CD 105

MEMORY CAFE

Members noted the report. The aspirations for training the Memory Café Co Ordinator and some of the Memory Café Volunteers were welcomed with enthusiasm. It was noted there is existing budget available to meet these costs. The Memory Café will be hosting a live Christmas Nativity

scene at the Council Offices on Wednesday 20th December 2023 and Councillors were encouraged to come and support the event. Councillor V Manro requested that in the next report, there is more information to link the aspirations and purpose of the Café into the Community Led Plan.

CD 106

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The office has been focusing on the Christmas Activities, in particular the Youth Christmas Party and Christmas Parcel Scheme, which will be reported on later in the meeting.

CD 107

HAYDON WICK HAVEN

Members noted the report and were impressed with the growing popularity of the Haven which runs alongside the Warm & Welcome Spaces café. The Haven now has two new dedicated volunteers and is supported by Councillors. January dates have been set and February – June will be reported at March's Committee meeting. Councillor V Manro requested that in the next report, there is more information to link the aspirations and purpose of the Haven and similar community cafés into the Council's Community Led Plan.

CD 108

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor B Patrick-Okoh: Nothing to report.

Councillor E Baker Walker: Nothing to report.

Councillor P Park: Nothing to report.

Councillor A Roupelis: Nothing to report.

Councillor J Ali: Nothing to report.

Councillor R Worman: Asked for the local Police Officers or the Police Crime Commissioner to attend a meeting in 2024 to update on the crime statistics in the local area and objectives for 2024-2025.

Councillor V Manro: Communications have improved between Haydon Court and Sanctuary Housing since the Parish Council has facilitated some support and space for drop-in sessions. Thanks to Councillors J Jackson and E Baker-Walker for helping to facilitate these sessions.

Councillor A John: Attended a recent event hosted by the British Army and how it engages with the local community, the event was very well attended. Councillor John will work with the Officers to present a report to a future meeting. Shirley Ludford from Swindon 105.5 would like to remind the Parish Council that there is a timeslot available for community news if a Councillor would like to attend.

Councillor R Ross: A memorial tree has been planted today at Haydonleigh Skate Park in conjunction with Kelly's Foundation for friends of a local young skater to be remembered fondly there.

CD 109

HAYDON WICK "LIVING" MAGAZINE

The winter edition of the magazine is being circulated. The window for delivery was supposed to last only two weeks but the round has exceeded this timescale. The delivery company will be contacted to request the GPS Tracking data and the deadline for the Christmas Parcel application has been extended by one week to Wednesday 13th December 2023.

CD 110

GRANT FUNDING RECORD

Members noted the report, particularly the newest grant application to the National Lottery Funding for circa £50,000.00 to fund a replacement community bus.

CD 111

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES 2023

Members noted the report and were impressed with the number of community Christmas activities that the Council is hosting this year. A reminder was given to any Councillors who have not yet confirmed availability for delivering the Christmas Parcels on Saturday 16th December 2023. The winner of the Colouring Competition will be presented their prize in an upcoming class assembly which will be attended by Councillors E Baker Walker, R Ross and V Manro.

CD 112

OPERATIONAL BUDGET MONITORING

Members noted the operational income and expenditure for Month 8 (October).

CD 113

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To be passed to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting on Tuesday 5th March 2024.

The meeting closed at: 20.03

Chairman_____

Initials _____