

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, 26 January 2022

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

In attendance: Claire Littlewood (Clerk to Melbourn Parish Council), Cllr Stanier (North Herts District Council) Diana Hedley (Groundwork) – via Zoom

Cllr Travis was delayed. Cllr Hart took the chair and opened the meeting.

MAYD12/21 To receive any apologies for absence

Post meeting note: Apologies were received from County Cllr van de Ven and Amanda Sylvester.

MAYD13/21 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.

MAYD14/21 To consider approving the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 June 2021

It was:

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 15 June 2021 as an accurate record.

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

MAYD15/21 Report on actions from the Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 June 2021

There was nothing to report.

MAYD16/21 To note an email decision relating to Groundwork's proposal for a Youth Consultation 2021

This was noted.

[09:40 Cllr Travis joined the meeting and took the chair]

MAYD17/21 To discuss and consider Groundwork's report on the Youth Consultation and proposals for future youth club activities

Diana Hedley provided an overview of the report. Noted that the consultation was successful with video presentation being well received. Groundwork were unable to deliver 3 sessions due to covid restrictions (invoice adjusted accordingly). No response from KJA in Royston following request to consult students. Some consultation was online which allowed students outside of MVC to participate.

Outcomes of the consultation were discussed. Noted that obstacles to attendance include transport and location.

Discussion as to Groundwork's suggestions for future delivery.

- The suggestion of a Gaming Café was well received and noted this may provide opportunities for addressing online safety as well as gaming.
- Cooking activities always popular but would depend on facilities available.
- Sports and outside activities good options for summer months.

Some areas for further discussion:

Sports

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- Schools may already offer sports activities through after school clubs – youth club needs to offer something more such as coaching or multi-sports.
- Noted that young people’s responses did not suggest a preference for specific sports and that interest may be in spectating as well as participating in sports.

Noted that timing of youth club is an important factor. Younger students seem to prefer activities directly after school. Need to ensure youth club is not seen as simply an extension of after school clubs.

Gaming Café:

- Noted that young people use gaming as a social activity – this would also offer opportunities for addressing online safety.
- Locations were discussed and it was noted that the pavilion does not currently have wifi but other venues may be available.
- Resources for gaming would be required. A member noted that Meldreth Covid Response Team had great success following a call for donations of laptops. Other suggestions for equipment were PS, Xbox and Switch. Good wifi would be essential.
- More traditional board games are also popular.

Noted that Groundwork have recruited a new youth worker for Melbourn. There is also one sessional worker. A further team member to be recruited prior to resuming youth club. Noted difficulties with recruiting for evening staff at this time.

Discussion as to restarting youth club. Suggested after Easter to allow for staff recruitment. Suggested that youth club should restart on a more structured basis initially with workshops etc. Other outside activities could take place as the weather improves.

Further research into options for transporting young people to other villages is required to make youth club more accessible and inclusive.

ACTIONS:

- Groundwork to submit a costed proposal for restarting youth club after Easter to cover workshops and outside activities. To be submitted by end of February 2022.
- Groundwork to provide more information on equipment required for gaming café.
- Clerk to check prices for various gaming consoles and controllers.
- Clerk to check availability of MVC community room and arrange to visit with Diana Hedley.

MAYD18/21 To receive the MAYD accounts

The accounts as at 31 May 2021 were received. Noted that youth club activities have been suspended due to covid.

MAYD19/21 To consider approving payment of Groundwork’s invoices for:

- a) - youth consultation

It was:

RESOLVED to approve payment of Groundwork’s invoice 8693 for carrying out the youth consultation in the sum of £2,387.59 + VAT.

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

- b) - preparatory work for holiday provision

- c) - meeting attendance on 15 June 2021

It was:

RESOLVED to approve payment of Groundwork’s invoice 8694 for preparatory work for holiday provision and meeting attendance on 15 June 2021 in the sum of £488.10 + VAT.

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

MAYD20/21 To accept notices and matters for the future agendas.

a) Suggestions from Young People at Youth Club
None received

b) Suggestions from Councillors
Cllr Garner suggested further discussion with regard to gaming café.

c) Suggestions from Members of the Public
None received

MAYD21/21 To consider dates for future meetings

ACTION: Clerk to circulate dates for late March/early April

The meeting closed at 10:47

Signed:.....
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