

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Councillors R Ross (Chair), J Ali, G Choudhury, J Jackson, V Manro, P Park, and B Patrick-Okoh.

OFFICERS: Chief Officer/Clerk & RFO, Georgina Morgan-Denn
Deputy Clerk & Services Manager, Laura Cutter
Youth & Community Co Ordinator, Kate New

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE Councillor R Worman

CD 058 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor E Baker-Walker and C Flux (Personal Commitments). No apologies were received from Councillor A Roupelis.

CD 059 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CD 060 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one (1) member of the public present who attended to present under Agenda Item 6 – Tai Chi Taster Sessions.

CD 061 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members reviewed the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1st August 2023 and the Chair of the Committee signed the minutes as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor V Manro Seconded: Councilor B Patrick-Okoh

Vote: Agreed with two (2) abstentions.

RESOLVED: To confirm as a true record the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 1st August 2023 and the Chairman signed the minutes.

CD 062 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Mayor of Swindon, Councillor B Parry, will be attending the Haven on Monday 11th September to meet residents to join in with the events that take place.
2. Read out an email from BEST which relayed thanks to the Council and gave positive feedback for all the hard work that the Youth & Community Co Ordinator put in to running the project, which resulted in a record number of increase in attendees.

CD 063 TAI CHI TASTER SESSIONS

A presentation was received from a resident to offer taster Tai Chi taster sessions to the community. The resident gave a good overview of his fourteen years of experience and the benefits this martial art can bring including balance improvement, improved bone density, enhanced flexibility, and a more stable blood pressure. These sessions are normally for 15 attendees but in the Council Offices 10 attendees would fit comfortably. The

lessons last for one hour and the suggested charge was £40.00 per session. The lessons can be aimed at all age groups, but experience shows that adults have more patience to learn and practice the slow core strengthening movements. Members thanked them for attending and introducing their service. The meeting acknowledged this service could complement the existing programme of events. *Action: Youth & Community Co Ordinator will make contact to agree on a date for a taster session and consider how this service could be promoted to residents.*

7:45 the Member of Public left the meeting.

CD 064

MEMORY CAFÉ

Members noted the report. Key items included recent activities within the Memory Café and what it is working towards, such as the opening of the Sensory Garden and hosting a Fish & Chip Friday in October. There was also an audit from the Summer Tea Dance detailing the success of the event and what could improve upon for next year – such as a longer event and held in a larger venue.

Sadly, two members of the Memory Café have recently passed away. Their passing has prompted the idea of creating memorial plaques within the Sensory Garden as a place for quiet reflection for the families to remember their friend or relative fondly. The Memory Café Co Ordinator along with the Memory Café Volunteers attended the funerals, and this was met with a heartfelt response from family members.

CD 065

YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Council's youth summer programme, with BEST – Be A Better You, has finished and has consistently attracted a high number of attendees for all the sessions. The feedback was very positive and shows there is a high demand for these events to continue through the school holidays. The Co Ordinator is signing up to the training course 'Autism Awareness' in the coming days to help expand her knowledge of how to be even more inclusive and understanding towards people with Special Educational Needs.

CD 066

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The meeting heard that Facebook statistics are over 66% higher than this period last year. The Council's August e-bulletin records the click throughs to the website and informs us the Allotment information and competition gained the most traffic last month. The Co Ordinator is working with the Website Developer to better understand the analytics and will be reported at a future meeting. Changes are coming to the way residents can log Parks & Open Spaces queries, which will improve communication, transparency and reporting of issues. The Co Ordinator is looking at alternative social media platforms for future consideration at a meeting.

CD 069

2024'S SUMMER EVENT

The Events Working Party has met to discuss next year's summer event. The working party is recommending that the event should take place on 8th June 2024 at King George V Playing Field. This event has taken place at this location for the previous last two years successfully. After three years consecutive events have been completed at this site it will then be reviewed

whether to move to a bigger location which all budgets and resources need to be taken into consideration during budget setting in 2025/2026.

Proposed: Councillor J Jackson Seconded: Councillor B Patrick-Okoh

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To agree that the date of the Summer 2024 event will be held on Saturday 8th June 2024 from midday to 20:00 at King George V Playing Field.**
- 2. To note the budget will be increased from £1,500 to £3,000 with no precept impact utilising the assigned budget of £1,500 402 / 4402 Marketing & Events and earmarking £1,500 from next year's 402 / 4629 Community Choices.**

CD 069

HAYDON WICK HAVEN

The Haydon Wick Haven has received excellent feedback from attendees and the numbers are increasing each week. The Haven will welcome the Mayor of Swindon, Councillor Barbara Parry, on the 11th September 2023. The attendees have formed wonderful friendships and are using the community bus to venture out on trips together. Activities are low cost and attendees bring their own refreshments to share with their friends. Members agreed that 'Warm Spaces' should be offered again this coming Autumn and Winter to offer a safe and warm place for residents who are struggling financially or with loneliness to enjoy warm refreshments. Whilst the Haven is a similar concept and all are welcome, the 'Warm Spaces' initiative will run at separate times to try to keep Haven's dynamic and attendance. The Council will contact GLL Haydon Centre to see if there is scope to work collaboratively to provide this service to residents. The meeting acknowledged the programme needed to be advertised early and widely. *key to Action: Youth & Community Co Ordinator to meet with GLL to see what services they are offering this year and if there could be some partnership. Also contact SBC to understand the extent of the Warm Spaces programme and if the Parish Council can achieve it.*

Proposed: Councillor P Park Seconded: Councillor J Jackson

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To offer a Warm Spaces initiative this winter and to potentially work in conjunction with GLL. To understand the extent of the Warm Spaces initiative.

CD 070

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor J Ali: Complaints concerning hedges and maintenance around Oakhurst have decreased.

Councillor R Ross: Nothing to report.

Councillor G Choudhury: Nothing to report.

Councillor J Jackson: Nothing to report.

Councillor A Jimmy: Nothing to report.

Councillor V Manro: Nothing to report.

Councillor B Patrick-Okoh: Nothing to report.

Councillor P Park: Nothing to report.

- CD 070 COUNCILLOR FUNDRAISING IDEAS**
Members discussed ways in which Councillors could fundraise for the Council's chosen charities BEST – Be A Better You and Kelly's Foundation. Ideas to date include a bikeathon in the Office with Councillors taking turns to cycle a distance, a run around the parish boundary or joining in on the charity events hosted by Kelly's Foundations to do the 4 Peaks Challenge. Fundraising efforts should be done sooner rather than later and ideally outside activities would be completed by the end of October. Councillors were encouraged to send their ideas or commitment to the Chair directly.
- CD 071 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**
The Chief Officer updated the Committee that the Community Development Officer has resigned from her position. A resource meeting will take place this week to discuss future plans and a replacement for the role.
- CD 072 HAYDON WICK "LIVING" MAGAZINE**
Members were advised that the deadline for articles is Friday 14th September 2023 for the autumn/winter edition. The magazine will be delivered in November. Members should forward their content by this date to review space available.
- CD 073 GRANT FUNDING RECORD**
Members noted the grant funding record.
- CD 074 CHRISTMAS PARCEL SCHEME 2023**
Members received an update from the Working Party about this year's Christmas parcel scheme. The produce list has been created and the dates have been agreed. Previously the scheme has been well supported with donations but as the cost of produce has increased and the amount of recipients is unknown, it was suggested to use £500.00 from the Community Choices budget to increase the budget as this also ties in with the theme of reducing loneliness and isolation.
Proposed: Councillor J Jackson Seconded: Councillor A Jimmy
Vote: Agreed unanimously.
RESOLVED: To use £500.00 from the 22/23 402 / 4629 Community Choices budget.
- CD 075 BUDGET ASPIRATIONS 2024/2025**
Members considered budget aspirations for next year and suggested that the 2024 Summer Event uses £1,500.00 from the allocated Community Choices budget. It was noted that the budget for the Memory Café Vintage Tea Dance may also need to be increased to reflect the popularity of the event and to scale it up. Christmas Parcels expenditure may also need to be increased to reflect the increased cost of produce. All ideas will be reviewed and costed ahead of the next Community Development meeting. Any other suggestions should be forwarded to the Chief Officer for consideration.
- CD 076 OPERATIONAL BUDGET MONITORING**
Members noted the income and expenditure for Month 4.
- CD 077 COMMUNITY LED PLAN**
The Chief Officer gave an update on the progress of the Community Led Plan (CLP) to date and asked Members how communications with residents

could be improved to showcase that the Council has acted upon the residents' ideas. Councillor P Park had some ideas to promote the plan and share the facts and figures which he will present to a future meeting. Some of the items have been completed, so these could come off the existing plan and be replaced with future ideas given by the community. A consultation should be planned in the future to revisit the CLP.

CD 078

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To be passed to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting on Tuesday 3rd October 2023.

The meeting closed at: 20.55

Chairman_____

Initials _____