

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of Haydon Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd October 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 and A Roupelis

OFFICERS: Deputy Clerk & Services Manager, Laura Cutter
Community Development Officer, Kate New
Meetings Administrator, Julie Coe

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE Councillor Roy Worman

CD 079 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor C Flux (Personal Commitments). No apologies were received from Councillor B Patrick-Okoh and G Choudhury.

CD 080 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor V Manro declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 – Grant for Uplands Enterprise Trust as he provided guidance with the organisation's application form. Councillor Manro to abstain from the vote.

CD 081 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Four members of the public joined the meeting at 7.30pm to address the Council about vandalism concerns at Haydon Court which occurred on Sunday 1st October 2023, which had left them fearful in their own homes. Despite continued attempts by residents to contact the Housing Association nothing had been rectified. Reports the local PSCOs had been very helpful, and patrols have been increased. Councillor V Manro confirmed he had direct contact with the Housing Association following from a previous flooding incident and would assist to make contact for the residents.

There were also two grant applicants present for their presentations.

Four Members of the Public left the meeting at 19:48.

CD 082 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Proposed: Councillor J Jackson Seconded: Councillor V Manro

Vote: Agreed with one (1) Abstention.

RESOLVED: Members confirmed as a true record the minutes of meetings held on 5th September 2023.

CD 083 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Committee was asked if any Councillors can volunteer their time to support the Welcome Spaces initiative starting in November through to March. Times and frequency to be confirmed.

Standing Orders were suspended at 19.50 to allow for the Grant presentations.

CD 084

WELL CHURCH – UNDERGROUND YOUTH PROJECT

Well Church gave an overview of the current and future opportunities for the young people who will attend the underground at the Orbital Centre. This will be opened as a youth centre twice a week from 3.15pm – 6pm with a view in the next few months to going daily. The youth centre will provide young people with a safe place to go after school and offer free drinks and snacks along with games, pool, table tennis and an assortment of activities. The official opening will be in January 2024. Funding is required to freshen up the room with furniture, games, a speaker system, and appliances. There will be a requirement to recruit volunteer youth worker volunteers and there will always be four members to support and assist the attendees. The maximum capacity is 100. It was confirmed the building is waterproof and Swindon Borough Council has given Well Church use of the building for free with no charges, including utilities. However, there is no official contract in place with terms and conditions or notice periods, which the Well Church will need progress as a priority.

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CD 085.1**

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

HeadStart Skills gave an overview of their programme. It is aimed at children aged between 5 – 15 with the primary focus being on secondary aged young adults. HeadStart Skills successfully ran its first Summer Camp on the grounds of Kingsdown School which is situated in Stratton St Margaret with 621 attendees. The topics that are covered include first aid, online safety, nutrition, and fitness. Funding would allow all attendees to stay all day, as at the previous summer's camp, many young people had to leave at lunchtime as there was no funding to cover the cost. HeadStart Skills would like all children to be welcome and be able to cover the cost for those unable to pay. Costs at Kingsdown School have increased so HeadStart Skills are in communication with schools in the Parish and should a suitable one be found that meets the cost criteria they will advertise by doing a leaflet drop of around 5,000 homes to raise awareness of what they offer. The organisation is seeking a budget of £1,500.00.

During the meeting HeadStart Skills and Well Church considered ways in which they too could form a partnership to support the Underground Youth Project.

The Grant Applicants left the meeting at 19:47.

CD 085.2

Uplands Enterprise Trust were unable to attend the meeting in person to deliver a presentation. Cllr Manro was able to answer questions relating to their application. They were seeking a grant of £500.00.

CD 085.3

Well Church were seeking a grant of £3,000.00 for setting up a Youth Centre at the Underground facility at the Orbital. The funds are for centre improvements to freshen up the room with furniture, games, a speaker

system, and appliances. Members could see the benefit of the project and confirmed they wish to support this cause out of the Community Choices Youth Budget £1,500.00 and the Youth Engagement Budget £1,500.00.

Councillor V Manro also suggested that as the Council is currently recruiting for a Youth & Community Development Co Ordinator, a percentage of the working hours could be used to assist with the Underground project – this will be investigated further during recruitment stages and budget setting to see if this is something that can be offered.

CD 085.4

Connecting Communities were unable to attend the meeting in person to deliver a presentation. They were seeking a grant of £500.00 to set up monthly family events to encourage diversity and interacting communities together.

Members agreed to vote on all Grant Applications as a block.

Proposed: Councillor P Park Seconded: Councillor J Ali

Vote: Agreed with one (1) Abstention.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To award £1,500.00 to HeadStart Skills to ensure all attendees can stay all day to be met from Community Grants 4209/402.**
- 2. To award £500.00 to Uplands Enterprise to procure craft materials for the Skills for Life Programme, to be met from Community Grants 4209/402.**
- 3. To award £3,000.00 to Well Church Underground Youth Centre to assist with centre improvements, a speaker system, games etc. - £1,500 from 4320/402 Community Choices and £1,500.00 from 4629/402 Youth Engagement.**
- 4. To award £500.00 to Connecting Communities to set up monthly family events to encourage diversity and bringing communities together, to be met from Community Grants 4209/402.**

CD 086

MEMORY CAFÉ

The first of the Memorial Plaques has been installed at the Sensory Garden. The Memory Café attendees love this idea and feel it will add a personal touch at their Sensory Garden. The Memory Café Co Ordinator attended a 2-day online course, Mental Health First Aid and is now a Mental Health First Aider (MHFAider®), alongside many other colleagues in the Parish Council. Members requested a long term strategic approach to the management of the café and forecasts of where it could be in 12 months in advance and associated costs – all to be incorporated into future reports. Members were reminded that there is a Fish & Chip Event on Friday 13th October 2023 at 11.30 – 13.30 and were asked to assist in promoting the event.

CD 087

YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

It was noted that the Over 60's Cream Tea was a huge success, and the attendees had a wonderful time and gave great feedback. The Welcome Spaces initiative will start again in November and will be advertised in Haydon Wick Living Magazine's next edition. Members had previously agreed to trial the Welcome Spaces every Monday and to incorporate the

Haven where possible, to allow for either attending an activity or sitting in a quiet space. If the Welcome Spaces initiative is popular, this should be opened twice per week. Members were reminded that assistance would be required to facilitate these events.

CD 088

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Members discussed the plans for Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed the Chairman and Vice Chairman would attend events in Swindon Town Centre. Councillors E Baker-Walker and J Jackson would attend the Parish Council Offices and Councillor A John would lay the wreath at Havisham Drive obelisk. It was noted that the wreaths from last year were still in good condition, so Councillors will make donations to the Royal British Legion directly and recycle the wreaths in line with reducing the Council's plastic consumption.

CD 089

HAYDON WICK HAVEN

The Haven continues to thrive and has been extremely popular with excellent attendance. Long term, Members would like to see a more strategic approach to the management of the Haven and forecasts of where it could be 12 months in advance and associated costs. This will be incorporated into future reports.

CD 090

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING POST-EVENT AUDIT

An excellent turnout for this event, all tickets were sold with an extra two on top so very successful. Going forward to provide all attendees of events with a quick feedback form to start collecting data of what people enjoy and equally do not enjoy as much. The raffle raised £103.00 for the Council's chosen charities.

CD 091

HAYDONLEIGH SKATE PARK – LITTER PICKING EVENT

There is a scheduled litter picking event from 12pm - 2pm on Saturday 28th October 2023. The event will begin at Haydonleigh Skate Park and those attending will be encouraged to dress up like superheroes. At the end of the event all young people will be rewarded with a certificate a drink and a snack.

CD 092

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor V Manro – was approached by a resident reference the skatepark regarding lighting now that the nights are drawing in. This is in progress.

Councillor J Jackson – Gave thanks to the Community Development Officer and the team for all the hard work put into the recent events.

Councillor E Baker-Walker – Concurred the comments from Councillor J Jackson.

Councillor P Park – suggested the Scouts could be contacted about locating a christmas letter box at the Parish Council Offices. Advised that the Kelly Foundation are holding a Pink Floyd cover band event on 27th October 2023 and that tickets were still available. Runovember takes place in November where runners will be seen dressed up raising money for the local food bank, please give some encouragement and/or next time you go shopping add in an extra item to donate to the foodbank baskets at the end of the tills.

Councillor R Ross – Nothing to report.

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Councillor J Ali – Nothing to report.

Councillor A Jimmy – Nothing to report.

Councillor A Roupelis – Nothing to report.

Councillor R Worman – Nothing to report.

CD 093

HAYDON WICK “LIVING” MAGAZINE

Deadline for any other entries for the next edition is Friday 6th October 2023.

CD 094

GRANT FUNDING RECORD

Members noted the report. A report detailing poverty by postcode is being considered to help support areas in need in the Parish and some further training and guidance in bid writing for the Officers.

CD 095

CHRISTMAS PARCEL SCHEME 2023

The RCCG Church has agreed it will be donating 4 - 5 products per parcel and the Swindon Food Collective donated several soaps and shower gels. MosBros in Gorse Hill has offered to donate a selection of items as well.
Action: Community Development Officer to contact.

CD 096

BUDGET ASPIRATIONS 2024/2025

Some ideas were given to the Committee following a recent Office brainstorming session:

1. Haydon Wick Mascot, approx. £1,000.00.
2. Quiz Nights, increasing the events budget by £2,000.00.
3. New Parent Groups, from Community Choices budgets.
4. Puzzle/Crib Nights, from Community Choices budgets.

Members agreed in principle to adding the above items to the budget aspirations from the Community Development Committee.

CD 097

OPERATIONAL BUDGET MONITORING

Members noted the income and expenditure for Month 5.

CD 098

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To be passed to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting on Tuesday 5th December 2023.

The meeting closed at: 21.15

Chairman_____

Initials _____