

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 06 September at 8.00pm at John Moulton Hall

Present Cllr T Smith (Chair)
Cllr D Montaut (Vice-Chair)
Cllr R Ballman
Cllr M Lucas
Cllr J Yeowell

Cllr J Ballman (non-committee member)
Cllr D Moffatt (non-committee member)

Officers A Reeves (Parish Manager)
H Morgan (Deputy Clerk)

Public Two

163 Resignation of Committee Members

Cllr T Smith confirmed that Cllr P Exell and Cllr S Exell had resigned from the Leisure & Amenities Committee.

164 Apologies

Cllr P Baker
Cllr K Parker
Cllr J Rodrigues

165 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None

166 Talk on StreetSmart services by Rachel Ind & Robert Core (SBC)

The Parish Manager confirmed that the talk on StreetSmart services had been rescheduled and would take place at the Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting to be held in October 2017.

167 Allotments

The Deputy Clerk provided an updated and stated that a meeting with Mark Jennings (SBC) was to take place in the week commencing 11th September 2017 to begin the process of obtaining the allotment data.

All plot holders would be contacted in due course to inform them of the change in management.

The annual pay cycle for allotments begins 1st October and it is intended that all payments would be made to the Parish Council.

168 Community Centres

The Parish Manager gave a verbal update and confirmed that the Parish Council had taken over the management of John Moulton Hall and Even Swindon Community Centre from 1st September.

There had been a lot of enquiries and interest from people wanting to hire the John Moulton Hall and an online booking system has gone live.

The Parish Manager and Cllr D Moffatt have met with the trustees of Even Swindon Community Centre to introduce themselves and speak briefly about the planned capex. Cllr D Moffatt stated that he had invited the trustees to apply for a Parish Council grant for disabled toilet repairs.

169 **Libraries**

The Parish Manager gave a verbal update and confirmed that the Parish Council had taken over the management of Pinetrees Library, Penhill Library, Even Swindon Library and Moredon and Rodbourne Cheney Library from 1st September 2017.

A discussion about libraries took place.

Cllr D Montaut expressed concerns about the sustainability and funding of libraries in the long term and stated that reports on usage etc. were required to be able to review the value for money on libraries.

Cllr J Ballman stated that a library working group had been running for over a year and it was felt that libraries had been budgeted for correctly and decisions made were well founded.

170 **Community Engagement**

The Parish Manager stated that there was an opportunity for community groups to put forward individuals to create additional groups for community engagement which the Parish Council would offer to administer at their own cost and that grants were available for funding.

171 **Dog/Litter Bins**

Cllr M Lucas stated that he had received requests from Rodbourne Cheney residents to install dog and litter bins in the area and asked that the cost of installation be looked into and presented to the Finance & Staffing Committee for approval.

Cllr D Moffatt suggested that the fast food outlets on Blair Parade be asked to contribute to the cost of maintaining a bin in their area.

172 **Bus Shelter(s)**

Cllr R Ballman stated that a request had been received to install a bus shelter on Pinehurst Road.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager would prepare a report on the costings involved with installing a bus shelter to presented at the next committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council