



ST ANDREWS PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Youth and Community Committee meeting held
on Wednesday 24th June 2026 at 7pm
at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue Swindon

Councillors Present: Cherie Adams, Daniel Adams (ex officio), Adam John and Paul West
Councillors Not Present: Atif Bukhari, Paul Morris and Kate Tomlinson
Officer Present: Louise Rose (Deputy Clerk) and Emma Sylvester (CEO)
Public Present: 3

Presentation/Public Question Time

A representative from **The Underground Youth Club** at The Orbital provided an update on the youth club, reporting that it is going very well with strong attendance from both local and surrounding areas, offering food and drinks, activities, toiletries, and mental health support, operating mainly on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays (with times available via their Facebook page), and they are currently exploring what additional support may be available from the parish.

A representative from **Young Swindon and Wiltshire (formerly SMASH)** attended and expressed a desire to work collaboratively with the council, noting that they deliver youth sessions every Wednesday from 3:15–4:15pm at Brook Park.

A member of the public spoke to express their desire to have a kebab van located in the Redhouse car park.

1. **Members agreed that in the absence of the Committee Chairman, that Daniel Adams would chair this meeting.**
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received from Councillors Atif Bukhari, Paul Morris and Kate Tomlinson.
3. **ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN**
RESOLVED to defer this to the next Youth and Community Committee meeting.
4. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
None
5. **MINUTES**
RESOLVED
That the minutes of the Redhouse Community Centre Committee meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2026 and the Youth Committee held on September 3rd, 2025, be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**
Members **RESOLVED** to change the sub heading to say that The Youth and Community Committee is responsible for all matters in relation to the management of the Community Centre including preparation of policies and procedures and to review the Youth Strategy.

7. YOUTH ACTIVITIES 2026-2027

Members noted that, following recommendations to Full Council, no budget has been allocated for youth services and therefore no staff support is available, except for administrative support to service committee meetings. An earmarked reserve of £2,650 remains available to for youth activities.

RESOLVED to spend £1200 on Arts & Crafts, Yoga and Library Session for this year's youth activities as detailed in the document attached to the Minute Book.

8. YOUTH CENTRE

Members discussed grant funding to support The Underground Youth Centre. It was **RESOLVED** to arrange a visit to the Youth Centre and circulate the details to Committee Members and to offer the use of the Redhouse Community Centre for one day a week during the summer holidays, between the end of July and the end of August.

9. YOUNG SWINDON AND WILTSHIRE (FORMERLEY SMASH YOUTH PROJECT) UPDATE

- (i) Members noted that Young Swindon and Wiltshire have been commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver detached Youth work in the Redhouse area until the end of the financial year. The organisation has also been successful in securing additional funding through the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, which could enable the continuation of expansion of youth work provision within the area for a further 12 months.
- (ii) Members noted that following engagement with local young people through detached outreach sessions, a new weekly static youth session will commence at Brook Park on Wednesdays from 3.15pm to 4:45pm
- (iii) Members discussed cooperative working with Young Swindon and Wiltshire, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Deputy Clerk will arrange a visit to a youth session and circulate the details to Committee Members to allow them the opportunity to attend and will maintain ongoing contact regarding upcoming events to ensure continued collaborative working.

10. BURGER VAN

Members were advised that a licence would be required, alongside solicitor involvement and planning permission through Swindon Borough Council, and it was **RESOLVED** to invite tenders to give other food companies a fair opportunity to apply, with the brief set as once weekly on a Friday or Saturday (4 times per month) from 6pm–10pm, and it was further **RESOLVED** that a sub-committee comprising of Councillors C Adams, D Adams, and A John would be formed to evaluate the tenders.

11. REDHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATES

- (i) Members welcomed the new Redhouse Community Centre Manager who has recently been employed
- (ii) Members reviewed the attached income and expenditure report.
- (iii) Members reviewed the booking levels and centre usage
- (iv) Members noted that a Health & Safety Audit was completed in March 2026. Any recommendations following review will be brought back to this committee.