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Minutes of the **Community Development Committee** meeting of Haydon Wick Parish Council held on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026** at 7.30pm held at Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Swindon, SN25 1QQ.

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Councillors R Ross (Chair), L Stevenson (Vice Chair), J Ireland, J Jackson, L Jackson, A John, V Manro and A Roupelis

OFFICERS: Georgina Morgan-Denn, Chief Officer, Clerk & RFO
Liz Mathews, Marketing & Events Co Ordinator
Jackie Fawcett - Office & Community Administrator
Julie McMorrow, Meetings & HR Administrator

Also In Attendance Councillor R Worman

CD 080 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor A Jimmy and J Ali (Work Commitments) and Councillor B Patrick-Okoh (Personal Commitments)

CD 081 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor L Stevenson declared an interest in Agenda Item 14 as a trustee for the Scouts who get involved in these projects.

CD 082 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Art Club and Teamability representatives came along to the meeting to explain the requirement for their Community Grants requests. The treasurer of the Art Group gave a presentation on the group, methods of painting and how it helps with mental health and creativity. The requested grant is to cover the exhibition in March, and room hire the grant will enable to keep the cost down for members.

Teamability gave a presentation and explained their new venture is to go into schools and businesses to raise awareness of disabilities. To give access to activities for children to understand what it's like to live with disabilities and understand the barriers that people/children must overcome. Costs involve the public liability and general costs to get this programme started and the hope is to roll this out to all schools in Swindon. The funding would also go toward free sessions or reduced cost programmes in schools and other areas where young people gather.

CD 083 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CD 084 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members reviewed the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 and the Chair of the Committee signed the minutes as a true record. Add Councilor A John's attendance to the original minutes.

Proposed: Councillor L Stevenson Seconded: Councillor J Jackson

Vote: Agreed with one (1) Abstention

RESOLVED: To confirm as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 and the Chairman signed the minutes.

CD 085 FUNDRAISING FOR THE KELLY FOUNDATION 2025/26

£2,390.67 including gift aid has been raised so far this will end on the 31st March, to allow sufficient wrap up for the end of the financial year and ample time for the new

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Council to vote in the new Charity they wish to support. The fundraising curry event is on the 11th March at the Bengal Square at Peatmoor.

CD 086 COMMUNITY CAFES UPDATE

CD 086A Members received and noted an update on the Memory Café and Companions Café.
CD 086B Members received and noted an update on the Haydon Wick Haven.

CD 087 COMMUNITY & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Members noted the report. It was discussed to try and find Community Bus Drivers despite social media and advertisements that possible drivers had not come forward. If any Councillors know of a driver please advise the office. There is not an upper age limit but of course they need to be fit and able to complete the Midas test. The Marketing & Events Co Ordinator is going to make a short film of one of the regular drivers to explain how it benefits the community and helps with loneliness and isolation, in short this can be very rewarding. The Council is looking at ideas for the older children/ young adults. During half term the younger residents will be asked what they would like to have on offer, this will be asked during current planned activities and incorporate the feedback as part of the Community Led Action Plan.

CD 088 COMMUNITY GRANTS

CD 088A **Tuesday Art Group** – Award £522.72.
CD 088B **Teamability** – Award £500.00 plus an additional amount of £158.78 left in reserves bringing the awarded grant total to £658.78.
CD 088C **Haydon Wick Bowls Club** – Award £439.96.
CD 088D **Torn Curtain** – This to be deferred until next year due to the lateness of the application.
Proposed: Cllr J Ireland **Seconded: Cllr J Jackson**
Vote: Agreed with one (1) abstention.
RESOLVED: To award Tuesday Art Group, Haydon Wick Bowls Club in full as per their request. Teamability will be awarded their request in full of an additional amount of £158.78 from reserves as it was recognised what a unique and deserving opportunity this was for the Community.
To defer Torn Curtain application until the new financial year.

CD 089 CHIEF OFFICER/DEPUTY CLERK, HR & SERVICES MANAGERS REPORT

There has been a good uptake on the recent communication sent to local schools regarding the Community Led Action Plan. Two primary schools and one secondary school have already agreed for visits at their School Councils to discuss what our younger residents would like in their areas. Assets and feedback forms for Councillors are being produced and will be ready for the first visit to Abbey Park Secondary School on the 26th February 2026.
Councillors are encouraged to 'man' the stand at the library please advise the Meetings Administrator on availability to do this and engage with the residents.

CD 090 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor R Ross – Nothing to report.
Councillor L Stevenson – Voyager Play Area is in need of cleaning and some general upkeep. The footbridge at Havisham in Haydon End is in need of repair and has reported to Swindon Borough Council (SBC). A few graffiti spots in Seven Fields and still some unsocial behaviour in the fields which was reported to the Police. Took part bird watch.
Councillor J Ireland – Nothing to report.
Councillor J Jackson – Nothing to report.

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Councillor L Jackson – Attended Longevity Games.

Councillor A John – Attended Longevity Games, lovely atmosphere.

Councillor V Manro – Gave thanks for input in the cycling and walking plan. Pleased that the Memory Cafe and the Haven continue to work well. Has been discussing the Community Led Action Plan when engaging with residents. Receiving good feedback about the newly installed Dog Play Area.

Councillor A Roupelis – Nothing to report.

Councillor R Worman – Nothing to report.

CD 091

WILTSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST: GREAT CRESTED NEWTS '26

Members noted two public events to be held by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. In early January 2026, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust contacted several parish councils advising of its events programme. There are two in Haydon Wick Parish (HWPC), one in April at Grace Walk with the focus being on the newt's then another event in May 2026 in Queen Elizabeth Park. These are bookable events, but spaces will be limited and must take place after dark, so as not disturb the natural habitat.

CD 092

CHRISTMAS PARCELS '25 POST EVENT AUDIT

Members received the report and noted the contents. Parcels in general were very well received; the packaging and the deliveries were very well organised. However, some of the delivery schedules and routes were noticeably larger than others, so this will be looked at in further detail for this year to ease any pressure on the volunteers delivering in the Parish. Residents feedback they were thrilled with the contents, some suggestions for the content of the parcels will be thought about for Christmas 2026 parcels. This year's date is Saturday 12th December 2026.

CD 093

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL '25 POST EVENT AUDIT

Members noted the report, the event was successful despite the weather and was very well attended. Vendors and stallholders have requested to attend this year's event. Precise footfall needs to be looked at for the next event, and this is being worked on. Haydonleigh School's Head Principal requested that HWPC liaise with them as their event was on the same day and it would be preferable to avoid this clash in the future. Financial and long-term strategies to be discussed at the next Community Development Committee in April as this is a three (3) year plan. This year's Christmas Event will be on 27th November 2026.

CD 094

MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS & BRANDING UPDATE

Members noted the report and received an overview. Lots of positivity around the press, the highest social media posts have been around dog issues, sadly with the loss of a dog at Mouldon Hill and the excellent response to the dog play area. There have been thirty-nine (39) Community Led Action Plan surveys received to date. Communications will be going out regarding the elections in due course as well as Councillor engagement, the APM, Cafes, and the planned visits to schools. Very positive communications going out with long-term plans looking very pleasing. It was suggested to look at the surveys and see if there is a common theme by area, for example concerns or positive feedback. With the data established by area, this could improve the output of communications.

CD 095

MOULDON HILL S106 FUNDS

Councillor V Manro gave an update on the QR Trail, there is S106 available of £15,000.00 that Swindon Borough Council (SBC) can give to HWPC. The receipt from SBC will come into the office and the project can take place. The project will cost approx. £10,000.00, with the remainder for the maintenance of the trail and

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general upkeep. *Action: Chief Officer to progress, as some of this funding has limits on it which will expire and the criteria needs to be fully understood. Therefore, a formal understanding of the use of the money needs to be fully explored.*

CD 096 EVENTS PROGRAMME

CD 096A Members noted the programme of events for the rest of the financial year.

CD 096B Members received an interim update on the events programme for 2026/27. The theme for this year is Healthy, Inclusive and Community and is working on hosting events in May aimed at 'men's health'.

CD 097 BUDGET MONITORING

Members received the Community Development income and expenditure for Month 5. There are some areas of 'overspend' however there is some Community Development event income which contrasts the expenditure. Currently the overspend is at 4%.

CD 098 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To be sent to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting on Tuesday 7th April 2026.

The meeting closed at: 20.40 pm

Chairman: