

## **CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 8.30pm via Zoom Link.

**Present** Cllr J. Yeowell (Chair)

Cllr P. Exell (Online)  
Cllr D. Patey (Online)  
Cllr M Beale (Online)  
Cllr S Exell (Online)

**Officers** A Reeves (Parish Clerk)

J Edwards  
A Webb  
G Barr  
A Cripps

#### **Public Questions**

None Received.

#### **CW98 Apologies**

None Received.

#### **CW99 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

No declarations were received.

#### **CW100 Ukraine Crisis**

Cllr J Yeowell wished to pass on the committee's solidarity and thoughts with the residents of Ukraine at this challenging time.

#### **CW101 Community & Youth Officers Update**

Stuart Arthur from Swindon Borough Councils Health & Wellbeing team presented a verbal update on the funded 'Park Play' initiative. This is an externally funded programme where families can engage in a different sport every Saturday morning. The concept is similar to that of Park Run but with funded staff rather than volunteers.

The event is due to start on The Circle in Pinehurst later this Spring. Councillors welcomed the initiative and thanked Stuart for his attendance.

The Community & Youth Officer presented the Community Officer update which also included the Jubilee Event Programme and the Walking For Health programme as shown in Appendix A, B & C.

Cllr S Exell noted the length of time it has taken to bring the walking for health programme to fruition and this was frustrating.

Cllr S Exell reminded Councillors that we have a large parish in terms of geography and walks should be extended beyond the environs of the Parish Offices. Cllr S Exell felt that the initiative should have been parish wide at the start as the Clerks report outlined.

The Clerk raised a concern over intellectual data in relation to reliance on the contractor for additions or changes. The risk being that price rises would be a challenge to negotiate.

The Clerk advised that should Councillors approve the walking for health mapping grant that the decision would need to be agreed at the next Full Council, due to the current meeting not being quorate.

Cllr S Exell advised that she was pleased with the quality of the Community & Youth Officers written reports issued and the increased level of detail.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillors retrospectively approve additional expenditure of £1,852.40 including VAT in respect of the existing committed project for digital mapping.

Councillors approve an additional expenditure of £954 including VAT to develop a Parish wide base map.

#### **CW102      Libraries Update**

The Libraries Manager presented a verbal update.

The CAB online programme is making slow progress but the hardware has now been purchased by the CAB and is awaiting install dates.

The Libraries Manager gave an update on the Science for Tomorrow programme which provided funded Explorer Science Domes in the Libraries. The event was an excellent success with high numbers and feedback.

The Council have now developed a good relationship with the funder who may be interested in providing other events during school holidays which Councillors encouraged.

The Art on Tour programme is making progress. Katie Ackrell from Swindon Borough Council made site assessments and we are awaiting the results of these.

It is understood the Council will be able to have a rolling display rather than fixed of approximately 5-6 paintings. It is estimated that the programme will be implemented from April 2022.

The Libraries Manager will setup the working group later this month to start the Art on Tour Programme as agreed in December 2021.

The Libraries Manager advised that Councillors and Officers would like to start fundraising efforts for the residents of Ukraine through the Ukrainian Red Cross. More planning will be made on what can be done over the next week.

Cllr S Exell suggested this Council works with other Parish Councils on a coordinated response.

The Clerk wished to express thanks to the Libraries Manager for not only securing the Adventure Dome funding and how well managed the event was.

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

**CW103      Asset Managers Update**

The Clerk read from a written report received from the Assets Manager as Appendix D.

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

**CW104      Grants Managers Update**

The Grants Manager provided a written update in Appendix E.

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

**CW105      Press & Marketing update**

The Press & Marketing Officer provided a verbal update on social media statistics.

Facebook likes up 500% Page Visits are up 300% from last month.

Cllr P Exell confirmed that an entry will be made for the Rodbourne Cheney Newsletter later this month.

The Clerk wished to thank the Press & Marketing Officer for the work given to this committee and wish the best of luck at Haydon Wick Council.

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

Meeting concluded at 21:38