

MAYD JOINT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the MAYD Joint Committee held in the Austen Room, Community Hub, 30 High Street, Melbourn, SG8 6DZ at 09:30 on Wednesday, 16 March 2022

Present: Cllrs Travis (Chair) and Barnes (Melbourn Parish Council), Cllr Garner (Meldreth Parish Council), Cllr Downer (Shepreth Parish Council)

In attendance: Claire Littlewood (Clerk to Melbourn Parish Council), County Cllr van de Ven, District Cllr Hales, District Cllr Stanier (North Herts District Council), Amanda Silvester (Youth and Community Co-ordinator for South Cambs), Diana Hedley (Groundwork East)

MAYD22/21 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Hart with acceptable reasons given.

It was:

RESOLVED to accept Cllr Hart's apologies for absence.

Proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Downer. All in favour.

MAYD23/21 To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests and reasons from members of the Joint Committee on any item on the agenda.

None received.

MAYD24/21 To consider approving the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 January 2022

It was:

RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 26 January 2022 as an accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Garner, seconded by Cllr Barnes. All in favour.

MAYD25/21 Report on actions from the Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 January 2022

MAYD17/21: – Proposal and equipment list received and for consideration at MAYD27/21 and MAYD28/21: - Clerk and Cllr Travis had visited the community room before the meeting. Noted that the community room has no kitchen or storage. The room is available most evenings, hire cost is £20p/h including set up. Wi-Fi would be available via MVC. Concern was noted that the room is essentially an empty hall. Comparison was drawn with the pavilion that has kitchen facilities but no Wi-Fi. This needs to be addressed.

MAYD26/21 To receive the MAYD accounts

The accounts were received. A member noted that based Groundwork's proposal for summer and winter provision exceeds funds available. Noted that a review of how contributions are calculated may be needed in future.

MAYD27/21 To consider Groundwork's proposal for provision of youth club for 2022/23

Groundwork's proposal was presented. Noted that key activities highlighted from the youth consultation were sports and gaming. Plan to deliver summer sessions outside – only using the pavilion in bad weather. Noted that the size of the pavilion restricts numbers attending. Noted that there are currently two youth workers identified to run the sessions. Looking to recruit a third.

Discussion with regard to links with other agencies in South Cambs and/or Herts as Melbourn borders both. Agencies already working with youth clubs were noted and it was felt important that Groundwork's proposal should make reference to working with these and

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addressing specific issues and areas of interest to young people.

Discussion as to how previous challenges with regard to behaviour had been addressed. Greater parental involvement and registration process had helped. Progress was being made before Covid restrictions closed youth club. Noted that these controls would remain in place when youth club restarts.

Noted that Think Communities team has been engaging with young people in years 10 and 11 at MVC to seek their views on what they would like. An update was received with regard to Underpass Project to address a problem area within the village.

Discussion highlighted the need to consider the impact of Covid on young people's mental health. Noted difficulties in getting young people back out since lock down. Groundwork is very mindful of the significance of this ~~but~~ and will make a clear and specific reference in the proposal.

Noted that Groundwork's proposal for summer provision is based on universal service rather than being targeted at small group work focussing on specific issues. It was noted that specialist mental health support for young people is stretched beyond capacity at this time. Restarting youth club over the summer would provide an opportunity to build relationships and seek views of young people as to what they want. Also possibility of engaging with young people via the Youth Forum.

A suggestion was made that monitoring and feedback on youth club activities and progress should take place more frequently.

Discussion as to approving summer provision with some additional funding to fund increased reporting and liaison with Youth Forum.

ACTIONS:

- Groundwork to update the proposal to include focus on mental health and more regular written updates on youth club activities with quarterly meeting attendance.
- Amanda Silvester to send details of Youth Forum to Diana Hedley who was invited to join this group.

It was:

RESOLVED to accept Groundwork's proposal for provision of youth club services over the summer (April to July 2022) in the sum of £7,660 + VAT with discretion to approve additional expenditure up to a total of £10,000 (including the cost of summer provision) to cover the cost of additional reporting and liaison with Youth Forum. Any additional costs to be approved by the Joint Committee.

Proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Garner. All in favour.

MAYD28/21

To further consider and discuss setting up a gaming café

Groundwork's proposal and costing for setting up a gaming café were considered and discussed. Lack of space in the pavilion was noted – maximum capacity of 20. Discussion with regard to extending existing community spaces. A member noted opportunities for securing s106 monies for this in future. Also noted solar farm monies to be used for community benefit projects.

Wi-Fi connection is essential. Groundwork's equipment list would allow for 8 young people to participate at a time. It was agreed that access to kitchen facilities is important at a time when some families are experiencing food poverty.

Other locations were discussed. Important to promote the gaming café to provide good value. This could be done over the summer sessions. Discussion with regard to seeking support from local businesses to purchase equipment to set up gaming café. A member suggested asking for donations of gaming equipment from local community.

Decision on winter provision to be deferred pending feedback from young people over the

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summer. It was agreed in principle that, subject to the installation of a Wi-Fi link to the Pavilion and acquisition of gaming hardware/software, it was feasible to test gaming as a focus interest using the Pavilion. Depending on the outcome this could inform future plans.

Discussion that the village might need a better and larger space that was suitable for provision of different youth services such as MAYD and other organisations such as Scouts and Cadets.

ACTIONS:

- Clerk to provide information on how much solar farm money has been received and distributed to date.
- Clerk to progress Wi-Fi connection to the pavilion
- Clerk to check ownership of Cadet Hut

MAYD29/21 To accept notices and matters for the future agendas.

- a) Suggestions from Young People at Youth Club
- b) Suggestions from Councillors
- c) Suggestions from Members of the Public

Amanda Silvester offered to deliver Children's Youth Worker Training to all members of the Joint Committee. Sessions would be face to face over 2-3 hours. Amanda Silvester noted importance of inviting feedback from youth people at MAYD meetings if possible.

ACTION:

- Clerk to liaise with Amanda Silvester and the Joint Committee on a suitable date for a training opportunity.

MAYD30/21 To consider dates for future meetings

Wednesday, 27 April 2022 / Wednesday, 25 May 2022 at 09:30

The meeting closed at 11:01