

## **CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 7.30pm at the  
32 The Circle, Pinehurst, Swindon.

<b>Present</b>	Cllr J. Yeowell Cllr D. Patey Cllr P. Exell Cllr S. Exell Cllr W. Stone Cllr M. Beale Cllr I. Edwards
<b>Officers</b>	A Briggs (Estates Manager, via. Zoom) A Webb (Youth & Community Officer) G Barr (Grants Officer, via. Zoom) J Smart (Head of Finance & Governance)
<b>Public</b>	Three (including one zoom attendee)

#### **Public Questions**

There was one member of the public present via zoom, who asked about the possibility of opening the Bristol Street underpass twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The Clerk confirmed that he had received confirmation from the Cabinet Member responsible who has agreed that they would open the tunnel from 5am until 11pm which extends the opening hours by two hours each morning. The start date is yet unknown, there will be a communication from Swindon Borough Council in due course.

The member of the public responded that she was happy with the response.

#### **CW59**

#### **Apologies**

None Received.

*The Chair suspended standing orders to hear a question from a member of the public present at the meeting.*

Mr Reeves, Group Co-ordinator for the MS Society in Swindon and surrounding districts. Mr Reeves informed Members that the group was responsible for supporting MS sufferers and their Carers, providing events such as coffee mornings. Mr Reeves stated that there were currently no coffee mornings in North Swindon. Mr Reeves stated that he was exploring options locally to host Coffee morning events and group coordinating meetings and asked whether Pinetrees Community Centre or The Reading Rooms may be accommodating.

Members agreed that the venues were suitable and invited Mr Reeves to contact the Community Centre Manager to enquire regarding the venues and the Head of Finance & Governance regarding grant funding.

Mr Reeves enquired as to whether the Parish Council could support MS sufferers with grant funding. It was confirmed that funding individuals was not possible however, the parish could fund the group to assist with room hire then they could provide the grant funding to individuals from their own funds.

The Community and Youth Officer enquired whether the coffee mornings could be held more often. Mr Reeves stated that their limitations were due to reliance on volunteers. The Community and Youth Officer offered to engage with Mr Reeves outside of the meeting to explore where the Parish Council could further assist.

*The Chair reinstated standing orders.*

**CW60**

**Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

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

**CW61**

**Work Programme 2020/21 Progress Update**

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

*The Chair moved agenda item 14 up the agenda.*

**CW62**

**Youth Council**

Members noted the update of the Community and Youth Officer regarding the Youth Council. The Community and Youth Officer was accompanied by two members of the Youth Council and the Youth Worker.

The Community and Youth Officer informed Members that Youth Council Members had volunteered to help at the upcoming Christmas lunch and an event planned by SMASH.

The Youth Council Members informed Members that the feedback from the local residents had been that the current youth shelter on the Circle is very uncomfortable and unusable as a seating area. The neighbours complain about the noise because the metal shape echoes around the open space. Youth Council Members stated that they would like to replace the shelter with something more suitable and possibly made of wood so that it does not echo or feel cold.

Cllr M Beale suggested that Youth Club Members could work with the Men's Shed in Penhill to build their own Shelter.

It was agreed that the Community and Youth Officer and Youth Council Members would return to a future meeting with more information on options for a replacement shelter.

Members thanked the Youth Council Members for attending the meeting.

*The Youth Council Members and Youth Worker left the meeting.*

**CW63**

**Community & Youth Officer Update.**

The Community & Youth Officer introduced the Contractor for the Adults Post Covid programme, Lyn Jefferies who gave a verbal update on the programme to date. Ms Jefferies informed Members that she was running several exercise classes around the parish with plans to extend out to more community centres in the coming months.

Ms Jefferies also informed Members that she had arranged a day trip to Cheltenham Market for local elderly people which had been very successful. Ms Jefferies added that there were more excursions planned for the new year.

The Community & Youth Officer gave a report on the Youth & Community programme, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

**CW64**

**Parish Minibus**

Members noted the draft Minibus Policy, a copy of which appears in the Minute book as Appendix B.

**RESOLVED:** to recommend to Full Council that it approves the Minibus Policy as per Appendix B.

- CW65**      **Community Budget Consultations**  
Members noted the Community Budget Consultations Support document, a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.
- CW66**      **Walking for Health**  
Members noted the report of the Youth and Community Officer regarding the walking for health project. A copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.
- CW67**      **Community Centre Manager Update**  
Members noted the report of the Community Centre Manager, a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.
- CW68**      **Community Plan**  
Members noted that a meeting to review the Community Plan was scheduled for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021.
- CW69**      **Press & Marketing Officers Update**  
Members noted the report of the Press & Marketing Officer, a copy of which appears as Appendix G in the Minute Book.
- Action: Update on the Website to be included on the next Full Council agenda.
- CW70**      **Libraries Update**  
Members noted the report of the Libraries Manager, a copy of which appears as Appendix H in the Minute Book.
- CW71**      **Feminine Hygiene Products**  
Members discussed the options of putting sanitary products and bins in all suitable toilets and further discussed any alterations to make the conveniences within parish buildings more inclusive regarding gender identity.
- Actions: Clerk to investigate options within the current facilities to make them more inclusive regarding gender identity and report to a future committee meeting.
- CW72**      **Budget Review**  
Members reviewed the current budget options, a copy of which appears as Appendix I in the Minute Book.
- Members discussed suggested amendments from the Extraordinary Finance and General Purposes and Extraordinary Full Council meetings held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Members agreed to make further amendments to these suggestions and stated that there may be further information available from the Clerk following the informal meeting held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Members agreed to hold a further informal meeting to discuss this further on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 so that this can be reviewed by Finance & General Purposes Committee on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- RESOLVED:** to delegate the final recommendation to the Clerk in consultation with Members present at the informal meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**Cllr J Yeowell closed the meeting at 21:43.  
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 19.30.**