

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14TH 2023

Item 9 – To discuss and agree outcomes on suggestion to hold “Councillor drop-in sessions”

BACKGROUND

At the September 28th 2023 meeting of the Media & Publicity Advisory Committee (“M&P AC”), the subject of holding “Meet your councillors” drop-in sessions – possibly - at the Community Café to increase engagement opportunities was raised by Cllr. Sherri Johnstone.

CURRENT POSITION

It was generally felt by members of the M&P AC that this was a good idea with perhaps two councillors at a time being present on a monthly basis.

Cllr. Graham Chillcott suggested that holding such sessions the week before a Council Meeting might work best).

The dates/times of the meetings could be advertised on Facebook, newsletter, noticeboards etc.

REQUIRED ACTION

1. Members to discuss the principle of the idea and agree on whether they wish to proceed, initially on perhaps a three month trial basis.
2. If the outcome of action 1 is to proceed, members to then discuss and agree on the format of the sessions (including items such as number of councillors at each session; total time to be allocated; time for individual discussions with residents; how to record and – if relevant take forward the topics raised; etc.)

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