

**MAYD JOINT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Minutes of the MAYD Joint Committee held in the Austen Room, Community Hub, 30 High Street,
Melbourn, SG8 6DZ at 14:00 on Tuesday, 7 March 2023

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

In attendance: Sophie Marriage (Clerk to Melbourn Parish Council), Diana Hedley and Emily Ankers (Groundwork East),

MAYD46/22 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies received from County Cllr Van de Ven, District Cllr Stanier, and Amanda Silvester.

It was RESOLVED to approve apologies for absence from County Cllr Van de Ven, District Cllr Stanier, and Amanda Silvester.

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

MAYD47/22 To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests and reasons from members of the Joint Committee on any item on the agenda.

Cllr Barnes declared a pecuniary interest in item MAYD57/22.

MAYD48/22 To consider approving the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2022

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2022 as an accurate record.

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

MAYD49/22 Report on actions from the Meeting held on 14 December 2022

None received.

MAYD50/22 To receive the MAYD accounts

The MAYD accounts were received. It was noted that the winter provision had not yet been invoiced by Groundwork East, but the forecasted figure did include the expenditure for the winter provision. It was noted that the Shepreth contribution is also outstanding but is included in the forecasted figure.

MAYD51/22 To receive an update on youth club activities

Between November 2022 and March 2023 the average attendance per session is 6 young people. Groundwork are investigating how to best advertise sessions through the school and are exploring the option of holding assemblies to make young people aware of the service. It was noted that the pavilion limits numbers due to its size and location. It was noted that a gaming café is known to be wanted by the young people and currently this cannot be offered. Groundwork's winter provision is due to run until the end of March.

The Committee and Groundwork staff was in basic agreement that, while those young people attending sessions were very content with what was being offered, the very low number of attendees was not financially sustainable without some kind of significant change.

MAYD52/22 To discuss and consider Groundwork's proposal for 2023/24

Groundwork presented a proposal to run a gaming café for £24,421+VAT for the year.

It was noted that MAYD does not have the finances to fund the proposal for 2023/24 and the delivery model would require change to facilitate the proposal. The provision of gaming equipment would be needed for the proposal. It was noted that a "project re-launch" would help to increase interest and awareness of MAYD and its activities. A solution has been identified to have Wi-Fi in the pavilion. The capacity of the Wi-Fi solution needs to be checked to ensure that it can support multiple game-playing at one time.

It was agreed to allow the present contract with Groundwork to complete to the end of March but not renew at this point. This will allow the case for a gaming café to be properly investigated and prepared. Committee noted their thanks for Groundwork's work and contributions. However, gaming equipment and funding for this needs to be in place for a

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new contract to be considered.

Other locations are to be investigated to see if they are more appropriate than the pavilion to host a gaming café. It was noted that as the proposed device providing Wi-Fi would be portable so changing to a possibly more suitable location would not cause an issue.

MAYD53/22 To receive an update on the equipment list for the gaming café

The list for the gaming café was considered. It was noted that all the equipment on the list is not needed at once to facilitate the commencement of the gaming café.
ACTION: Groundwork to group the equipment list into distinct groups for funding purposes.

MAYD54/22 To receive an update on possible grant funding for the gaming café

Groundwork has applied for a grant of £1,000 to purchase some of the equipment for the gaming café. It was noted that local companies might wish to donate the equipment or money to purchase equipment for the gaming café. Other grant funding was discussed such as the SCDC Community Chest grant.

ACTION : Clerk to draft a letter requesting support from local companies to fund the purchase of equipment for the gaming café.

ACTION: Chair to consider the Community Chest Grant route to supplement funding.

MAYD55/22 To receive an update on the Connections Bus

It was noted that it would be good to have the connections bus in place while Groundwork's proposal is not running so that there is something available to young people and the success of the connection bus can be monitored. The connection bus has the ability to move locations so could be situated in other villages.

ACTION: Clerk to check:

- The cost of the bus for the summer term
- The availability of the bus
- The capacity of the bus
- The possible locations for the bus

It was noted that if the Connections Bus was successful that the bus could be a summer provision and that the gaming café carried out by Groundwork could be a winter provision.

MAYD56/22 To discuss and consider the request to partner with NCS

It was noted that the initiative is worthwhile but unfortunately MAYD does not have the resources to facilitate a role as a partner with NCS.

ACTION: Clerk to write to NCS declining the partnership for this year

MAYD57/22 To discuss and consider contributing to the community "Wonderpass" art project

The "Wonderpass" art project was discussed. Groundwork agreed to work with the young people currently attending the youth club to create a contribution.

ACTION: Clerk to send the project guide and poster to Groundwork. Clerk to ensure that Groundwork have the contact information for the organisers of the project.

MAYD58/22 To accept notices and matters for the future agendas.

- a) Suggestions from Young People at Youth Club

None received.

- b) Suggestions from Councillors

A member suggested that MAYD could put together a leaflet to publicise its function and activities to be shared at community events, such as the upcoming Coronation events, to make residents aware of its role and increase the amount MAYD publicity.

- c) Suggestions from Members of the Public

None received.

(Cllr Davey left the meeting at 15:11)

MAYD59/22 To note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled once cost of the Connections Bus has been confirmed.

Meeting closed at 15:14