

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st September 2021 7.30pm via Zoom Link.

Present Cllr J. Yeowell
Cllr D. Patey
Cllr P. Exell
Cllr S. Exell
Cllr W. Stone
Cllr M. Beale
Cllr I. Edwards

Officers A Reeves (Parish Clerk)
A Briggs
A Cripps
M Johnston
J Edwards
A Webb
G Barr Via. Zoom
K Wood Via. Zoom (SBC)

Public Questions

None Received.

CW021 **Apologies**
None Received.

CW022 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
No declarations were received.

CW023 **Minutes from the meeting of 7th July 2021**
The Clerk reminded Councillors that the minutes from Wednesday 2nd June 2021 are outstanding and will be forwarded for approval at the meeting on 6th October 2021.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Meeting on 7th July 2021 as an accurate record.

CW024 **LiveWell Hub Update**
The Live Well Hub Manager Kati Wood provided Councillors with an update on the SBC Live Well referral scheme.

Further printed information will be made available for users to be referred by Parish Officers & Councillors in the coming months.

CW025 **Work Programme 2020/21 Progress Update**
RESOLVED: Councillors raised no further issues on the work programme status.

CW026 **Community & Youth Officer Update.**
The Community & Youth Officer provided a visual presentation on the Youth & Community programme as shown in appendix A.
Cllr S Exell thanked the community & youth worker for the work to date. Cllr S Exell noted an imbalance between the youth and adult programme. Cllr S Exell asked how this can be rectified, also a concern raised on the lack of support work within Even Swindon & Penhill in particular.

The Community & Youth Officer noted that the summer holidays tend to lean the resource more to young people but a commitment to transition priority to the Adult Covid programme in line with the funding agreement is now underway.

The Community & Youth Worker provided some examples of where we have worked with adults since the last update. The Community & Youth worker noted that it is problematic to spread an equal amount of work across the entire area and tends to be focussed on need which is primarily, at this time, Pinehurst & Moredon.

Cllr S Exell asked how the Community & Youth worker could increase participation, what tools are at our disposal to target other areas. The Community & Youth worker responded that the best way for this is from word of mouth, the newsletter and through a published programme of events. The Community & Youth worker confirmed an October Half Term programme will be presented by the end of September.

Cllr P Exell asked how young people can participate and how do we determine which young people are eligible for trips away. The Community & Youth worker advised that those young people who have attended sessions and volunteered and supported community work were prioritised for trips to the cinema and wildlife park for example.

Cllr J Yeowell thanked the Community & Youth Officer for the work to date.

CW027 **Community Engagement Plan & Grants Manager Update**

The Grants Manager confirmed that we have been unable to reconvene the Community Engagement Plan Working Group but had been unable to convene a time. A draft plan was prepared in lieu of a meeting for discussion. The Grants Manager confirmed a time to meet and review the first draft can be agreed in September or October.

Cllr S Exell advised that the community plan is adequate but focuses retrospectively when equal weight should be given to our goals and priorities next. Cllr S Exell suggested separating our achievements and information into appendices to then have a separate section for strategy which will form the key body of the plan.

CW028 **Swindon Participation Survey**

The Grants Manager advised that feedback was provided to the SBC Participation team. The deadline has now passed but we are waiting for the document to be finalised. The strategy will then be used to support the work that we do, particularly when we look at children and young people.

Cllr S Exell asked for a schedule on the community plan and SPS. The Grants Manager confirmed this will be applied in time for budget setting.

RESOLVED: That the Council notes the Grants Managers verbal report.

CW029 **Silver Sunday**

The Community Centre Manager updated Councillors that the Silver Sunday unfortunately cannot take place this year due to lack of response. This was in the main due to concerns over Covid. Instead, goody packages will be issued with more information to Councillors shortly along with a special Christmas Dinner Extravaganza in early December where we can utilise the two halls.

CW030 **Community Centre Managers Update**

The Community Centre manager advised that bookings are increasing.

Pinetrees is now a food bank voucher point and a sanitary product collection point.

TSB Bank are interested in further community days following the successful volunteer

day in August. Work is underway to support this in the Western Flyer.

CW031 **Local Service Delivery and Place Shaping**

Cllr S Exell asked Councillors to note a report from NALC on principal authority partnerships. The importance of this link has been amplified following the Covid 19 outbreak. This report helps us understand why we need a community plan.

The Clerk cited other authorities where partnership working may be more established.

The Clerk advised he will circulate the report link to all Councillors on behalf of Cllr S Exell.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contacts other councils in the Southwest to meet virtually to discuss principal authority relationships in the context of community connections.

CW032 **Community Engagement Meeting**

The Community & Youth worker confirmed that he will compile a list of community groups with Councillors and have one large meeting initially with potential different 'break away' discussions for each ward area next.

CW033 **Meadows Management Plan**

The Clerk advised that Raybrook, Moredon (part) & Seven Fields (part) are areas of meadowland not completely managed appropriately by SBC and a needs analysis and costs summary is required for budget consideration. It was agreed a management plan is required with budget costings.

RESOLVED: To develop a Meadow Management Group to be established by the Clerk with cost proposals by December 2021.

CW034 **Capital Funding Update**

The Outdoor Gym. The Estates Manager advised there are no concerns over the location.

The Estates Manager asked Councillors to consider the 'silver package' which includes an multi ability bike and flooring.

The Estates Manager confirmed installation by late October.

The Clerk provided a verbal update on the Moredon Community Centre Youth Provision plan.

RESOLVED: Councillors approved the 'silver package' gym installation.

CW035 **Press & Marketing Officer Update**

The Press & Marketing Officer provided a verbal update that the newsletter production is underway and there are a number of social media updates planned this month on adult and youth support including the dementia café, Christmas party, Halloween Youth Programme and Knit and Natter.

CW036 **Libraries Manager Update**

The Libraries Manager confirmed all libraries are now open for 18 hours per site with some time removed for stock transfers.

The Libraries Manager confirmed Swindon Libraries have extended the hours of opening at all five branches except for Saturdays. The SBC Open Access system installed in 2016 is now no longer operable and will not be reinstated.

The Libraries Manager detailed the budget summary and the transition of funds between the Council and the Trust.

The transition of CAB services to the libraries is now underway. Detailed booking arrangements will be sent to Officers later this month along with a marketing plan jointly crafted with the CAB Chief Executive.

**Cllr J Yeowell closed the meeting at 20.42.
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6th October 2021 19.30.**