

## **CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 7.00pm at the Pinehurst Reading Rooms & Zoom link.

**Present** Cllr J Yeowell (Chair)  
Cllr M Beale  
Cllr P. Exell (Virtual)  
Cllr D Patey (Vice Chair) (Virtual)

**Officers** A Briggs (Clerk)  
A Cripps  
A Webb (Virtual)  
M Johnston (Virtual)  
G Barr (Virtual)

Meeting started – 7pm  
Meeting noted as not quorate.

#### **CW154 Apologies**

None Received

Cllr Steph Exell (Dispensation until Jan 2023.)

#### **CW155 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

Cllr Beale declared an interest in the Penhill Orchard and Leisure & Library Trust.

#### **CW156 Public Questions**

None Received

#### **CW157 “Warm Bank” Update**

The Libraries Manager provided a verbal update to the proposed Warm Spaces programme:

1. Warm Spaces program had been launched, as of 02.11.22
2. Information about the locations and opening times had been published on the Parish website and distributed in noticeboards.
3. Dedicated CSNPC web resource now available.
4. Positive initial social media response.
5. Program of social media posts to follow.
6. Swindon Borough Council working on collaborative signposting, CSNPC will link up with this piece of work.
7. Meeting held on 27.10.22 with committee managed centres to discuss the idea and their intentions.
8. CSNPC have applied for £1,400.00 worth of grant funding to support the project.



The Centre Manager informed the group that following a meeting with the People of Penhill (POP) , they have agreed to facilitate a warm space session at John Moulton Hall on Thursdays.

Cllr M Beale asked whether the opening times had been posted on the Parish Website.

**Action** – Libraries Manager to update information on Libraries website.

**RESOLVED:** Councillors **NOTED** the report.

**CW158**

**Grant Funding Update**

The Grants Manager presented an associated report. A copy of which can be found in Annex A.

1. Awards for All – Dementia Café successfully received £8,640k grant funding. Minimum 12 months worth of operating costs.
2. Alpkit foundation - Walking project – unsuccessful.
3. Successful in applying for a £65k for a food poverty programme with Parish setting up a Crop drop programme (allotment surplus), working alongside Nightshelter, Gorse Hill Baptist church, Salvation Army an Foodcycle. Bid includes 12 month post at £32k; to decide how to use funds including fridges/storage for partners and coordinated training courses. Project linked to the Feeding Swindon Partnership. Currently working with partners to formalise the delivery.
4. Swindon Cycle Campaign – applied for £8-10k to deliver 4 x no' cycling workshops – application in progress.
5. Salix 3b funding closed 31.09.22 – No Parish application submitted due to the level of technical detail required in submission. Grants Manager submitted feedback to the funder.
6. Available Youth Funding – Youth & Community Officer tasked with completing an outcomes document that links with Parish Vision, to enable future grant funding submissions.

The Estates Manager provided information relating to the investigation around completing energy efficiency audits for Parish buildings.

Cllr D Patey commented on the use of a large proportion of the food poverty funding on staffing costs, and Cllr M Beale queried if the monies wasn't spent on staffing would it need to be returned to the funder.

Discussion was held on the use of the funding to support existing resource and support the partners.

The Grants Manager advised further information on delivery, would be received from the Partners shortly.

The Grants Manager advised an event was taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> November, for a Swindon Street Muriel walking tour. All welcomed to attend.

Cllr J Yeowell thanked the Grants Manager for her work.

**RESOLVED:** Members **NOTED** the report.

**CW159**

**Budget 2023/24 Review**

The Estates Manager presented the CW 23/24 budget proposal, as it was considered by the Finance Committee on 01.11.22.

Members commented on the organisation of a 'beer festival' event, and raised concerns over the promotion of an event focused on the sale of alcohol.

The Libraries Manager referred to a similar event, that had been held local and commented on its success.

Cllr D Patey queried the funding for the dementia café.

The Estates Manager referred to the successful funding bid the café had just received. It was explained the café was still receiving a very small amount of Parish funding. However, that the coordinator would be tasked with securing external funding ongoing as to ensure its continued delivery.

Members noted the 23/24 Budget proposal.

**RESOLVED:** Members **NOTED** the 23/24 Budget proposal as drafted. With further consideration required before the facilitation of a Beer Festival event.

**CW160**

**Community & Youth Officer Update**

The Community & Youth Officer presented an update on his current workload. A copy of the report can be found in Annex B.

- **October half term** presented.
- **Community Café** opened 17.10.11. Well received and used over the first couple of weeks. income / expenditure report to be presented to future Finance Committee.
- **Christmas Trips** presented.
- **Work Experience** 2 x young persons attending the Parish for 2 weeks from inner flame, to complete their work experience.

The youth worker explained what the abbreviation NEET meant.

**RESOLVED:** Members **NOTED** the report.

**CW161**

**Walking For Health**

The Community & Youth Officer advised a response had only just been received from Pindar regarding the way markers, due to the person being on holiday.

The Estates Manager asked for an update on delivery.



Members were advised that once the URL codes were received, posts would be installed around the parish, marking out the walking routes.

It was confirmed social media, website info and coms would be in place promoting the walks once the markers were in place.

A Webb left the meeting at 7.40pm

**RESOLVED:** Members **NOTED** the update.

**CW162      Assets Manager Update**

The Community Centres Manager provided a verbal update on Community Centre usage.

**CW163      JMH**

- In discussion with Ed Brown, New College. Regarding use of JMH for courses. Awaiting response.
- Craft Fair held by People of Penhill (POP) – held 15.10.22
- Halloween Party held by POP
- Arranging a Christmas party (TBC) – 16.12.22.

**CW164      PTCC**

- Information day at PTCC held 26.11.22, very well attended and received.
- Silver Saturday, high tea (free event). Over 80 in attendance. Excellent feedback on the event received.
- McMillian Coffee Morning held – raised £119.
- Christmas Craft fare to be held 19.11.22
- Food Cycle are looking to provide free hot meals. Starting 24.11.22, every Thursday 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Project linked to Grant funding – will receive £800.00 to cover utilities.
- Better With Music event – safe space for victims of domestic abuse – To be held 26.11.22
- Christmas Lunch for up to 50 people over age of 55. To be held 03.12.22.
- Circle Café requested to provide buffet lunch for an event on 09.11.22

Dolphin Pub coffee morning attendees taken to Bourton on the Water – well attended and received. Arranging a follow up Christmas trip to Marlborough Market.

**RESOLVED:** Members **NOTED** the report.

**CW165      Libraries Update**

The Libraries Manager provided a verbal update. Including;

- Library staff and usage.
- Warm Spaces project, including website updates.
- Cost of living project, support information.
- St Marks lighting project – complete. Switch on event to be held 08.11.22. All welcomed to attend.
- Awaiting outcome response from Westmill Solar Operative for £5k grant



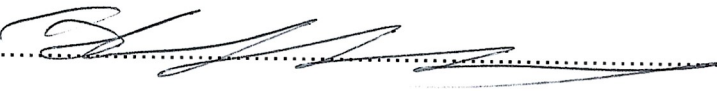
submission. Applied for by trust, to support lighting project at Moredon Library.

- In discussion with Natural Literacy Trust about promotion of literacy and reading across the Parish.

A brief discussion was held on potential future events.

**RESOLVED:** Members **NOTED** the report.

**Meeting concluded at 20.01**

Signed.....

Date.....15/02/2023

Chair of the Community Wellbeing Committee

