

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Councillors B Patrick-Okoh (Vice Chair), V Manro, S McDermott, R Hailstone, and R Venkatesh

OFFICERS: Chief Officer & RFO, Georgina Morgan-Denn
Deputy Clerk & Services Manager, Laura Cutter
Community Development Officer, Caroline Hunt
Youth & Community Co Ordinator, Kate New
Memory Café Co Ordinator, Jo Newman

CD 151 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor R Ross (Work Commitments), J Jackson (Personal Commitments), E Baker Lee (Personal Commitments) and Councillor K T Naik (Work Commitments).

CD 152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CD 153 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present and mentioned some Swindon Borough Council S106 and CIL funds for discussion at its upcoming cabinet meeting in relation to Haydon Wick. The paper indicates £3,395.00 for play facilities and £5,162.00 for local open space enhancements. There are also funds available for Mouldon Hill and for Wiltshire Wildlife to do some tree planting on River Ray near West Swindon.

Agenda 15 – Grant Funding – questioned the note on why the Community Development hasn't applied for the Sport England outdoor gym? *The Community Development Officer explained that the eligibility was for deprivation indices of 1-3 and the only area within the parish with an index of 2 was Basil Close Play Area but this is not one of the suitable locations for the outdoor gym.*

Also mentioned the Tesco Community Grants are open for community projects. *The Chief Officer explained that there is currently a application in progress with the blue token vote for the Parish Council's Youth & Skate Project at the Tesco in Octocol Way, Swindon and encouraged Councillors to vote.*

CD 154 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members reviewed the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 and the Chair of the Committee signed the minutes as a true record.

**Proposed: Councillor R Hailstone Seconded: Councillor S McDermott
Vote: Agreed with two (2) abstentions.**

RESOLVED: Members confirmed as a true record the minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 and the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

CD 155 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CD 156 MEMORY CAFÉ

Members received an update from the Memory Café Co Ordinator on upcoming themes for the Memory Café. The Memory Café had a successful move to the Haydon Wick Bowls Club and participants gave positive feedback about how bright and airy the room felt and the scenery overlooking the bowls green. The Summer Tea Dance event is in the planning stages and will take place on Friday 18th August 2023. There will be six new attendees to the Memory Café this week and meeting with a care home tomorrow to receive some referrals that would be suitable participants for future sessions.

CD 157 YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Members received a report detailing the success of recent community events and plans for future events. Advertising via schools is proving beneficial for most of the youth events. The recent BEST Be A Better You sessions held in February half term were extremely successful as over 55 attendees came which was a record number for BEST. Members also acknowledged the positive comments from the Over 60s who recently attended the Afternoon Tea event. Members acknowledged the Coronation Suncatcher Youth event and mentioned that it has been traditional to gift primary school children within the parish with coronation souvenirs such as mugs or pens. It was acknowledged there is now several primary schools within the Parish and there is no budget assigned to the coronation. It was thought that the local schools would be organising their own activities.

CD 158 SUMMER EVENT

Members received an update from the Events Working Party regarding the Summer Spectacular Event which is taking place on Saturday 15th July 2023 at King George V Playing Field between 10.00am – 5.00pm. Same day as Royal International Air Tattoo so a fly-past will be requested. The timings for performers will be stricter this year to ensure all booked in get to perform, food stalls and community groups are onboard with attending the event. Advertising schedule will commence from tomorrow and on the lead up to the 18 week countdown period. Leaflets advertising the Summer Spectacular and the events programme will be organised outside of the Haydon Wick Living Magazine, due to the timeline. Councillors stand and rota to be drawn up to discuss consultations such as Community Choices and Grounds Maintenance Facility updates. The working party presented five recommendations and after discussion members agreed to accept the recommendations but with amendments to the chosen charity; to focus on a local and national charity which can be agreed as a Chairman's Charity under the new Council in May 2023.

Proposed: Councillor V Manro

Seconded: Councillor R Venkatesh

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That a charitable collection is advertised as part of the promotion for this event to raise funds for a local and national charity to be decided at the start of the Council year under the banner of the Chairman's Charity.**
- 2. That all stall/ booking fee income will be donated as above.**

3. To request a percentage of the profits and a £30.00 pitch fee (where applicable) raised from the partners and Food outlets.
4. That the stall fees are charged as £30.00 for commercial businesses and £10.00 for charity/community stalls.
5. That all the stall fees received for this event are donated to charities as above.

CD 159

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor V Manro – another burst water main has now been fixed, Thames Water is laying a new pipeline and system under the bridge to Mouldon Hill. Permissions being sought as land behind Mouldon View which thought belong to Wiltshire Council belongs to residents under a housing management fee.

Councillor R Hailstone – at the last meeting mentioned Highgrove House. *The Deputy Clerk explained that Administrator investigated this and sent a persuasive email but sadly the free Warm Spaces sessions had all sold out and trips could only be accommodated at £75.00 per attendee for Afternoon Tea, bus travel and tour which seems a high amount compared to the trips that we currently run for the bus users.*

Councillor S McDermott – Volunteer Afternoon Tea on the 18th February was well attended and all enjoyed. Couple of tables with no connections and a host should be made available to sit with them and draw people into conversations.

Councillor R Venkatesh – Nothing to report.

Councillor B Patrick-Okoh – Nothing to report.

CD 160

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Members received an update from the Community Development Officer detailing recent events and projects utilising funds from the Loneliness and Isolation (Community Choices 2022) budget. The recent Yoga Sessions have been a success and Members were presented with a proposal of re-running another six week session for the current participants at a cost of £600.00 (£100.00 per session) which will include an additional 15 minutes to focus on breathing techniques and mindfulness. The Yoga Teacher has agreed that she would be willing to accommodate the Yoga in the Park sessions in the spring/summer months. Members agreed to rerun the sessions but advised against any preferential places for previous attendees.

Proposed: Councillor B Patrick-Okoh **Seconded: Councillor R Hailstone**

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To enroll in another 6 weeks of yoga at a cost of £600.00 (£100.00 per session) to run from 15th March 2023 to 19th April 2023. To be coded to Community Choices 402/4629.

CD 161

COMMUNITY CHOICES 2023

Members received a verbal update regarding the Community Choices consultation for 2023/24. Members noted that the consultation period ends on Friday 31st March 2023. The Community Choices consultation will be advertised at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 28th March 2023 to incorporate any last minute votes. The outcome of the consultation and suggested project ideas will be discussed at the next Community Development Committee meeting on 4th April 2023.

Members resolved to suspend Standing Order 3.9 to allow the Member of Public to speak. The Member of Public asked which publication the Community Development Officer was reading from? It was confirmed to be the new edition of Haydon Wick "Living" Magazine that will be delivered to residents within the next couple of weeks.

CD 162

WARM SPACES

Members received a report regarding the Warm Spaces project and the introduction of Haydon Wick Haven, a similar interactive café style environment. Two introductory trial sessions of Haydon Wick Haven are scheduled for Monday 13th and Monday 27th March 2023, and it is hoped that these sessions will be successful and continue to provide an information hub to the community. Swindon Borough Council's Health Improvement Centre has offered a Community Navigator to drop in once per month to the Haydon Wick Haven and facilitate any Swindon Borough Council issues. The Community Navigators are expanding the information service and are available in libraries and community centres. Members agreed that this was a good innovative and would assist the elderly members of the community who do not access the internet regularly. Over 60s and Young at Heart Clubs have been informed.

CD 163

MOBII TABLE

The mobii table was purchased a couple of years ago and it is not being used as much as hoped. The Council worked hard to achieve the funding for this piece of interactive kit and now the venue is larger, it is suggested that this should be a dedicated space and volunteer to assist. The current audience do not need to use it, but with fourteen spaces available in the Memory Café it is too soon to suggest that we do not need the piece of equipment. The Memory Café Co Ordinator gave an insight to the capabilities of the current participants and suggested that the mobii table would suit a care home type of environment rather than a café. A final strategic push is required. Memory Café may have developed in a different kind of way. The current mobii table doesn't seem suitable for the café environment. Feedback from participants builds future session activities. Mobii table is one of the unique selling points of the café. Youth & Community Worker could try to achieve a different type of audience.

Proposed: Councillor V Manro

Seconded: Councillor R Hailstone

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To develop a strategy to increase usage.**
- 2. To increase the advertising for external hire to a wider audience.**
- 3. To review in 8 months time (October 2023) when budget setting.**

CD 164

SOCIAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

Members noted the report from the Youth & Community Co Ordinator regarding the social media and communications. Statistics show that Facebook is our most popular social media platform but is only seen by a small demographic and work needs to be done to improve this reach. The first copy of the February news bulletin has recently launched, and Members were asked to sign up to keep up to date with upcoming events and news stories. The Community Development Team has had training from Swindon 105.5 about radio interviews and would like to record feedback from participants at

live events. The Committee would like to do some videos uploads to make this more engaging.

20:59 the Memory Café Co Ordinator and the Youth & Community Co Ordinator left the meeting.

CD 165

GRANT FUNDING

Members noted the report detailing the grants applied for and awarded since June 2022. The Community Development Officer reminded the Committee that the prime focuses, as agreed at the last meeting, for grant funding in 2023/2024 are for the Outdoor Gym, Tree Planting and continuation of the Memory Café.

CD 166

OPERATIONAL BUDGET MONITORING

Members received and noted the Income and Expenditure for Month 10 (February 2023).

CD 167

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To be given to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting on the 4th April 2023.

The member of public left the meeting 21:02

The meeting closed at 21:03

Chairman: _____