

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL
COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 7.30pm
at the READING ROOMS, Pinehurst.

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

Officers A Reeves v.
M Johnston
A Cripps
A Webb

Dispensation (Section 85, Local Government Act 1972).
Cllr S Exell

The Clerk advised that the meeting is inquorate.

CW175 **Public Questions**

None Received.

CW176 **Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr W Stone.

CW177 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr M Beale declared an interest in the Library Trust.

CW178 **Youth Council**

Youth Council would like to assist in the organisation of the King's Coronation in May.

Youth Council asked about additional rubbish bins to be placed within the parish. It was mentioned about using bin like ones used at Macdonalds to encourage people to use them. Like basketball net ones or footprints leading to them.

Cllr M Beale discussed an idea that an extra trip for the children if the area was kept clear.

Cllr J Yeoman discussed the need to select an area to test one in.

CW179 **Libraries & Literacy Trust Update**

Aaron Cripps discussed four points.

1. The Trust was successful in winning a grant for £5000 from the Westmill Solar Grant, which will be used to replace fluorescent strip lighting with LED lighting in Moredon library. This will contribute to energy saving and work is due to commence on the 16th January 2023.
2. With support from the National Literacy Trust a local author called Neil Griffiths will be coming in to Pinetrees, Moredon and Penhill for storytelling week.
3. SDFC is supporting an event at Pinetrees, Moredon and Penhill around Easter weekend aimed at KS2. Helen Shell will be coming in to do workshops based around science and literacy. Dates to be confirmed.
4. The National Literacy Trust is trying to source more volunteers to run regular story times.

CW180

Community Café

The Community Officer presented the Month Two Café Income and Expense report. The Café continues to bring a steady, strong revenue stream. The monthly income total for December 2022 was £708.39.

The Community Café now has a paid member of staff.

Cllr J Yeoman mentioned the buffet for the Memory Café on Valentines day. Aaron Webb mentioned Cllr Shelly requesting a hot meal on 28th January 2023 for the party meeting.

Cllr D Patey mentioned having a Councillor and staff meal so everyone can get to know each other put on by the café.

CW181

Community & Youth Officer Update

There is a weeklong program planned for February half-term. The Councillors were shown the plan. There is a trip planned for the Friday, voted for by the children themselves, of an educational/new skill theme. The half-term activities cover Penhill Severn Fields, Mannington, Moredon, St Marks rec and Pinehurst.

Christmas Party was well attended with over 30 people.

The Community pop up supermarket on 23rd December 2022, ran for the residents of the parish went well. The stocked a range of foods, toiletries and basic household items. The plan is to repeat on the last Friday of every month.

The WA will be spread over the whole year to support the pop-up shop. There have been some donations from supermarkets also.

Cllr P Exell mentioned about a new Tesco opening at Moredon and asking them for donations if available.

Cllr J Yeoman asked about the busiest days. Aaron Webb noted that Wednesday seemed the busiest so far.

Andy Reeves noted about the accounts side and have an identical float each day and generally streamlining the accounts side.

Cllr M Beale asked about outreach to those unable to get in on their own. Aaron Webb discussed talking to John Ross about a volunteer driver, and reaching out to other people to try and organise a volunteer driver.

There is a meeting on Friday 13th January 2023 about The Food Poverty Programme with The Salvation Army and night shelter, with an aim to get the project up and running for the start of April. It will be run by them and we will oversee.

The uncomfortable bench was discussed and possible solutions.

CW182

Walking For Health

Community map Gorse Hill gallop signs are here, and John Carey and Aaron Webb will look into installing the way markers in the next couple of weeks. The labels were shown to the camera.

CW183

Assets Managers Update

Michaela Johnston discussed JMH and Pinetrees.

Ed Brown from New College said the Christmas craft workshop was well attended and was a success, and they currently have 16 people signed up for the Beauty workshop in January. Ed has also booked another course in May (Beauty) and is looking to start some Arts based courses and continue working with us at JMH.

Rosa from Madanu (contractor for SBC) has booked JMH for 2 courses in March;

- 5 steps to Wellbeing Meet and greet for information and enrolments: Thursday 9th March 10.30am – 12.30pm, then each Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm and
- Boost your confidence Meet and greet for information and enrolments: Thursday 9th March 1.30pm – 3.30pm, then each Thursday 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

Working with POP there was a children's Christmas party on December 16th, thanks to Aaron Webb for arranging the food and drink while I was on annual leave.

IPSUM mental health charity have booked JMH for arts and crafts workshops every Thursday 11am to 1.30 for the next 52 weeks.

December was a very busy month with Aaron and cooking 3 Christmas lunches for our Christmas party, Pinetrees Memory café, and our Thursday lunch club, 130 meals in all. Tesco on The Circle were amazing and gifted us with Turkeys, veg, Christmas pudding, crackers, and chocolates for 50 people. We had a singer, dancing from Swindon Dance, and Big sing thing choir at our Saturday Christmas party for over 55's, the feedback and comments were exceptional.

You may have heard of the Wallace and Gromit trail in Bristol some years ago, this year Swindon is having the Swindogs trail, this is for the charity Julia's House which is a children's hospice in Wiltshire and Dorset. The trail will be over some of the more prominent buildings and parks across the Town and consists of large and small dog sculptures decorated by local artists and schools, and I am pleased to say Pinetrees, and St Marks Park have been chosen to have a large sculpture at both locations. The

trail starts mid-July and runs for 6 weeks, meaning both locations should see an increase in footfall.

Rosa from Madanu has booked Pinetrees for 2 courses' in March; -
Starting on Tuesday 7th March with the information/meet and greet sessions then each Tuesday until 25th April 2023.

Splendid Soup - Meet and greet for information and enrolments: Tuesday 7th March 10.30am – 12.30pm, then each Tuesday 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Gardening – Grow your own veg/get to grips with your garden - Meet and greet for information and enrolments: Tuesday 7th March 1.30pm – 3.30pm, then each Tuesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

Gladys managed to get a grant from SAPAC for free Yoga classes. They begin in February and will be from 6-7.3pm at Pinetrees on a Monday and JMH on a Wednesday.

Cllr J Yeoman queried the bookings at JMH and the increase was discussed.

Cllr D Patey asked if we could do some sort of crossover with allotments for the gardening course.

CW184

Budget Update

The Community Wellbeing's budget for 23/24 was discussed.

Which areas weren't spending their budget, and which needed more.

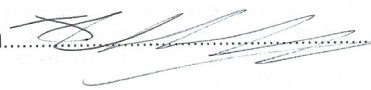
Whether the £7500 is enough for community events and how to create revenue to provide extra funding.

Fireworks displays and the beer festival were discussed.

The Coronation Event was discussed.

RESOLVED: Councillors **NOTED** the report.

Cllr J Yeowell closed the meeting at 20.45

Signed.....

Date.....26 APRIL 2023.....

Chair of the Community Wellbeing Committee