

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2020 at the Central Swindon North Parish Council Reading Rooms, The Circle

- Present** Cllr M Lucas (Chair)
Cllr J Yeowell (Vice-chair)
Cllr J Ballman
Cllr R Ballman
Cllr D Patey
Cllr J Rodrigues
Cllr S Thompson
- Officers** H Morgan (Deputy Clerk)
A Briggs (Estates Manager)
A Webb (Youth Worker)
H Armagan (Allotments Officer)
M Johnston (Community Centre Manager)
A Cripps (Libraries Manager)
- Public** Two members of the public were present.
- Public Session** One member of the public, Mary Farragher (MF), read a written statement and put 2 questions to the Committee.
Cllr M Lucas confirmed that any member of the public could ask questions during public sessions.
- The timeline for an Ecology Report was unknown and was to be confirmed with the Parish Clerk.
- One member of the public asked for an update on road plainings situated at the side of their property and asked when rubbish placed in the same location was to be collected.
Cllr J Ballman confirmed that the Parish Council would follow up the points raised.
- 445** **Apologies**
None received.
- 446** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
Cllrs J Ballman & S Thompson declared a non-pecuniary and non-prejudice interest in HBUF activities as trustees.
- 447** **Youth Council**
The Youth Worker introduced a young person from the Parish that regularly attended the Wednesday Night Youth Sessions. It was explained that the young person was attending as representative of a group of young people from the Parish.
- Questions were asked of the young person in attendance and responses provided. Members were informed that youths were keen to see more youth clubs held and a new park installed in a nearby woodchipped area.
- The Youth Worker mentioned that the young people he speaks to had raised a need for existing play parks to be updated.
- Cllr J Ballman of changes being made to StreetSmart services and the need to look at play areas and recreation grounds in the future. The young person in attendance was asked if they would be willing to meet with Parish Cllrs and Officers and join discussions to provide direction on the Parish should be looking to do in particular areas. The young person agreed.

The young person was thanked for giving up their time to attend the meeting and speak with members.

448 Update from Youth Worker

The Youth Worker gave a presentation which included details of a recent visit to a Youth Zone facility in Manchester.

The Youth Worker suggested the Parish Council speak with other Parish Council to make them aware of the Youth Zone facilities and scheme.

Cllr R Ballman proposed that the Parish Council authorise the Youth Worker and Estates Manager to let OnSide know that the Parish Council were interested in finding out more and other Parish Councils be contacted to inform them of the available scheme.

All agreed.

RESOLVED that the Youth Worker and Estates Manager be authorised to contact OnSide to let them know that the Parish Council were interested in finding out more and other Parish Councils be contacted to inform them of the available scheme.

449 Update from Estates Manager

Members of the public left the meeting during this item.

The Estates Manager provided a written update, a copy of which can be found as Annex A in the Minute Book.

450 Update from Allotments Officer

The Estates Manager explained that the Allotments Officer had been on annual leave and had been asked to delay his return to work for 14 days upon his return from Turkey due to the current Covid-19/Coronavirus situation.

451 Update from Community Centre Manager

The Community Centre Manager informed members that users of the Community Centres and identified groups had been contacted and invited to attend demo sessions for the Magic Table. Good feedback had been received and interested parties had been in touch.

The Community Centre Manager gave details of an 'Art on Tour' project which would see 3-4 pieces of art displayed at Pinetrees Community Centre for a period of time.

It was confirmed that responsibility for the protection of and liability for any artwork would lie with Swindon Museum and Art Galleries rather than the hosting venues.

The Libraries Manager gave further details of the project and stated that it was being developed.

The Community Centre Manager informed the Committee of Information Days being organised to take place at Pinetrees Community Centre and John Moulton Hall.

Celebrations for VE Day were to be organised and the Pinecones Café were holding 4th July Celebrations.

The Community Centre Manager spoke of the success of the Dementia Café.

452 Update from Libraries Manager

The Libraries Manager ran through a written report circulated, a copy of which can be found as Annex B in the Minute Book.

453 Tiverton Field

Cllr M Lucas explained that it had been suggested that a wild meadow be planted within the Parish.

Cllr S Thompson commented that Hreod Burna Urban Forest (HBUF) were developing a wildflower meadow and were keen to develop an area at Tiverton Field. It was confirmed that nothing could move forward until an ecology report had been completed and received. Cllr M Lucas stated that it was likely that a consultation would take place once the results of an ecology report had been reviewed.

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Cllr M Lucas referred to a document which had been circulated which needed attention.

Members were asked to forward any questions on to the Estates Manager in advance of the scheduled interviews.

Some pros and cons of the options being put forward were provided and the most relevant sections of the documents to be reviewed were highlighted and Cllrs were asked to look at the documents in detail prior to the scheduled interviews.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

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Chair of the Leisure & Amenities Committee