

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of Haydon Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th August 2024 at 7.30pm held at Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Swindon, SN25 1QQ.

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Councillors R Ross (Chair), J Ali, E Baker-Walker, G Choudhury, J Jackson, A Jimmy, A John, P Park, B Patrick-Okoh (Vice Chair) and L Stevenson

OFFICERS: Georgina Morgan-Denn, Chief Officer/Clerk & RFO
Laura Cutter, Deputy Clerk & Services Manager
Liz Mathews, Marketing & Events Co Ordinator
Sean Pocock, Community and Youth Co Ordinator
Jo Newman, Memory Café Co Ordinator
Julie McMorro, Meetings Administrator

Community and Youth Co Ordinator and the Memory Café Co Ordinator joined the meeting at 7.35pm

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor R Worman

CD 019 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Councillors A Roupelis and J Ali (Personal Commitments). There were no apologies received from Councillor G Choudhury.

CD 020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CD 021 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

CD 022 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members reviewed the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2024 and the Chair of the Committee signed the minutes as a true record with amendments to confirm the attendance of Councillor A John.

Proposed: Councillor E Baker-Walker Seconded: Councillor P Park

Vote: Agreed with two (2) abstentions.

RESOLVED: To confirm as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2024 with amendments and the Chairman signed the minutes.

CD 023 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nothing to declare. The Deputy Clerk & Services Manager advised that Swindon Borough Council's UTurn Team will be doing a public engagement session at Haydon Wick Skate Park on Thursday 8th August 2024 to raise awareness for substance misuse and signpost where to go for support.

CD 024 MARKETING & EVENTS

The Committee noted and observed the report presented by the Marketing & Events Co Ordinator. The Committee were advised that over the past two months there has been an increase of users of the website with the most popular pages being for the Summer Extravaganza. The Co Ordinator will be conducting a review of the website in the autumn and updating information where necessary. There are varied differences in 'likes' depending on whether this is presented as an animation or a static photo, so this is currently being reviewed. Facebook followers

have had a small drop; however Instagram has increased, the trends will be analysed over the next couple of months. Councillors suggested capturing resident feedback through the comment sections as part of the review.

CD 025

RE-DISCOVER YOUR COMMUNITY – SUMMER EXTRAVANZA ‘24

The Events Working Party met prior to the meeting. A full run through of the attractions with details of the live music which included:

- Two more live performances have been secured and the lineup is now full.
- Informed that meetings had been held with Swindon Event Services and the Security Team to go through logistics and on the day delivery.
- All Music and 2 x Temporary Event Notice (TEN) licenses are in place.
- Updates on the dog show and permission for dogs on school ground.
- Pay to play bands and how this works and what they included.
- Resource requirements: all volunteers contacted; staff and Councillors.

More volunteers would be greatly received either on the Friday to set up or to help cover an area on the Saturday.

CD 026

COMMUNITY & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Community & Youth Co Ordinator confirmed the Weston Super Mare Coach trip was a huge success. Coach took to the road on time and a good time was had by all and the trip was very well received.

Members noted the report, in particular the recommendation to continue with the Limited Mobility/Seated Exercise programme which is currently being funded by Community Choices. There is a large proportion that do not live within the Parish of Haydon Wick so consideration could be to offer the room hire free of charge but for participants to pay a small nominal fee for the instructor's time like other activities that have grown to become a regular event. To give sufficient notice, Members suggested allowing another 12 week block of 6 fortnightly sessions, informing participants that from November 2024 the costs will need to be met. The room hire could continue to be met by the Community Choices budget and the participants can pay the instructor directly, the cost based on 12 participants is £3.00. More participants can continue to join and reduce this cost. The instructor manages the attendance registers for these events. The Council could continue to help with advertising.

Proposed: Cllr E Baker-Walker

Seconded: Cllr J Jackson

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLUTION: To continue with another 12 week block of 6 fortnightly sessions. From November 2024, there will be a small charge payable to the instructor for her time. The attendees will be advised ahead of time that after that there will be a nominal charge of around £3.00 unless more participants join.

Community & Youth Co Ordinator left the meeting at 8.15pm

CD 027

MEMORY CAFÉ

Plenty of varied activities have taken place in the Memory Café which is hugely successful, the Café is thriving and going from strength to strength. Next week there is an Olympic style sports event at the Bowls Club. A trip is being considered for a trip to Lotmead Farm – pick your own fruit.

The Companion Café has started, with the third one taking place this month. The Co Ordinator has managed to secure the Admiral Nurses to attend, so is looking forward to the information and knowledge they will be able to share. The Co Ordinator is working on further advertising opportunities.

It was requested to put all events in the Outlook Calendars for Councillors to see immediately what events are taking place and encourage them to come along and support.

CD 028

SUMMER TEA DANCE – POST EVENT AUDIT

The Memory Café Co Ordinator gave an overview of the Summer Tea Dance which took place at GLL. The event tripled in capacity and was held in the main Sports Hall. It was hugely successful with a great singer, dancing and a wonderful cream tea. New contacts have been established and new friends made within the group. Given the success of this much enjoyed event it's been identified it would be possible to fill the whole hall with attendees next year and other venues are being explored.

Exempt Item 18 was brought forward to discuss all Memory Café related items together as there were no members of the public present.

CD 029

MEMORY CAFÉ - FUTURE PROVISION

The Memory Café is currently held in the Haydon Wick Bowls Club which seats sixty (60) in comfort and the requests for attendance and a waiting list continue to grow. There are some people from outside the Parish as there are six (6) other Memory Cafés within the Swindon area, so some people come along together. It has been suggested that attendees donate a small amount to cover costs for entertainment and crafts.

A suggested idea was to consider exploring the possibility of taking over the North Swindon Library at the Orbital as this would be a perfect sized venue and location for the growing Council. In the meantime, hire enquiries could be made for larger events. The Chief Officer explained initial exploratory conversations have been had with SBC with all parishes regarding the library provisions, however, no information has been forthcoming to update Full Council as yet.

Memory Café Co Ordinator left the meeting at 8.30pm

CD 030

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

No response from the Food Bank (to Cllr Baker-Walker) so another meeting will take place with Moredon to try and move this forward. Its been noted that some residents are uncomfortable going to a food bank to close to there own homes so Haydon Wick Parish Council will explore alternative food banks which are accessible.

CD 031

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr P Park – Attended the Seven Fields Park Run on Saturday and gave thanks to the HWPC Staff who were in attendance.

Cllr A Jimmy – Nothing to report.

Cllr L Stevenson – Attended the Summer Tea Dance which was excellent, also attended leisure gardens awards, which took place over two days because of the hot weather and attended the Seven Fields nature walk with Marilyn Beale. Marilyn's knowledge of the area is incredible so it would be good to understand the area more.

Cllr Baker-Walker – Attended the Summer Tea Dance, concurring it was excellent and very well organised.

Cllr R Worman – Gave praise on the agenda content as it demonstrates the public services being offered to the residents of the parish to make Haydon Wick a valuable place to live. Thank you to the Staff for their dedication and

Cllr J Jackson – Attended toward the end of the Summer Tea Dance, helping to pack away and it was a very good event.

Cllr A John – Nothing to report.

Cllr R Ross – Nothing to report.

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Cllr B Patrick-Okoh – Nothing to report.

CD 032

NALC STAR COUNCIL AWARDS

The Chief Officer advised that there are several categories including Council and Councillor of the year. The Chief Officer would ask the Community Development Committee to sit down and put 150 words together in a document and forward it to the Chief Officer who will then take this to Full Council to submit the nominations. Councillors E Baker Walker, R Ross and L Stevenson agreed to take the lead on this.

CD 033

HAYDON WICK PRIMARY SCHOOL REQUEST TO DISPLAY A BANNER

Members noted the request from Haydon Wick Primary School. The school has received an outstanding Ofsted report and would like to display a banner for 12 months the prospective pupils in September 2025. There were three (3) areas of display given from Haydon Wick Primary school and Committee chose the top of The Brow as the most suitable location within proximity to the school. Members of the Committee were incredibly impressed with the Ofsted report as acknowledged a lot of hard work needs to go in to achieving an outstanding status.

Proposed: Councillor E Baker Walker

Seconded: Councillor R Ross

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To approve the placement of the Haydon Wick Primary School banner on the fencing at the top of The Brow to display the outstanding Ofsted report.

CD 034

GRANT FUNDING RECORD

To note one grant which is SEE Around Sustainability and is for tree and hedge planting. This is currently being reviewed by the Senior Management Team. The submission deadline at the end of August 2024.

CD 035

OPERATIONAL BUDGET MONITORING

Committee noted the report.

CD 036

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To be sent to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting 2nd October 2024.

CD 037

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

There were none.

The meeting closed at: 8.50pm

Chairman:

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