

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of Haydon Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st October 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
Julie McMorrow, Meetings Administrator

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors R Worman and V Manro

CD 038 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received from Cllr G Choudhury

CD 039 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CD 040 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two (2) Grant Applicants from Torn Curtain and the Art Group

1. Rebecca Rocco – To secure funds to pilot and evaluate community poetry workshops for the people of Haydon Wick, for the purpose of: - building community- developing literacy and creativity in the parish- reducing loneliness and isolation- strengthening community connection and cohesion

2. Mandy Garrett from the Tuesday Art Group explained that their annual art exhibition offers a chance for our group to celebrate the many paintings created over the year and to display our work to the wider community. Visitors enjoy seeing our work and we often receive enquiries about joining the group. Covering the cost of our room hire for the art exhibition allows us to keep our costs down, meaning that we do not have to increase our membership fees. Many of our members rely on group for social interaction and a rise in costs could mean that some members would no longer be able to afford the fees.

CD 041 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members reviewed the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2024 and the Chair of the Committee signed the minutes as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor Baker Walker Seconded: Councillor Park

Vote: Agreed with 2 Abstentions

RESOLVED: To confirm as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2024 with amendments and the Chairman signed the minutes.

CD 042 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman gave thanks to the Councillors who attended the very successful McMillan Coffee morning on 27th September 2024, it was extremely well organized, very well attended and raised a great amount to be donated to the charity.

CD 043 MEMORY CAFÉ

Committee noted the report. It was advised that more volunteers are still required as the group grows, therefore the need for more Councillor presence at the Memory Café is still very much desired.

CD 044

THE WELL CHURCH'S UNDERGROUND YOUTH PROJECT

An update was received regarding the youth project.

The management of the project has been changed to other people within The Well Church and the hours have been slightly decreased due to attendance. Although attendance during the summer break was consistent in numbers the figures are down on original expectation. Promotion of the project is fairly weak and not reaching out to the larger community within the parish, therefore it was suggested HWPC (Haydon Wick Parish Council) support and work with Well Church collectively to grow this and assist with Marketing to the Parish.

The original personnel from the Well Church who were leading this project have now stepped back with new members taking the initiative to work and progress the success of the Project.

CD 045

COMMUNITY & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The report was noted the report with no questions put to Committee or officers.

CD 046

MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS & BRANDING UPDATE

SBC (Swindon Borough Council) communications team could promote the HWPC communications with their weekly bulletins which currently goes out each Friday. HWPC Marketing coordinator will contact the SBC comms team and commence discussions on how this will evolve, this will allow a wider audience to the projects and events taking place within the Parish. Councillor Park raised concerns over the use of social media platforms due to negativity, the balance needs to be found to alleviate 'doom scrolling'.

It was noted that the most popular page on the HWPC website is the Moulden Hill page so HWPC marketing coordinator will work to enhance what is available to do there and promote the area.

CD 047

POST AUDIT EVENT – SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA '24

Committee noted and gave thanks again to the Marketing Co-Ordinator for the success of the event.

A proposed date for the 2025 Summer extravaganza is the 16th August 2025 with the venue to be confirmed. It was suggested a look at areas in the entire Parish should take place to consider all locations and areas available.

Venue to be agreed at FC end of October 2024

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

Vote: Agreed Unanimously

RESOLVED: To agree the Summer Spectacular will take place on 16th August 2025 with the venue to be confirmed at October Full Council

CD 048

EVENT PLANNING – CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL '24

The report to propose have a Christmas Carnival on 6th December at 5 -8pm at Rose Walk and Blunsdon Road was put to committee.

This will be a Christmas Celebration with a festive carnival feel. To encourage community inclusivity, inviting schools, churches and community groups to take part in a Light parade from five points (star drone footage?) with entertainers to enhance the parade visually with stilt walkers, led light performance and fire performances too. There will also be several food and drink stalls and live music.

Councillors loved the idea but raised a concern over HWPC already being very busy with other Christmas events in December and should this go ahead more Councillors would need to make themselves available to volunteer.

Proposed: Councillor J Jackson Seconded: Councillor A John

Vote: Agreed Unanimously

RESOLVED: To agree to the date and time of the Christmas Carnival 2024 on 6th December 5-8pm

Proposed: Councillor P Park Seconded: Councillor J Jackson

Vote: Agreed Unanimously

RESOLVED: To agree the location of the Christmas Carnival will be at Blunsdon Road and Rose Walk.

CD 049

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

To note. Councillors were asked to please put themselves forward for the Christmas parcel scheme. Date of the parcel scheme is proposed to go ahead on Saturday 14th December 2024.

CD 050

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor V Manro – Attend the McMillan Coffee morning which was a great success and will be attending the Wiltshire AGM.

Councillor E Baker-Walker – Attended both the Haven and McMillan Coffee mornings both were very well attended and a great success. Attended seven fields meeting and discussion was had regarding the bridge – they are now looking at a grant and gave thanks to Marketing Co-Ordinator for producing the logo's for Seven Fields.

Councillor L Stevenson – Attended the McMillan Coffee morning and concurred on the success

Councillor R Ross – Attended the McMillan Coffee morning

No Representation at Parish Activities, Meetings or Events This Month

Councillor B Patrick-Okoh

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor J Ali

Councillor P Park

Councillor A John

Councillor A Jimmy

Councillor R Worman

CD 051

COMMUNITY FIRST NOMINATIONS

To note two nominations were submitted and it was announced the 'Haven' has won for the third year running proving this to be a much-loved event by the attendees of the Parish.

CD 052

CAPESTHORNE PLAY AREA

Committee noted correspondence from a resident regarding this play area. This will be put on the next Parks and Open Spaces agenda.

CD 053

GRANT FUNDING RECORD

Initials _____

Members noted a recent submission of a SSEN Powering Communities to Net Zero Fund (Low Carbon Technology) grant application. The grant is to fund replacement solar panels and installations of sensor lighting for the Parish Office. Grant request is for £10,000.00. The total project cost is £13785.00.

CD 054

COMMUNITY GRANTS

CD 054.1

7TH Swindon (Abbey Meads) Scouts - £800.00

Replacement tents

CD 054.2

Haydon Wick WI - £300.00

Folding tables

CD 054.3

The Tuesday Art Group - £603.20

Room hire for exhibition

CD 054.4

Swindon Big Knit - £500.00

Members noted the community grants report and after discussion agreed to pay Haydon Wick WI and 7th Swindon Scots from the Grants budget with the Tuesday Art group and Swindon Big Knit to be met from Community Choices budget.

Proposed: Councillor J Ali

Seconded: Councillor E Baker-Walker

Vote: Agreed Unanimously

RESOLVED: To agree to all of the grant requests with overspend to be taken from Community Choices and Grants budget

CD 055

OPERATIONAL BUDGET MONITORING

Members noted expenditure no questions were raised

CD 056

BUDGET ASPIRATIONS

Councillors were asked to consider income opportunities and new ideas. No new aspirations were put forward to committee.

CD 057

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To be sent to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting 3RD December 2024.

CD 037

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

There were none.

The meeting closed at: 20.27

Chairman:

Initials _____