

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 03 September 2019 at 6.30 pm
in the Main Hall, Broadgreen Community Centre

Present	Cllr N Hopkins	(Chair)
	Cllr J Firmin	(Vice-Chair)
	Cllr S Allsopp	
	Cllr V Ayris	
	Cllr S James	
	Cllr L Kasmaty	
	Cllr J Miah	
	Cllr J Milner-Barry	
	Cllr S Pajak	
	Cllr P Herring	(Not Committee Member)
	Cllr M Strinkovsky	(Not Committee Member)
	Cllr T Philpot	(Not Committee Member)
	Cllr N Watts	(Not Committee Member)
	Cllr C Watts	(Not Committee Member)
Jake Mee	(Deputy Clerk)	

Public Five

Public Session None

807 **Apologies**

Cllr M Gladman
Cllr M J Miah

808 **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

None

809 **Presentation from No Added Sugar**

Standing Orders were suspended in order to receive a presentation from Toni Dickinson of No Added Sugar.

Ms Dickinson gave information regarding the mural they had completed at the Queens Drive underpass near Coate Water.

Ms Dickinson also detailed other community projects they had been involved in and how they had used art to reinforce positive change.

Cllr C Watts stated that their had been some great work completed on the mural at Coate Water and the Parish Council should identify more projects within the Parish.

Cllr J Milner-Barry requested the mural be updated to include the details of who had funded the work and the school that had completed the work.

Cllr C Watts requested that the projects to be identified be incorporated into the Youth Working Party.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

RESOLVED

- a) to update the Mural to include the names of No Added Sugar, South Swindon Parish Council and Lawn Primary School.
- b) to have No Added Sugar attend the next Youth Working Party meeting to identify future projects.

Cllr J Miah arrived during this item.

810 Buckhurst Skate Park – Graffiti Art

The Clerk submitted an email from The Shop in Park South, a copy of which appears as appendix A in the Minute Book.

The email detailed that a grant had been secured from the High Sheriff's fund to run an activity for Young People in Parks. The project identified was a graffiti workshop for teenagers using the skatepark at Buckhurst Field.

Cllr Hopkins requested that the Parish Council youth worker be involved and use this opportunity to introduce our Youth Work in the area.

Cllr Allsopp said that this should be used as an opportunity to improve the facilities and hopefully drive the message to users of the skatepark to use the area better in regards to littering.

RESOLVED

- a) to approve the project and use of Buckhurst Field skate park.
- b) that the Parish Youth worker be involved in the project.

811 Tree Canopy Cover within Swindon South Parish (L&A Min. 745 – 09.04.19)

The clerk submitted an email from a member of the public, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The email detailed a request for more planting of trees around the Lawn area.

Cllr Milner-Barry provided information on issues with street trees in the Parish and highlighted the need to replace an aging population of trees that were no longer as efficient in absorbing Carbon Dioxide.

Cllr C Watts stated that community orchards were a good idea and that street trees needed more maintenance. He also suggested using the Gardens/Wildlife Working Party to identify areas for planting.

NOTED

812 Maximising the Free Tennis Facilities in Town Gardens

The Deputy Clerk submitted a report from the Lawn Tennis Association, a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

The report detailed the current tennis facilities in South Swindon and how an annual charging model had worked in other areas.

Views were sought from councillors on whether they would like to look into to opportunities to take a lease on the Tennis facilities in Quarry Road and whether a charging model was appropriate.

Cllr Herring stated that Swindon is lacking in free sports access and Swindon Tennis is not cheap on a pay to play basis so the Council should remain cautious.

Cllr Allsopp requested we make enquiries with SBC and their future plans for the site.

Cllr N Watts advised she had been involved with this in previous years and no funding was available then and this was unlikely to have changed.

Cllr Pajak stated that access and control had been an issue previously and needed to be controlled.

Cllr James requested that if a survey was to be carried out it should be broad in scope to include demographics and learn more about the current usage.

RESOLVED to approach Swindon Borough Council to determine future plans for the site and to carry out a survey of residents to determine current usage of the site.

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Allotments Working Party Report

The Deputy Clerk presented a report from the Allotments Working Party, a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The report contained recommendations from the Allotments Working Group in regards to increases in non-parishioner fees, new tenancy guidelines and the introduction of charges for rotovating plots.

RESOLVED

- a) to adopt the new Allotment Guidelines
- b) to increase the non-parishioner fee by £10 for a full plot and £5 for a half plot (with 1 abstention)
- c) to implement a charge of £20 for rotovation of each half plot

The meeting closed at 7:35pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council