

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2022 7.00pm at the Pinehurst Reading Rooms & Zoom link.

Present Cllr J Yeowell
Cllr M Beale

Virtual Cllr P. Exell

In Attendance: Cllr M Lucas

Officers A Reeves (Parish Clerk)
M Johnston
A Cripps
A Webb
G Barr (Virtual)

CW132 **Public Questions**

None.

CW133 **Apologies**

Cllr Dave Patey

Cllr Steph Exell (Dispensation until October 2022.)

CW134 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

Cllr Beale declared an interest in the Penhill Orchard.

CW135 **Quorum**

The Clerk advised that the meeting was inquorate.

The Chair advised the meeting that on advice of the Clerk, no binding resolutions can be made, items would need to be taken to Full Council on 21st September 2022.

CW136 **Warm Spaces**

The Libraries Manager presented a PowerPoint on the proposed Warm Spaces programme shown as **APPENDIX A.**

Cllr M Beale felt that the programme would only work in the daytime as most people will make their own arrangements to keep warm in the evenings and the programme should focus on the coldest months of December-March.

Cllr P Exell supported the project but not to extend the hours into the evenings; Cllr P Exell felt it will be too cold and dark. Cllr P Exell also felt Ward Allowances should not be used to fund the project and a corporate fund

should instead be allocated.

The Clerk confirmed he felt the Ward Allowance procedure terms were met with the spend request, but as the issue was corporate it was more a matter of the issue affecting the entire Parish rather than one area; it could be considered unfair for one Ward Member to use allowance for a corporate wide challenge.

RESOLVED: That Council approves the use of Moredon Library, Pinetrees Community Centre & John Moulton Hall to deliver a Warm Spaces offer subject to Councillors reviewing the scope of hours at each venue, central government energy intervention and year to date usage.

The Clerk is to liaise with non-parish asset managers to create a collaborative network of potential warm spaces.

The item should be taken to Full Council to ensure all Councillors are aware of the programme.

CW137

Heritage Grant & Grants Update

The Grants Manager presented a report shown as **APPENDIX B**.

Cllr P Exell asked if the SALIX grant included Solar Panels. The Grants Manager advised she will respond to Cllr Exell once the specification has been read.

RESOLVED: Councillors **NOTED** the report.

CW138

Community Cafe

The Community & Youth Officer presented a financial summary indicator and report shown as **APPENDIX C**.

Cllr M Beale asked how volunteers would be recruited and trained. The Community & Youth worker advised Olive Tree would provide volunteers and training from a volunteer pool. In return Olive Tree would be able to use the facilities for their own training.

Cllr M Beale felt again this was another Pinetrees centric project.

Cllr P Exell raised concerns on initial year one funding and that the project isn't provided in the 2022/23 budget.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the initial cost is projected to be cost neutral, but the cost could be incurred if volunteers couldn't be retained. The Clerk suggested a buffer ceiling provision of £10,000 may be wise in case the volunteer model fails in part.

RESOLVED: Councillors **NOTED** the report and will make a recommendation to proceed with reopening the Community Café on October 1st 2022 to Full Council on 21st September 2022.

The Head of Finance & Governance will seek a provisional £10,000 from the existing budget codes.

CW139 Community & Youth Officer Update

The Community & Youth Officer provided a verbal update on the Summer programme progress.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the report.

CW140 Walking For Health

The Community & Youth Officer presented the final walking maps.

The way markers will be installed in October.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the update and to name the walks Rodbourne Ramble, Moredon Meander, Gorse Hill Gallop, Penhill Pedestrian & Pinehurst Tree Trail.

CW141 Assets Manager Update

The Assets Manager provided a verbal update on Community centre usage.

Cllr J Yeowell asked if JMH usage has increased. The Assets Manager advised the Church group have increased bookings.

CW142 Signposting

Cllr J Yeowell asked that third party signposting is prominent on the new website and within social media. This should also be extended to within Community Centres as we head towards a financially challenging winter.

Meeting concluded at 20:58

Signed.....



Date.....

15/02/2023

Chair of the Community Wellbeing Committee

