

Swindon Sports Forum networking event/ Consultation & AGM 28th Nov 2024, Moredon Sporting Hub



Appendix 1 Attendance list

Appendix 2 Presentation slides

Introduction/Welcome – Gerry Hannon (GH) , Chair

GH welcomed everyone from Sports clubs and physical activity providers and especially new newcomers and explained what the Swindon Sports Forum is and what we do.

- Voluntary organisation to support sports clubs operating in Swindon .
- a registered Charity
- 4 aspects of the SSF

1. **Advocacy** – representing the interests of sport and sports club at policy level.
2. **Capacity development.** – helping to resource clubs through funding and training.
3. **Extending and stimulating participation in sport** – through project funding
4. **Communication** - with our members and signposting them to advice and support.

1. Place Based Project - Gladys Barr (Secretary)

At the last meeting we were told about this project by Stuart Arthur from WASP (refer to mins of 2/9/24). In summary.

- Sport England not seeing rise in physical activity levels despite their investment. New strategy to address
- 'Place Based' programme is a 4-year project for target areas and population groups to raise activity levels in 7 areas of Swindon where health and social need is greatest
- Project is led by WASP. Bid has to be submitted by end March 25 but funding is not guaranteed at this stage.
- The delivery must come from the community need . Consultation led by Voluntary Action Swindon - To seek the views of Swindon residents living in the identified areas. This is currently going on at moment.
- Refer to slides 4-11 for detail
- Lewis Bird (Swindon BC Public Health explained the reason why the 7 areas have been identified – refer to slide 9)
- Carol Willis, Terry Johnson from VAS were introduced. They.
 - Gave an outline of what VAS does – slide 13
 - Requested that attendance complete the Asset mapping form which they brought to the meeting
 - Explained they are currently hosting 'Community Conversations' discussion session in each location to identify local strengths.
 - Are collecting information through the 'Standard Place Tool' surveys to gather holistic views of the area. Attendees were asked to complete the survey if they live/deliver in one of the areas. The survey can be found here [Placed based community surveys – Voluntary Action Swindon](#)

Questions/comments

Will some of the funding be used to refurbish the Oasis? – No for many reasons – political hot potato, cost and this isn't what this fund is about

Swindon School of gymnastics explained that they are about to lose the premises where they operate due to roof issues.

Robins Football club – would like to develop wider community programmes at Buckhurst field development with new pavilion opening in 2025. Awareness of youth issues, large Goan community

Attendees were split into tables and for 10 mins were asked to think about what barriers they were seeing in their delivery.

Feedback – Cost/Poverty, Lack of parental guidance/habit in youth, Access/lack of transport were common themes

Swindon Sports Forum AGM

1. Chairs report

Changing social and political context: from being a subgroup in the 1980's of Thamesdown District Council 'Arts and Recreation Dept. to being a voluntary organisation with a steady annual £20k per annum via the CIF from Swindon BC ... to today, a charitable organisation with challenges to overcome due to loss of guaranteed revenue and political/social crisis

The Crises

Swindon BC

- disinvestment in leisure centres and sports development
- outsourcing/'asset transfer' of leisure centres in 2014/15
- more difficult to influence, loss of facilities.
- SBC support/servicing to Sport Forum has gone.
- Community Initiative Fund removal (£20k pa) and implications

National environment

- Sport England policy and change of direction of resources from Sport to Health, with an emphasis now on increasing participation in the inactive target groups.
- Covid pandemic/Cost of Living

SSF achievements in 2024

- Attended all the Get Swindon Active Meetings
- Attended the Place based Funding Leadership programme 2-day training in Oct 24
- Supported the Save the Oasis Campaign in advisory capacity/attended the recent Oasis consultation
- Updated the member database and communicated regularly
- Ran 3 networking meetings and increased the numbers attending
- Revised our Business Plan for 2024 – trying to address challenges that clubs are facing.
- Gave out £12k in grants (Neil will update in his report)

- Ran a Funding support programme with Remedy sport to support 10 clubs to apply for funding (ongoing).
- Secured £23,900 through the Postcode Lottery to support Women's cycling participation programme at Moredon Sporting Hub
- Applied to the Peter Harrison foundation for £29k to support disabled participation and to the Movement for Good fund for £16k cover our running costs for the next two years (both unsuccessful) but the former did lever £15k from British Cycling

Into 2025

- We have significant challenges due to lack to committee members and need skills such as social marketing, content writing, fundraising to run the charity. Trying to address the challenges that clubs face is dependent on having more people to help
- New annual grants programme – need to change the grant process due to the reduction in revenue funding. (Neil will cover this in his report)
- Place Based funding programme – supporting WASP and the Parishes with next phase

2. Treasurer's report – Sue Gravell

Sue presented the following report. Closing balance £39,889.15

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			£ 157.47	Insurance	£ 159.60		
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				Facebook			
			£ 76.24	Sundries	£ 4.50		
				WASP	£ 420.00		
£224.24	Total Income	£ 24,963.03	£ 16,524.23	Total Expenditure	£ 43,226.94		
	balance b/f	£ 58,153.16					
	Plus income	£ 24,963.03					
	Less expenditure	£ 43,226.94					
	balance c/f	£ 39,889.25					
				Nationwide £32349.26			
				Lloyds £11436.11			
			less u/c chqs	£ 3,896.12			
				£ 39,889.25			

The Chair asked for vote for approval of accounts - Cheryl Heyne approved

3. Grant officer's report – Neil Bromley

£12, 193.15 given in grant this year to the clubs below to help more children/adults/athletes/participants get more from their sport:

Penhill Amateur Boxing

Evoke Gymnastics

Swindon School Of Gymnastics

Swindon Croquet club

Lawn Bowls – West End, Supermarine, Swindon Bowls

Swindon Lightening Cheerleading

Tap dancing

Individual grants were given to.

Gymnastics – World Championships

Tap dancing – World Championships

Fencing – 4 National Great Britain Finalists

Taekwondo – 2 National Finalists

Roller derby skating

41 awarded given out to local young athletes through the GLL foundation

- As it is our year end, **grants for 2024 have now closed** . The Grants Committee will meet early January 2025 to review the grants process for 2025. This will be reviewed and signed off by the Steering Group .
- 2025 Grant information will be available in early February – please contact Neil Bromley Grants Officer when you are ready to apply: neilg.bromley@ntlworld.com 07527 546164
- GLL Foundation grants [GLL Sport Foundation - Athlete Support Programme](#) – applications open in December so get applying
- If athletes live within Wiltshire County Council there are also sport grants available here: [Supporting athletes - Wiltshire Council](#)

4. **Officer Elections**

All officers stood down from their positions. Becky Cox kindly asked for proposers and seconders for the posts. All willing to stand again except for Ian Jankinson who was the outgoing Vice Chair.

	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chair	Gerry Hannon	Wendy White	Paul Rodgers
Vice Chair	No nominations	Position Vacant	
Secretary	Gladys Barr	tbc Alastair Bartlam	Ady Short
Treasurer	Sue Gravell	Cheryl Heyne	Dave Sutton
Grant officer	Neil Bromley	Grahame Lee	Dennis May

Sam James and Dave Sutton both agreed to join the committee

Close – Gerry thanked all for attending.

Appendix 1 - Attendance List 28th November 2024

	Name	Surname	Organisation
1	Ady	Short	Swindon Wheelers
2	Alastair	Bartlam	Swindon Wheelers
3	Becky	Cox	Swindon Cycle campaign
4	Carol	Willis	Voluntary Action Swindon
5	Colin	Offer	Wanborough Parish Council
6	Cheryl	Heyne	Swindon North End BC
7	Dan	Morley	Swindon Triathlon Club
8	Dan	McAteer	Matt Fiddes Martial Arts & MF Dance
9-11	Daniel	Mounsdon +2	Swindon Softball League
12	Dave	Sutton	Supermarine Bowls Club
13	Dennis	May	Swindon North End BC
14	Eli	Ridgeway	Swindon School of Gymnastics
15	Gerry	Hannon	Swindon Sports Forum
16	Gladys	Barr	Swindon Sports Forum
17	Grahame	Lee	Step Out Swindon
18	Joseph	Walker	Swindon School of Gymnastics
19	John	Ellis	Swindon Westend Bowls Club
20	Lewis	Bird	Swindon BC
21	Lyn	Fox	Town Gardens Bowls club
22	Neil	Bromley	Swindon Sword Fencing club
23	Paul	Ashman	PacVelo cycling club
24-25	Paul	Rodgers +1	Penhill bowls club
26	Paul	Wainwright	Robins Football club
27	Pete	Fox	Town Gardens Bowls club
28	Rachel	Symes	Cotswold Veldrijden
29	Roy	Worman	Haydon Wick Parish Council
30	Sam	James	Inclusfit
31	Sue	Gravell	Swindon Sports Forum
32	Terry	Johnson	Voluntary Action Swindon
33	Wendy	White	Swindon Croquet club
	Apologies		
	Charlie	Marillier	Swindon Barbells
	Daniel		Swindon Cricket Club
	John	Flew	Wanborough Bowls Club.
	Phil	Heads	Royal Wootton Bassett Volleyball Club
	Sarah	Smith	Swindon ice figure skating club
	Stuart	Arthur	WASP
	Abby	Jones	SAM
	Howard	Moscrop	Swindon Harriers Athletics club
	Kerry	Reynolds	Swindon school of gymnastics
	Steve	Bennett	Swindon Storm
	Wesley	Newman	Swindon Shock Wheelchair BB Club
	Agnieska	Wojcik	Fitness Instructor
	Emilie	People	Line Dancing

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