

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th April 2021 7.00pm via Zoom Link.

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

Officers A Reeves (Parish Clerk)
A Briggs
G Barr

Public Questions

None Received.

547 Apologies

None Received.

548 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

No declarations were received.

549 Minutes of the previous meeting.

RESOLVED: The Minutes for the Community Wellbeing Committee for the 3rd March 2021 are approved as an accurate record.

550 Director of Public Health (Steve Maddern) Meeting

Cllr Stephen Henderson advised that SBC may have lateral flow tests available which can be made available to the Community. Cllr Henderson advised that this would be beneficial for those carrying the covid virus but are asymptomatic to be tested.

Cllr Henderson felt that the Community Centres could play a role in this. Cllr Steph Exell asked if lateral flow tests would be completed by Officers and members of the public at the community centres.

The Clerk advised that currently the Government do not recommend as standard conducting lateral flow tests on office employees or members of the public.

RESOLVED: To note Cllr Hendersons update.

551 NDTi Update

The Clerk provided an update on the National Development Team for Inclusion programme partnership. The Clerk confirmed the partnerships on the board.

The Clerk outlined the 'Talking Point' Community Hub project which will commence from June 2021 with the support of Community Navigators and Adult Social Care.

An update on the Peer Review Programme was given by the Clerk. The Clerk noted Social Worker practitioners advised they found the support helpful. In June the programme is being filmed and shared widely with a view to expanding to other Councils.

552 Community Connection

Cllr Steve Henderson provided an update on the Community Connection programme and offered the Parish Council a place on the CC board.

The Clerk supported the suggestion but advised that many of the Community Connection programmes ethos are adopted by the Council by virtue of being a public body.

RESOLVED: That the Council note the update from Cllr Steve Henderson.

553 Capital Funding Update

Seven Fields Outdoor Gym: The Estates Manager went through the online survey. The survey will be published on April 12th and will be live for three weeks. Contact will be made with local residents and shared online.

Cllr D Patey asked whether 'non-binary' could be added to the gender question. The Estates Manager advised that this could be included.

Councillors confirmed they were content with the questionnaire and survey and note the updates asked for on genders.

RESOLVED: That all genders be added to this questionnaire and all online questionnaires.

Parish Minibus- The Community & Youth Officer advised he has spoken to a number of organisations across the country. The Youth officer advised the most cost-effective option is a lease which is around £525 pcm.

The Community & Youth Officer advised that an electric minibus would be in excess of £41,000 as a purchase price and at this stage the technology is still in its

infancy. The Community & Youth Officer showed a Citroen and Peugeot

minibus.

Cllr S Exell asked whether more than one wheelchair could be added. The Community & Youth officer advised that with every wheelchair space added then we would remove four seats.

Cllr D Patey asked if the vote needs to be changed as the original capital request was to purchase which is a capital cost and if a lease if required if this is a determined change of resolution. The Clerk advised that there would need to be a note made to full Council.

Cllr D Patey enquired as to what special training is required. The Clerk advised that MIDAS training has been completed by all Officers responsible for managing the vehicles.

Cllr P Exell preferred not to take the leasing option back to Council and preferred the original outright purchase. The only item outstanding is whether to purchase a vehicle with one or two spaces.

RESOLVED: Full delegated authority to the Community & Youth Officer. That the Community Wellbeing Committee instruct the Community & Youth Officer to purchase a minibus with increased wheelchair access (up to 2). That the Community & Youth Officer sends an email with price and specification BEFORE purchase in May.

Moredon Youth Provision- The Clerk advised that there is £18,000 set aside for Youth work and improvements to the community centre. Currently there is no pre-school operating on the site, the committee are not responsive to investment discussions and there has been no response to our request to meet.

Councillors asked that we persevere with making contact with the Community Association and report back to the next meeting.

554. Community & Youth Officer update

The Community & Youth Officer provided an update on the walking programme and online map design. The Beta version is currently being developed by an IT consultant and this will be available in June 2021.

555. Grants Manager Update

The Grants Manager presented the Q4 2020/21 Grant Funding Matrix.

The Grants Manager advised that the Clerk is in discussion with Sport England over funding for a Cycling Development Officer. The Grants Manager is seeking funding from the Swindon Wiltshire Community Sports Partnership.

The Grants Manager advised that the Community Plan draft is currently with the Working Party and this is currently being crafted.

556. Marketing & Press Officer

In the absence of the Marketing & Press Officer, the Clerk updated:

Annual Council Chairs videos have been completed and published. Newsletters have been issued but we are aware of some missing streets which we are working to resolve.

Press Releases have been issued on the Tree Planting and Great Western Forest.

Press releases have been issued on the removal of online meeting objections sent to the Secretary of State from May 7th 2021.

Asset and Facility reopening marketing will commence from May 10th with a view to reopening on June 1st 2021.

Cllr D Patey asked for an update on the Marketing & Press Officer. The Clerk advised that the post was approved by the Finance & General Purposes Committee and the Clerk will be interviewing on May 3rd 2021.

557. Closing Statement

Cllr S Exell thanked Cllr Steve Henderson for his contributions over the last 12 months. Cllr S Exell thanked Officers for supporting the committee.

Cllr S Exell closed the meeting at 21.05.

The next meeting date and time will be agreed after the Council AGM along with the schedule frequency.