

## **CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 7.30pm at the Pinetrees Community Centre and 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 Via. Zoom  
J Edwards Via. Zoom  
A Webb  
G Barr Via. Zoom

#### **Public Questions**

None Received.

#### **CW48 Apologies**

None Received.

#### **CW49**

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

Cllr M Beale declared an interest in the Seven Fields Orchard group.

#### **CW50**

##### **Young Carers.**

Cllr S Exell advised she felt that more needed to be done to support young carers through our youth programme. The Youth & Community Officer advised that he will organise a meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November to discuss how this can be added to the youth programme.

Cllr S Exell advised that Council should firstly consider grant opportunities which the Youth & Community Officer committed to doing.

Cllr J Yeowell pressed the point that we must liaise directly with young carers themselves and the Swindon Carers Centre will be the best point to start this.

Cllr D Patey advised that the Grants Officer can obtain grants not only for the Parish Council but also for groups supporting young carers.

The Grants Officer asked if Swindon Young Carers are constituted, the Clerk advised that they were as we are working with the group through their commissioned work with SBC.

**CW51**

**Work Programme 2020/21 Progress Update**

**RESOLVED:** Councillors raised no further issues on the work programme status.

**CW52**

**Community & Youth Officer Update.**

The Community & Youth Officer provided a visual presentation on the Youth & Community programme as shown in appendix A.

The Community & Youth Officer presented the work completed during Half Term including a trip to Bristol Zoo and a number of outreach sessions across the Parish.

The family sessions started and were well attended.

The Community & Youth Worker provided updates on the Christmas programme including the Divert scheme, the Young Peoples Christmas Dinner and the five sessions being run under the Adult Covid Programme, average attendance is now between 11 and 13 per session.

Cllr M Beale asked if there are any connections with the Street Reps, the Community & Youth Officer advised that contact had been made with Di Pithers.

The Community & Youth Officer reminded Councillors of the Des Moffatt Western Community Centre Christmas event on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 which he is supporting with.

Due to the success of the oversubscribed Christmas Dinner, it was agreed to launch another dinner at the end of January 2022.

Cllr D Patey asked for an update on the Youth Council. The Community & Youth Officer advised that for the next meeting there would be representation from the Youth Council.

Cllr S Exell asked how much of the £20,000 committee has been spent to date. The Clerk advised it was just under £2,000 to date but there is pending spend as the Youth & Community Officer uses the GPC which has a two-month delay in correlating to the core account.

Cllr S Exell also asked that more needed to be done to work with Schools as West Swindon Parish Council do.

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

**CW53**

**Libraries Update**

The Clerk read out a prepared statement from the Libraries Manager as outlined in Appendix B.

Cllr D Patey asked about if Children's story time could be done outside under trees. The Community & Youth Officer advised he would be happy to attend libraries to read stories but this hasn't yet been progressed. The Community & Youth Officer reminded Councillors of the tranquillity of the Pinetrees Gardens and how this could be used to support reading.

## **CW54**

### **Community Engagement Plan & Grant Managers Update**

The Grants Manager presented the Q3 Grants Report as shown in Appendix C.

The Grants manager confirmed that four defib funding requests have been submitted to the National Lottery grants programme and we'll find out whether successful in twelve weeks' time.

The Clerk advised if a time could be established for a Community Engagement Plan meeting. The Community & Youth Officer advised he would send an email on 4<sup>th</sup> November to confirm a physical meeting time at 32 The Circle with those unable to attend to do so via. Zoom.

Cllr S Exell reminded Councillors that community work needs to be balanced, this means to include partners more and that sport activities form just one part of that, Cllr S Exell felt the ratio of spend to sporting activities needs further review as part of the plan.

The Grants Manager confirmed that she returns from Northern Ireland on November 15<sup>th</sup> so will be able to attend a meeting. Cllr S Exell advised that more needs to be done to engage other Councillors. The Community & Youth Officer advised that he has contacted full council on at least two occasions but has not received many responses.

## **CW55**

### **Penhill Community Engagement Programme**

Cllr M Beale provided a visual presentation on the learning of previous engagement programmes in Penhill as shown in Appendix D.

Cllr M Beale pressed the point that every community is unique and detailed how the Penhill Forum started.

Cllr W Stone acknowledged the importance of ensuring community groups persevere with their goals against a backdrop of negative views and noted how successful Penhill has been over the last twenty years.

Cllr M Beale and the Clerk confirmed that the budget input from residents in the 2020 pilot was successful and we should consider this more for each area. The Clerk committed to working with the Head of Finance & Governance to ensure this is within the budget timetable.

## **CW56**

### **Meadow Management Group & Seven Fields**

Cllr M Beale shared learning from the management of 65 acres of land in Seven Fields. The Clerk thanked Cllr M Beale for the update and the Clerk confirmed that these comments will be considered when the draft Moredon & Raybrook management plan is issued later in November.

Cllr M Beale advised that the Council shouldn't be intimidated into taking on meadows. They can be simply managed and do not need reseeding.

The Clerk than outlined the Meadows Management Plan WG timeline for the benefit of those Councillors not part of the working group.

## **CW57**

### **Capital Funding Update**

Penhill Outdoor Gym- Installation was confirmed for 14/15 November 2021. A photo shoot and press release will be confirmed shortly afterwards with Ward Members, Officers and the Swindon Advertiser. Please wear casual footwear and loose clothing if you'd like to participate in using the equipment.

Moredon Youth Funding- The Clerk advised that the site will no longer be transferring back to the Parish Council as Trustees are now continuing with the lease as there is a new anchor tenant.

The Clerk has approved some of those works and the others have been passed to SBC for review which have now been approved. This means that currently the capital finance for Youth work may now not be able to be allocated.

The Clerk will provide an update as the Moredon Sports Hub programme develops

## **CW58**

### **Press & Marketing Officers Update**

Page likes have increased by 400%  
Page views down 36%  
Post Reach up 378%  
Page Followers up 600%

Aim to next meeting is to link all accounts including Instagram to ensure a coherent aligned social media campaign.

Press releases for all major events have been sent to the Swindon Advertiser.

The Newsletter is ready for print and will be issued shortly.

Cllr J Yeowell asked if people are watching online meeting videos, the Press & Marketing Officer confirmed the response has been extremely positive.

Cllr P Exell asked again about the newsletter and it was confirmed it will be issued later this month.

**Cllr J Yeowell closed the meeting at 21:18.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 19.30.**