

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 7.00pm via Zoom Link.

Present Cllr P. Exell
Cllr D. Patey
Cllr M Beale
Cllr J. Yeowell

Officers A Reeves (Parish Clerk)
J Edwards
A Webb
G Barr

Public Questions

None Received.

CW73 Apologies

Cllr W Stone
Cllr S Exell

CW74 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

No declarations were received.

CW75 Work Programme

Councillors noted the programme.

Cllr P Exell noted that items should be revised as some parts of the programme including the CAB are no longer funded. The Chair asked the Clerk to revise for the next meeting.

CW76 Community & Youth Officer Report

The Community & Youth Officer presented the written report shown in Appendix A.

Cllr P Exell asked when more work will be completed in Gorse Hill & Rodbourne Cheney. The Community & Youth Officer confirmed more work will be completed for the Half Term programme by next week.

The Chair thanked the Community & Youth Officer for the report.

RESOLVED: That Councillors **NOTE** the report from the Community & Youth Officer.

CW77 **Libraries Report**

The Libraries Manager is on annual leave and was no written update was provided.

CW78 **Community Budget Consultations**

The Clerk presented in detail the written Budget Consultation Process as Appendix B.

The Clerk demonstrated a number of tools to assist Councillors in obtaining community insight to the budget setting process.

Cllr J Yeowell highlighted the importance of ensuring messaging the split responsibilities between SBC and the Parish Council are clear.

Cllr J Yeowell also asked why GDPR is not included in the report. The Clerk advised that the process would not require specific data to be shared. The only tool where GDPR would be impacted is the 'phone bank' method. Other than that no data should be collated other than general insights. Cllr J Yeowell asked that a reference to GDPR should be included.

Cllr P Exell felt most of the document was common sense and references to GDPR should be only where legislation requires.

Cllr M Beale suggested GDPR would not be required.

RESOLVED: That Councillors **NOTE** the report from the Clerk. That the Clerk removes the MPs name and adds a minor reference to GDPR.

CW79 **Walking For Health**

The Community & Youth worker showed the planned route including Pinetrees, HBUF, St Marks Rec, St Marys and Seven Fields.

The aim is to have the project completed by February. Councillors were shown the map and proposed route lines.

Cllr J Yeowell asked about accessibility and whether motorised scooters and wheelchairs were able to use the entire route. The Community & Youth worker advised that access and toilets were fully considered as well as using pedestrianised, traffic free areas as much as possible.

Cllr P Exell discussed the Raybrook Meadow as an option for another walk. Cllr Exell also wanted to ensure dropped kerbs were considered.

Cllr M Beale suggested that as a mobility scooter user, why Cllr Beale was not consulted as a user. The Community & Youth worker committed to ensuring this was completed and would complete the walk together in dry weather.

RESOLVED: That Councillors **NOTE** the report from the Community & Youth Officer.

CW80 **Community Centre Manager Update**

The Community Centre Managers update reiterated the income covid challenges and cancellation decisions that had been taken as a result of the Omicron impact.

The LFT distribution has been exceptionally busy as well as vaccinations & inoculations where bookings have been secured until 2023.

The Christmas parties went well and all positive feedback received, as was the Christmas hamper programme from John Moulton Hall.

The Assets Manager advised that work is being down with Turning Point and other charities to work together with providing space into 2022 but bookings generally are down from what we would expect as a result of the pandemic.

RESOLVED: That Councillors **NOTE** the report from the Assets Manager.

CW81 **Youth Council**

The Community & Youth Officer updated Councillors on the youth council event. The feedback was positive. Items considered and asked from young people included ensuring that where requests are made that this is followed through.

Cllr J Yeowell asked that the Community & Youth Officer progresses with the youth shelter and to seek external funding as a matter of urgency. The Community & Youth Officer will take this up with the Grants Manager.

Cllr D Patey asked if any feedback was received from the community meeting attendance in December. The Community & Youth Officer said that the young people felt comfortable and thanked Councillors for the invitation and for making them feel welcome. Cllr D Patey suggested that young people be invited quarterly to the meetings as a regular agenda item.

RESOLVED: That Councillors **NOTE** the update from the Community & Youth Officer.

CW82 **Community Plan & Grants**

The Grant Manager confirmed that the Community Plan was approved at Full Council on 15th December 2021. The Grants Manager suggested to Councillors that we now consider how to implement the plan.

The Grants Manager advised that progression continues to me made with working through the Youth Zone programme at SBC. SBC have been advised to consider youth work holistically as other elements of work are being considered at Moredon and elsewhere, not to focus entirely in the town centre.

RESOLVED: That Councillors **NOTE** the report from the Grants Manager.

CW83**Press & Marketing Officer**

The Press & Marketing Officer provided an update on Social Media statistics:

Facebook engagements up 40% month on month.

Page follows up 25% month on month.

There are two pending Press Releases to the Swindon Advertiser, one on the Community Outdoor Gym & the new Accessibly Play Area.

The Clerk asked if the Press & Marketing Officer can look into why some areas are being missed and to obtain a copy of the GPS data.

The Clerk also reminded Councillors of the Crimestoppers launch with the Police & Crimestoppers SW representatives.

The Clerk also asked if more work can be done on supporting Councillors through the SBC Purdah process to ensure compliance. It was agreed a meeting between the Press & Marketing Officer, Clerk and Committee chair would take place in January for February inclusion at Full Council.

RESOLVED: That Councillors **NOTE** the report from the Press & Marketing Officer.

CW84**Budget Update**

The Head of Finance & Governance presented options 1, 3B & 4 as recommended by Finance & General Purposes.

Cllr D Patey noted that Libraries & Leisure Grant Option 1, needs amending to £52,000 to match options 3B & 4. This was noted.

RESOLVED: That Councillors **NOTE** the report from the Head of Finance & Governance.

Meeting concluded at 20.36.