

MAYD09 23) Connections bus Update

Hi Sophie

I am told the bus will be ready at the end of next week to go for MOT which gives me the summer to get the inside cleaned up and equipped. So yes think September is possible.

We have managed to recruit a lead youthworker/driver who will also be working on other sessions for us (he comes with good experience both in schools and with the YMCA). I will start recruitment for sessional youth workers tomorrow, which should give us time.

I think Tuesdays at 7pm would make sense (12 Sept provisional). Can you confirm which villages you are thinking of putting on the rota and initial suggestions of where the bus might park?

Some of those board games might be appropriate. Could we arrange sometime for me to pop over and have a look at what there is?

We could make use of the food budget to provide a weekly food activity. This can be limited in the bus but we have found a few things that work. That way the young people would be involved in preparation and also get something health to eat (not so keen on giving out free sweets!). What sort of budget are we looking at and we can maybe spread it over the whole term.

Hi Alan,

I hope you are well. We have a MAYD committee meeting on 25th July and the connections bus will be discussed.

So, a few questions if you don't mind:

- Is September still looking like the start date?
- Are Tuesdays 4-6pm or 7-9pm and Fridays 4-6pm or 7-9pm still the available sessions?
- We have board games and resources from previous youth clubs in the village. Would these items be useful on the bus?
- We understand that there is a tuck shop on board. Within our budget we have some money ringfenced for expenditure on food at youth events. Would it be possible (and do you think that it is advisable) to use some of the money we have ringfenced to subsidise the tuck shop or make items free for the first few sessions to attract young people to the sessions?

Thanks so much again for all your help.

Many thanks
Sophie

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Parish Clerk

From: Connections Bus Project <admin@connectionsbusproject.org.uk>

Sent: 19 June 2023 12:26

To: 'parishclerk' <parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Connections Bus - Melbourn

Hi Sophie

Of course.

Alan

From: parishclerk <parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 12:18 PM
To: 'Connections Bus Project' <admin@connectionsbusproject.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Connections Bus - Melbourn

Hi Alan,

Thanks for the update. That's great news!

Thank you for sharing this. Are you happy for me to share it with committee?

Many thanks

Sophie

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From: Connections Bus Project <admin@connectionsbusproject.org.uk>
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Subject: RE: Connections Bus - Melbourn

Hi Sophie

Just a quick update.

Work is progressing (new tyres fitted last week) on the bus and we have a couple of important interviews for new staff coming up, so still looking at starting in September 2023.

In the meantime, we completed a user survey of young people using our clubs and buses. I thought it might be of use/interest to you. Please see attached.

Many Thanks
Alan

From: parishclerk <parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 9:00 AM
To: 'Connections Bus Project' <admin@connectionsbusproject.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Connections Bus - Melbourn

Hi Alan,

Thank you so much for your quick reply.

That's understandable – have you noticed a change in attendance depending on the time of the sessions?

Many thanks
Sophie

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From: Connections Bus Project <admin@connectionsbusproject.org.uk>
Sent: 05 June 2023 15:12
To: 'parishclerk' <parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Connections Bus - Melbourn

Hi Sophie

Yes, realistically I think September start is most likely.

It looks like possible slots will be

Tuesdays 4-6pm or 7-9pm

Fridays 4-6pm or 7-9pm

Although both will be dependent on staff recruitment. We have started this process alongside repairing the youth bus. 4pm sessions have traditionally been more difficult to recruit for.

It is not possible to transport young people on the youth bus.

Thanks for your patience.

Alan

From: parishclerk <parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 3:02 PM

To: 'Connections Bus Project' <admin@connectionsbusproject.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Connections Bus - Melbourn

Hi Alan,

I hope you are well.

How is the connections bus getting on? I am presuming that it is still being worked on?

MAYD is obviously still very interested in the initiative, and I understand that giving timings is difficult, but the committee is trying to plan ahead. With about 6 weeks left of the summer term, is it unlikely to have any sessions before the summer holidays? We understand that sessions do not normally take place in the holidays, as they might not be successful because children are away, so is it looking more likely for a September start date? The committee is quite flexible with timings, so just let us know what you think will work best.

Once we have a start date, do you have an idea about timeslots/days for the bus to visit? Also, at our last meeting someone asked if children can be transported on the bus? We assumed no, but thought I would mention it in case we are wrong.

Sorry again for all the questions! And thanks for your help.

Many thanks

Sophie

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