

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 7.00pm via Zoom Link

Present Cllr S. Exell
Cllr J. Ballman
Cllr D. Patey
Cllr P. Exell
Cllr J. Yeowell

Cllr S. Henderson

Officers A Reeves (Parish Manager)
A Webb
G Barr

167 **Apologies**
None Received

168 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

Cllr S Henderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in being a member of Gorse Hill Baptist Church and VAS

Cllr J Ballman declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Hreod Burnah Urban Forest

169 **Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes from the Community Wellbeing Meeting of the 1st July 2020 were recorded as an accurate record.

170 **Marketing & Press Officer**

The Committee requested that the FGP committee, on Tuesday 1st September 2020, consider an emergency CV19 item; The appointment of a Marketing & Press/Promotion Officer who could be deployed to ensure the social outcomes of this committee are targeted at those who would benefit most.

FGP were not able to agree a pathway forward and have deferred their decision; for further consideration; to Tuesday 6th October 2020.

Cllr Ballman wished to explain his rationale for requesting further consideration in FGP; and cited a BBC interview; conducted by SBC Cllr Holland which reiterated the concerns of the FGP Committee that Swindon is at a high risk of further CV19 restrictions.

Cllr Ballman felt that the deployment of further resources toward promoting activities through a press officer is premature; the latest developments via Steve Maddern & Cllr Holland did little to mitigate that concern.

Cllr Ballman further urged the Committee to consider whether this is the best time to promote such services.

Cllr Patey advised he felt that more virtual engagement could be completed rather than physical; so there would still be a need for some resource but used in a different way.

The Clerk advised that if Committee members felt that strongly to supporting those during CV19 needing urgent support; then a one off cost could be capitalised for a fixed term, a

month for example, and allocated to the CV19 budget code. The Committee would not however be permitted to employ staff or allocate a fixed revenue cost; without a report and approval to Full Council.

Cllr Patey proposed, Cllr Yeowell seconded that the Committee capitalise an emergency allocation of £1,600 to support the Council and this Committee up to the end of October 2020. At the same time FGP will further consider the proposal in October 2020 so that any arrangement can be seamless.

Before the vote took place, Cllr Ballman expressed his concern that the proposed length of time is longer than he anticipated. The Clerk advised that the proposed interim support would coincide with the date of appointment should full Council approve.

RESOLVED: That a Marketing & Press Officer is contracted until the end of October 2020 to enable Full Council to ratify their decision on employment on 21st October 2020.

171 SBC Wellbeing Hub

The Chair advised that Sue Wald, Director of Adult Social Care, will now be attending Full Council on Wednesday 16th September 2020.

172 Food Support Programme

The Youth Officer advised he will set up a Breakfast Club in Pinehurst & Rodbourne over the next few weeks on the way to school. The Youth Officer will develop a package menu within the budget provided by external funding which the Grant Manager had raised along with Fair Share who have provided us food.

Cllr Ballman supported weekend breakfast clubs, but asked about where locations would be sought as with Winter it would have to be indoors. Cllr Ballman wanted assurance that it would be safe and well managed.

The Youth officer went on to explain the CV19 compliant methods and how numbers would be managed through phased sessions. Some referral based, some young people we are already aware of, school intelligence and turn up.

The Grants Manager is investigating another funding stream to support the Breakfast Club initiative to extend throughout the winter.

The Clerk advised that we have negotiated with Shine Pinehurst & Beards to continue using the Beach Hut throughout Winter. There is a generator on site to ensure the space is heated.

Cllr Ballman proposed that the Youth Officer presents a programme of the Breakfast Club to Councillors as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That the Youth Officer presents a plan to Councillors before the next Community Wellbeing Committee to implement the Breakfast Club. The Youth Worker will present locations and footfall no later than 30th September 2020.

The Youth Worker will also present a retrospective analysis of those who benefited from the Summer Programme in a written report; by the next Committee in November 2020.

173 Virtual Programme Opportunities

The Assets Manager outlined a plan of online activities and a safe reinstatement of the Dementia Café without the Magic Table and ideas on extending remote access sessions with former community centre users.

Cllr Paul Exell supported the idea of virtual bingo as this could novate into physical bingo sessions post CV19; the Assets Manager is going to set up online Bingo Sessions if

there is sufficient interest.

The Chair wished to note her thanks to both the Assets Officer & Youth Officer for their support during CV19.

RESOLVED: The Assets Manager to develop a written activity programme and present to Committee Councillors in conjunction with Jake from the Baptist Church. Proposed by Steve Henderson and seconded by James Yeowell.

174 **Community Consultation Questions**

The Grants Manager advised she had distributed a draft questionnaire in conjunction with VAS as part of developing a community plan. This included an online survey response from Carol Willis at VAS, the data of which the Council can interrogate.

The Chair advised that there were no issues with the questions but asked that the Council is referred to as its full name with no abbreviations.

The Grants Manager advised she will continue to develop the plan to present a final draft by the next meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the Officers update.

175 **Moredon Sports Hub Accessibility**

The Clerk updated the Committee on the site Access Statement. The Clerk advised that an Access Statement is the document that explains the ambition of our development in terms of providing equal access for all potential users.

The Clerk will use this document to record key decisions during the development relating to access provision.

The Clerk assured Councillors that access Provision is guaranteed within the Disability Discrimination Act 1995; but the Clerk reiterated the access mission statement agreed as part of the project as follows:

“The provision of accessible, sustainable, high quality, well located sports & leisure facilities will contribute to improved Parish community health & wellbeing outcomes for all our residents, with no exceptions.”

The Clerk outlined the accessibility arrangements for the Pavilion, Cycle Hub, Bikeability and 3G Pitch.

Cllr James Yeowell noted that ambulances should be able to reach the end of the track, this wasn't clear on the schematic or the EAP. The Clerk advised that the Haul Road is to be extended to allow this to happen with an end hammer head for turn around.

Cllr Ballman noted that if a first floor was installed we would need to operate an internal elevator and there is no planning requirement to install one. The Clerk reassured Cllr Ballman that a lift would be included. The Parish would not accept a design which did not meet DDA requirements and this was made clear in prelim discussions in 2019. The schematic confirms this.

Cllr Ballman wanted further assurance that light spill and noise would be mitigated and evidenced as part of further discussions with Councillors. The Clerk confirmed this work was underway, new non-spill LED's are part of the specification and noise mitigation and bunding is included in the design but it is anticipated this will be a low noise site.

RESOLVED: For the Parish Clerk to provide further accessibility updates to the Committee.

176 **Community Grants**

The Grants Manager updated Councillors on a joint bid with the National Lottery & Catalyst who offer support to organisations struggling to offer services with extra digital capacity. The Grants Manager however advised that Parish Councils cannot apply, only the CSNL< could apply.

The Grants Manager updated VAS today to see if they would apply and redistribute. The Grants Manager will provide an update at the next meeting. Initial proposals for up to £60,000 must be completed by the end of September 2020.

Cllr S Henderson advised that he'd prefer to see rich conversations with local residents and apologised as he would have to leave the meeting early to attend a private event.

177 **Work Programme 2020/21 Progress Update**

- Understand Social Wellbeing Legislation.
Councillors noted the Clerks update.
- Covid 19 Impact Assessment and the Councils respective response.
Councillors noted the Clerks update on facilities opening and restrictions.
- Review CAB Key Performance Indicators and their output.

Cllr Ballman reiterated his support for the CAB to continue at Pinetrees and it may be too soon to decant the service; as whilst the CAB had expressed an interest in remote working they would be happier with a three year grant deal to secure physical premises.

Cllr Ballman advised SBC Councillors expressed strongly their desire for the CAB satellite to remain in Pinehurst. Cllr Ballman suggested installing plastic screens to make the site CV19 safe. Cllr Ballman advised he felt the Parish Council should do everything practicable to support the service at a time when its demand will escalate.

Cllr Ballman again reiterated his frustration at the level of scrutiny applied to the CAB grant and questioned why we would wish to judge CAB when we provide them with funding.

The Clerk responded that given the large sum of financial support it was good practice to evidence a return on that investment and asked Councillors whether there was any benefit to either party for us to cease asking for the CAB impact report.

Cllr Ballman advised he felt the Clerk had not presented all the facts in this case and wished for further discussion. The Clerk advised he had presented all available options and it was the CAB who instigated the redesign of the satellite CAB options, not the Parish Council.

Cllr Ballman proposed that the Parish Clerk consults with the CAB over their future plans and engage where possible with all SBC Councillors and bring this back to the meeting in November with no further action taken until this date.

The Chair advised that to have just SBC Councillors involved would be improper and any consultation should be firstly with Parish Councillors and SBC Councillors invited to contribute.

Cllr Exell asked for a substantive amendment to Cllr Ballmans proposal to become the motion; that the Clerk provides written plans from the CAB CEO and presents these back to Parish Councillors. Seconded by Cllr Patey.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk provides an update for Parish Councillors and invites Clare Newport to engage with Councillors before any further action is taken.

- Building Office of National Statistics (ONS) data into core decision making pertaining to grant applications.
- Expansion of Youth work. To include Moredon Sports Hub.
The Youth Officer provided an update on activities that can take place within the Sports Hub and the Parish Clerk reiterated the funding requirements for such work.

The meeting closed at 21.16pm

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Chair of the Community Wellbeing Committee