

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of Haydon Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th February 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, A Jimmy, V Manro, P Park, B Patrick-Okoh and A Roupelis

OFFICERS: Georgina Morgan-Denn, Chief Officer/Clerk & RFO
Laura Cutter, Deputy Clerk & Services Manager
Sean Pocock, Community and Youth Co Ordinator
Julie Coe, Meetings Administrator

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Councillors A John and R Worman

CD 114 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received from Councillors G Choudhury and C Flux.

CD 115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P Park declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 as he is a member of the Haydon Wick Bowls Club.

CD 116 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One (1) member of the public was in attendance to address the Committee on behalf of Haydon Wick Bowls Club grant application. This is an application for £500.00 for a handrail leading from the gate to the green to offer safety for the members. In turn, this would also benefit attendees of the Memory Café which is hosted there on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month.

19:37 The member of public left the meeting.

CD 117 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members reviewed the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 and the Chair of the Committee signed the minutes as a true record.

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

Vote: Agreed with two (2) Abstentions

RESOLVED: Members confirmed as a true record the minutes of meetings held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 and they were signed by the Chairman.

CD 118 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need help from Councillors for the Welcome Space session on the 19th February between 12pm-1pm. It would be appreciated to see a wider selection of Councillors volunteering their time.

CD 119 WELL CHURCH – UNDERGROUND YOUTH PROJECT

The project is progressing well, the Church has been able to appoint a bank of regular volunteers and is using the February half term to tidy up/ refurbish some of the areas. The Church is trying to secure a third afternoon per week as part of the lease from Swindon Borough Council. The Church aims to be open from March on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3.15pm – 6pm. Members had concerns about previous antisocial behaviour in the area, as there is a local police point nearby and security covering the premises for ASDA and British Land, it was hoped that this would deter any unwanted behaviour and promote a healthy welcoming environment. The Community & Youth Co Ordinator has visited to introduce himself and looks forward to working collaboratively on this project.

CD 120

MEMORY CAFE

Members noted the report. Key topics included the themes in December and January. The café continues to increase in visitor numbers every week and is receiving good attendance from local care homes. Members were asked to please attend and support the café where possible.

CD 121

COMMUNITY & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The new Community & Youth Development Co Ordinator introduced himself and gave thanks for the warm welcome he has received from Officers and Councillors. He enjoyed attending the Haven and the Memory Café and has been overwhelmed by the excellent work that continues to be done together with the team and the fantastic volunteers. Current projects include the opening of Trent Road Play Area on Thursday 8th February 2024, where two classes from Greenmeadow Primary School have been invited along to enjoy the new facilities. The Co Ordinator is also working towards the BEST Be A Better You half term session, the Skate Park Jam, Volunteer Cream Tea and the Over 60s Cream Tea events.

CD 122

COMMUNITY CHOICES

There was a poor response to this year's Community Choices survey and social media campaign. This year a QR code was used on the poster, and this was not easily accessible. The information was shared via social media, website, press releases and the Haydon Wick "Living" Magazine. A video was also created showing the previous year's themes and encouraging the community to offer suggestions for the coming year. A few Facebook comments gave support for local groups, but it was suggested that these local groups apply under the Community Grants process.

The suggestion from the Officers is to continue with the same budget allocation as last year with the chosen theme being Reducing Loneliness & Isolation, bolstering the Events budget and providing a separate allocation for Youth Activities. The Officers will develop a programme and report back to the Committee in April.

Proposed: Councillor P Park

Seconded: Councillor E Baker Walker

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To split the £7,500.00 Community Choices budget (4629/402) to £3,000.00 for a Reducing Loneliness & Isolation Events Programme, £2,500.00 for Youth Activities and £2,000.00 to bolster the Community Events budgets.**

CD 123

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Members noted the Community Grants Awarded so far, this financial year:

- Swindon & Cricklade Railway £336.36
- Thamesdown Hydrotherapy Pool £1,000.00
- Headstart Skillz £1,500.00
- Well Church £3,000.00 (met from community choices and youth engagement budgets).
- Connecting Communities £500.00

The remaining balance in the community grants budget is £1,163.64. Any unspent monies will be returned to general reserves at the financial year end. After receiving a presentation during public participation it was agreed to also award Haydon Wick Bowls Club £500.00 community grant.

Proposed: Councillor V Manro

Seconded: Councillor J Jackson

Vote: Agreed Unanimously.

RESOLVED: It was resolved to award funds of £500.00 to Haydon Wick Bowls Club any and monies remaining would go into general reserves.

CD 124

HAYDON WICK HEROES

Nominations for these awards have now closed. There are four (4) volunteers shortlisted, three (3) young achievers and three (3) community group nominations. Members will be notified and asked to vote and the winners will be invited to the Annual Parish Council on the 26th March 2024 to collect their certificate and prize.

CD 125

COVID-19 MEMORIAL DAY – 3RD MARCH 2024

Members received a recommendation from the Community & Youth Co Ordinator about how best to accommodate this day. A one minute silence will take place at Blossom Park, near Orchid Care Home, Haydon End at 11am. There was a suggestion of yellow memorial ribbons being wrapped around the cherry blossom trees at this location. Additionally, the yellow ribbons could be placed at the skate park along with pebbles that local children have decorated for lost loved ones.

CD 126

D-DAY 80 – 6TH JUNE 2024

Members noted that the Community & Youth Co Ordinator was developing a plan for D-Day. This includes some competition activities from Secondary School Pupils, Engagement with Serving & Ex Military Officers and local groups such as the Scouts, Guides & Sea Cadets and hosting a Fish & Chip event to mark the occasion. Once the plan is developed further, the Councillors will be given an update and asked to give their time to support the event.

CD 127

MEN'S SHED

Members reviewed the report that was written by Councillor P Park about the possibility of bringing a Men's Shed to Haydon Wick, however, research suggests that these take a lot of work to gain popularity and there are some clubs that are currently struggling financially, therefore, it would be more beneficial to support existing clubs and perhaps gauge some interest from the local community.

CD 128 COUNCILLOR ENGAGEMENT

Committee discussed suggestions for community events which Councillors could engage in, these would include fundraising events and proposed ideas to involve the residents. Ideas included, a sponsored walk during Mental Health Awareness week on 12th May 2024, litter picking events under the Great British Spring Clean and World Book Night. Councillors were encouraged to send any other ideas to Councillors R Ross and E Baker-Walker.

CD 129 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DETAILS

The next annual Parish Meeting will take place at GLL Haydon Centre on 26th March 2024. Three speakers have confirmed and details for the evening will be advised nearer the time. There will be the Haydon Wick Hero awards, annual reports from the Chairman and Chairs of Committees and other community agenda items. Refreshments will also be available.

CD 130 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor R Ross – Nothing to report
Councillor V Manro Nothing to report
Councillor P Park – Nothing to report
Councillor B Patrick-Okoh – Nothing to report
Councillor A Roupelis – Nothing to report
Councillor R Worman – Nothing to report
Councillor J Ali – Nothing to report
Councillor E Baker-Walker – Nothing to report
Councillor G Choudhury – Nothing to report
Councillor J Jackson – Nothing to report
Councillor A Jimmy – Nothing to report

CD 131 HAYDON WICK “LIVING” MAGAZINE

Members were advised that Chief Officer and the Deputy Clerk & Services Manager would caretake the magazine until such time the new Marketing & Events Co Ordinator is in post. The magazine has been scaled down to 48 pages and a smaller print run which in turn gives a cost saving of £1,000.00 for this edition. Once the new person is in post, the magazine will be reviewed in its entirety and a report will come to the nearest relevant meeting.

CD 132 GRANT FUNDING REPORT

Members noted the report and were advised that unfortunately the Parish Council was unsuccessful in obtaining a grant for a new community minibus as it did not meet the criteria.

CD 133 OPERATIONAL BUDGET MONITORING

The report was noted.

CD 134 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To be passed to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting on Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

CD 135 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

There were none.

CD 136

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AUDIT

Members noted the report regarding the success of the Christmas Activities and suggestions for future events.

CD 137

WALC TRAINING

The Deputy Clerk & Services Manager attended WALC Event Management Training on 30th January 2024. Other local councils were in attendance and agreed to share best practice and documents such as Event Management Plans and risk assessments. An area of interest was evacuations and counter terrorism attacks on large scales which could prove useful for up and coming large events, Summer Spectacular, for example.

CD 138

MEMORY CAFÉ PROVISION

Members noted the report which demonstrated the good positive work that continues at the Memory Café. This service is reaching the right people and continues to grow in numbers. After discussion, it was agreed that when the full capacity of 80 is met at Haydon Wick Bowls Club a waiting list will be put together and look for alternative funding to accommodate more sessions or a larger venue. Another aspiration was to host a Companions Café once per week on a Wednesday at the Council Offices, Thames Avenue which was received well by the Members and agreed.

Proposed: Councillor P Park

Seconded: Councillor J Jackson

Vote: Agreed Unanimously

RESOLVED: To host a Companions Café once per month at the Council Offices, Haydon Wick.

The meeting closed at: 8.55pm

Chairman:

Initials _____