

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2018 at 32 The Circle, Pinehurst

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

Cllr D Moffatt (Non-committee member)

Officers A Reeves (Parish Manager)
H Morgan (Deputy Clerk)
H Armagan (Allotments Officer)

Public None

172 **Apologies**
Cllr P Baker
Cllr J Rodrigues

173 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None

174 **StreetSmart VfM Working Group**
The Parish Manager urged all Cllrs to read the final report received. He stated that the report recommended that Swindon Borough Council (SBC) StreetSmart services continue to supply services to the Parish Council on a 5-year contract with specified caveats. The report summarised that delivery of services was excellent but the ability to quantify and report on this was poor. The report recommended that contract management processes are refined and suggested additional staff would have to be employed by SBC.
A document was circulated to the StreetSmart VfM Working Group with details of what new contract management processes would look like.
The Parish Manager was in the process of setting up a meeting with Ian James to share the results of the report. The Working Group would meet again after the meeting with Ian James before reporting back to Full Council.
Cllr J Ballman commented that there was still the option to buy in services from companies other than SBC and that no one from SBC had spoke with the Parish Council to explain why they should continue the contract with them.
The Parish Manger agreed and added that there was the option to set-up a short-term interim agreement with SBC if a longer-term contract couldn't be agreed.
It was recognised that the path heading towards having to agree a new contract was getting narrower. The Parish Manager stated that it was not too late to look into alternative providers and there was an option to extend the current contract temporarily to allow for a tendering process to be completed.

175 **Day trip to Weston-Super-Mare**
The Parish Manager summarised the report prepared by the Assets Manager which was circulated, a copy of which can be found as Annex A in the Minute Book.
It was confirmed that the cost of the trip was covered by Cllr K Parkers Ward Allowance.

176 **Allotment Shop**
The Deputy Clerk informed Cllrs that a meeting had taken place the previous week which representatives and tenants from the Leisure Garden sites and representatives from SALGA were invited to. The meeting wasn't well attended but those that did attend were supportive of

the idea of an Allotment Shop. Cllr M Lucas added that people he had spoken to were keen on the idea.

The Deputy Clerk stated that it had been agreed at the Allotment Shop meeting that a questionnaire type document would be sent out to all Leisure Garden tenants along with the invoices for the new billing year which would be sent out in October-November 2018.

177 Opportunity for Community Resolution work

The Allotments Officer informed Cllrs that he had been contacted by the police regarding Community Resolution work and opportunities for such work to be carried out around the Parish. He went on to explain that Community Resolution work is completed by people who have committed crimes but hadn't been sentenced and/or obtained a criminal record. Criminal Resolution work involved individuals completing small jobs, such as litter picking, weeding, etc. to make up for their crimes.

No Parish supervision would be required for such work as Police and other officers supervise. Cllr J Ballman stated that he was supportive of the idea and suggested the Parish Council explore the idea and see how they could engage. This suggestion was seconded by Cllr M Lucas.

All agreed.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council explore the opportunities for Community Resolution work and find out how they could provide support and be involved.

178 Update from Deputy Clerk

Bus Shelters

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that 4 bus shelters had been ordered and would be installed in the following locations mid-late October 2018:

- 1 on Pinehurst Road
- 2 on Whitworth Road
- 1 outside The Dolphin.

Allotments

A report was circulated regarding mains water supply at the Somerford Close Leisure Garden site, a copy of which can be found as Annex B in the Minute Book.

Cllr M Lucas queried if the cost given in the report included all associated works. The Deputy Clerk stated that it was not clear from the information received if all works were included in the given price.

The Parish Manager suggested the costs be clarified and it be agreed that the Chair of the Committee approve the works up to a maximum cost of £3,000.

All agreed.

RESOLVED that the total cost of installing mains water at the Somerford Leisure Garden site be clarified and reported back to the Chair of the Committee to agree if within a maximum budget of £3,000.

Cllr J Yeowell asked about the status of the Composting Toilet to be installed at the Pickards Field Leisure Garden site.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she was meeting with the contractor who would be installing the toilet the following day and the toilet would be ordered following this meeting.

Cllr R Ballman asked about the fees for the 2018/19 billing year and whether these would change. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that this would be discussed at the next Allotments Working Group meeting which would be arranged in the next couple of weeks.

Bench to be installed in Gorse Hill

The Deputy Clerk stated that delivery of the bench ordered had been delayed due to Summer

close downs in Germany. The bench is expected to be delivered mid-October 2018 and Swindon Borough Council had been informed and would be on standby to install the bench.

Railings around sandpit at St Marks Rec

It was confirmed that a company had been contacted and had completed a site visit and were to provide a quote for the requested fencing which would be Green and include 2 gates.

The meeting closed at 8.46pm

Signed.....

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Chair of the Leisure & Amenities Committee