

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st March 2023 7.00pm
at the READING ROOMS, Pinehurst.

Present Cllr J. Yeowell
Cllr D. Patey
Cllr P. Exell (Virtually)
Cllr M. Beale
Cllr. A Fernandes

Officers A Reeves
A Webb

CW **Public Questions**

An update on the Moredon Youth Project was received from James Reeves. Cllrs NOTED the update and thanked James and his team for the work taking place.

Councillors welcomed the opportunity to receive evidence-based reports from the new scheme and these will be incorporated into future Community Wellbeing agendas.

CW **Apologies**

No apologies received. Cllr P Exell joined the meeting at 19.11.

CW **Warm Bank Update**

The Libraries Manager was on Annual Leave and a written report was presented to Councillors by the Clerk. This is shown as **APPENDIX A**.

Councillors **NOTED** the Libraries Managers report.

CW **Community & Youth Officer Update**

The Community & Youth Officer presented a report shown as **APPENDIX B**.

An additional update was provided on the joint Parish/Community Policing roadshow which will take place until Purdah. The next meeting is on 13th March 2023 at Penhill. A number of issues have been raised but most centre on e-scooters and anti-social behaviour.

The ward allowance funded Hygiene supply shop has been well received. Suggestions were made to expand the shop to other areas.

Cllr M Beale felt that Moredon isn't getting the same attention to such initiatives and more should be done to ensure it is not just Penhill & Pinehurst considered for such expenditure.



Cllr A Fernandes offered to provide support.

Councillors **NOTED** the Community & Youth Officer report.

CW

Community Café

The Community & Youth Officer presented a written update shown as **APPENDIX C**.

Cllr D Patey asked that the Google link is updated as it currently shows the café as closed. The Youth Officer will register the details with Google.

CW

Coffee Machine

The Community & Youth Officer presented a written report shown as **APPENDIX D**.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the purchase of a new real bean coffee machine for £4,189.

The purchase is on the condition the Community & Youth Officer negotiates a further discount where possible, although the £4,189 remains the permissible ceiling to enable purchase.

The Community & Youth Officer will need to confirm the budget code and clarity on terms & conditions on warranties by email.

CW181

Walking For Health

The Clerk advised the marketing & promotion week had started with a video from both the CW Chair & Community & Youth Officer, followed later by a technical users video by the Clerk.

The Community & Youth Officer confirmed the waymarkers are in place for Gorse Hill & Moredon with Penhill being installed this week.

CW182

Assets Manager

The Assets Manager was unwell, and a report was not available this week.

CW183

Grants Manager Update

Although not on the agenda, the Community Wellbeing Chair permitted this item as the Grants Manager had returned to work after being on a two month break.

The Grants Manager advised the Food Poverty project had progressed in her absence. This year there will be a Greater focus on Youth Service funding. There are a number of funding streams being investigated this year and a further update will be provided to Councillors at the next meeting.

Cllr J Yeowell asked if there are any pending grants. The Grants Manager advised there are no live applications due to being on leave.



CW

Events Working Group

The Clerk presented the draft Terms of Reference for the Committee, this is shown as **APPENDIX E**.

Councillors **NOTED** the Terms of Reference.

CW

Community Minibus

The Chair agreed to hear this item at the request of Cllr D Patey.

Cllr D Patey asked if the Minibus guidance could be amended to allow the rental of the vehicle for third parties if they provided their own insurance and indemnities.

The Clerk advised against this for two reasons:

- i. The Council would be unable to manage who was driving the vehicle, even if due diligence is completed at handover. The Council would also find it difficult to manage road traffic breaches such as speeding tickets & bus gate fines. The Council would effectively become a vehicle lease arm, which we are not set up to manage.
- ii. Secondly, Council would have no say over what the vehicle was being used for if the original intent is changed by the third party hirer. For example, a Parish Council branded vehicle could be in attendance at an event in which Councillors would not wish to be associated such as a rally.

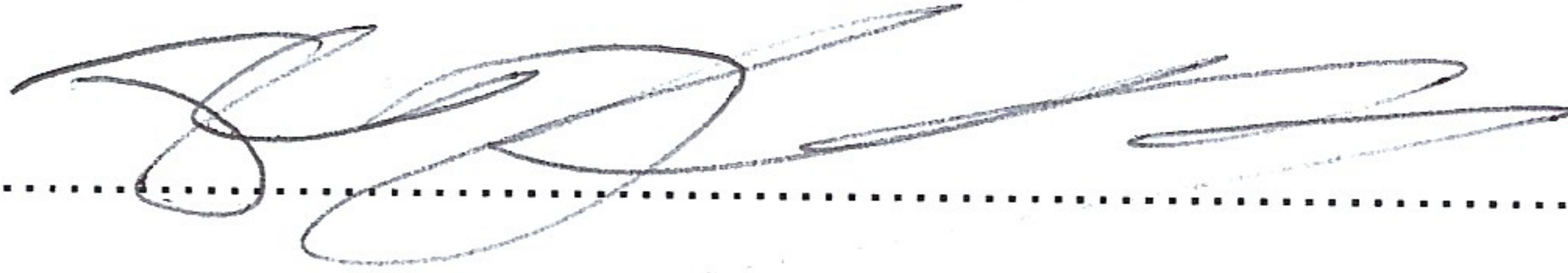
As the item is not on the agenda, Councillors agreed to bring the protocol back for discussion to the Community Wellbeing Committee in April 2023 with a view for policy approval later that month.

The Clerk suggested a MiDAS qualified 'Dial a Ride' system run by volunteers could be the best solution for expansion of minibus use.

Cllr M Beale agreed with the Clerk.

RESOLVED: Councillors **NOTED** the report.

Cllr J Yeowell closed the meeting at 20.30

Signed.....

Date.....19/04/2023

Chair of the Community Wellbeing Committee