

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of Haydon Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm held at Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Swindon, SN25 1QQ.

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Councillors R Ross (Chairman) B Patrick-Okoh (Vice Chair), E Baker Lee, S McDermott, R Hailstone, J Jackson and R Venkatesh

OFFICERS: Deputy Clerk & Services Manager, Laura Cutter
Community Development Officer, Caroline Hunt
Memory Café Co Ordinator, Jo Newman

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor V Manro (Borough Commitments) and Councillor K T Naik (Work Commitments).

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R Hailstone, Councillor S McDermott and Councillor E Baker Lee declared a non-pecuniary interest Agenda Item 5 - Community Grant Scheme as they know the grant applicant. They did not take part in the discussion or vote.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present and asked about grants budget, how this is distributed and how much is left. *The Deputy Clerk explained that the budget was set at £6,000.00 this year and the grants are reviewed in three rounds June, September, and February. Due to funds being paid to the Ukraine Appeal, the budget is overspent and the projected expenditure this financial year is at £12,250.00 and there is £1,818.00 left for this final round of grants.* The member of public asked if the Parish Council would consider doing anything for the current natural disasters in Turkey and Syria? *Agreed to add this needs further investigation by the Community Development Officer.*

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members reviewed the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2022 and the Chair of the Committee signed the minutes as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor E Baker Lee Seconded: Councillor B Patrick-Okoh

Vote: Agreed with two (2) abstentions.

RESOLVED: Members confirmed as a true record the minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2022 and the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting heard the sheep that are grazing at Cliffords Meadow keep escaping into the surrounding streets and open spaces. The sheep have now been collected and the tenant farmer is proposing only to keep cattle there. There was a local neighborhood community event at Cliffords Meadow on Saturday 4th February 2023 to help the tenant farmer with temporary repairs to the perimeter stock fences, so it was nice to engage with residents of Oakhurst and see everyone come together as a community.

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MEMORY CAFÉ

Members received an update on upcoming themes for the Memory Café and the future move to Haydon Wick Bowls Club. Members received a proposal to take members of the Memory Café to the Hydrotherapy Pool in conjunction with Orchid Care Home. The idea is that this type of event would be stimulating and a form of exercise that will be good physically and mentally. The sessions could be held twice per month. It was agreed to continue with the research and develop robust risk assessments, in conjunction with Orchid Care Home.

Proposed: Councillor J Jackson

Seconded: Councillor R Ross

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To agree to continue to explore the options of the taking a group of Memory Café attendees to the Hydrotherapy Pool, in conjunction with Orchid Care Home, and bring a firm proposal to a future Full Council meeting.

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YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Members received a report detailing the success of recent community events and plans for future events. Networking meetings with other parishes and local groups have been very beneficial to share best practice and resources. Plans for the Easter Egg Hunt are well underway, these will be held across two locations and accommodate 100 children. Further investigation into Lifecycle events unfortunately is not an option because at present, there is not funding available for parish councils. Members suggested that future events such as the cream teas are held at GLL or Haydon Wick Bowls Club so that more residents can be accommodated, Members acknowledged there may be additional budget requirement or ticketing of events to offset external room hire costs.

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COMMUNITY GRANTS

CD 140A

1st GREENMEADOW GUIDES AND HAYDON WICK RANGERS

Members agreed to award the grant applicant the full sum of £490.00 to help with insurance renewal costs for the group.

Proposed: Councillor S McDermott

Seconded: Councillor J Jackson

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £490.00 to 1st Greenmeadow Guides and Haydon Wick Rangers.

CD 140B

KELLY FOUNDATION

Members agreed to award the grant applicant the full sum of £498.00 towards the cost of projects for the Kelly Foundation.

Proposed: Councillor B Patrick-Okoh

Seconded: Councillor R Ross

Vote: Agreed with four (4) abstentions.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £498.00 to the Kelly Foundation.

CD 140C

TUESDAY ART GROUP EXHIBITION

Members received a report to offset the cost of the room hire for the Artist Exhibition that takes place annually in October at the Council Offices, Haydon Wick. After discussion, Members agreed to award a grant of £571.20 for room hire Monday – Saturday inclusive.

Proposed: Councillor S McDermott

Seconded: Councillor E Baker Lee

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £571.20 to the Tuesday Art Group.

19.58 The Memory Café Co Ordinator left the meeting.

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COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor B Patrick-Okoh: Nothing to report.

Councillor E Baker Lee: Chatted to people at the Play Your Cards Right evening and acknowledged a lot of people said that they felt isolated from the pandemic from working from home. Some colleagues who worked from home and met online, took the opportunity to meet physically at the event. Some turned up alone and were put into teams. Also attended an open day at Phoenix Enterprises and was tasked with packing boxes. Phoenix Enterprises are in desperate need of volunteers so if any Councillors can offer some time or spread word.

Councillor R Hailstone: Noticed that Highgrove Tea Room is a Warm Space, for isolated people, but due to the location is quite rural. Had an idea to take some of the residents on the Community Bus to take advantage of the initiative. *Officers to investigate further.*

Councillor S McDermott: Would like to raise something at the end of the meeting in an exempt session.

Councillor J Jackson: Nothing to report.

Councillor R Venkatesh: Nothing to report.

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COMMUNITY CHOICES 2023

Members received a report on the initiatives for Community Choices 2023. Themes have come from previous communications and projects that have successfully worked this year. After discussion, members agreed to promote the recommended categories and consult with the public in time for implementation from April 2023.

Proposed: Councillor E Baker Lee Seconded: Councillor J Jackson

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To promote the following categories for the Community Choices 2023 project:

1. **Haydon Wick Parents & Baby/Toddler Group(s)**
2. **Haydon Wick 'A Big Community Celebration'**
3. **Youth and Community Activities**
4. **Community Outside Gym**
5. **Reducing Isolation in our Community**

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WARM SPACES

The Community Development Officer thanked the Councillors for the support throughout the Warm Spaces project. There have not been many residents take up the offer and GLL Haydon Centre has not had any uptake either. Consideration as to whether the sessions could be more interactive from mid-February – the end of March. Expenditure has been minimal on the project. Members asked that there is better advertising and asked if the times are suitable for the residents. The Deputy Clerk explained that the timings coincide with the Council's meeting room availability around other community groups. Members suggested that once per month there is a Game Session with board games such as chess, dominoes, and cards – these items could all be donated from the public or would be simple to source. Officers agreed to work on developing the project in the background and update outside of the

meeting as the scheme only runs until the end of March and the next Committee meeting isn't until the 7th March 2023.

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HAYDON WICK HEROES

Winners announced yesterday and invited along to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 28th March 2023 to accept their awards and prizes.

The winners are:

- Rachel Maslin – Volunteer of the Year
- Haydon Wick Memory Café – Community Group of the Year
- Kaylee Weaving – Young Achiever

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PARK YOGA

Members received a report for the possibility of bringing Park Yoga to the parish. There is currently no funding available for new venues this year, but the Parish Council could set up its own outdoor yoga sessions and could work with the local yoga delivering the current yoga sessions to see if she would consider teaching outside. Funds from the Community Choices 2023 may be applied to offset against the yoga instructors time, depending on the outcome of the public vote. After discussion, members agreed it would be beneficial to residents to walk to the events to avoid parking issues at surrounding streets and that a booking system should be implemented to monitor the numbers. Suitable locations for consideration of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee are Havisham Drive Play Area, Voyager Drive Play Area, Trent Road Playing Field, and Village Green in Abbey Meads. The idea will be developed at feature at a future Parks & Open Spaces Committee meeting.

**Proposed: Councillor S McDermott Seconded: Councillor E Baker
Lee**

Vote: Agreed with one (1) abstention.

RESOLVED: To develop the idea of Yoga in the Park and recommend to the Parks & Open Spaces Committee the suitable locations for the events to be held.

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATION

Members received a report about a Community Christmas Illumination project and after discussion were concerned that the cost of the project is expensive in the current climate and there may be other worthy causes that will benefit the community more. The idea was welcomed in principle but should be stalled and reviewed again next year as the Council is unable to guarantee sponsorship from local businesses.

CD 147

GRANT FUNDING

Members noted the report detailing the grants applied for and awarded since June 2022. The Community Development Officer asked for the prime focus of grant applications now that Memory Café funding is secured to filter the search. After discussion, members agreed that the focus should be on:

- securing funding for the Outdoor Gym
- securing donations of trees for future Tree Planting – although the Council must fund the cost of planting and ongoing maintenance
- continued development in the Memory Café as it is expanding it is likely going to need more funding in the near future

20.29 Councillor R Venkatesh stepped out and returned at 20.31

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OPERATIONAL BUDGET MONITORING

Members received and noted the Income and Expenditure for Month 9 (January 2023).

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CHRISTMAS PARCEL AUDIT

Members received an audit on the Christmas Parcel scheme for 2022 and suggested ideas if the scheme should run again in 2023. A survey of produce within the parcel was included and 50-60 responses have been received. Some administration processes will be revised as this year the scheme ran with several new members of staff that will now have experience for 2023.

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ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To be given to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting on the 7th March 2023.

The member of public left the meeting 20:34.

The meeting closed at 20.38

Chairman: _____