

Melbourne Parish Council

F N Hill - Parish Clerk, 4 Beaumont Close, Barrow on Trent, Derbyshire, DE73 1HQ



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Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Melbourne Parish Council held at 7:30pm Tuesday 8th August 2011 at the Bill Shone Leisure Centre High Street Melbourne to consider the future running of the Bill Shone Leisure Centre

No.	Minute
1	Present: Cllr N Collyer (Chairman) Cllr Carpenter Carroll Dunnicliff Earp Hicklin Howard Jackson Minifie Parker Sharp Smith the Clerk and one member of the Public
2	Apologies – Cllr Crawford Freeman & Heafield
3	<p>The future running of the Bill Shone Leisure Centre</p> <p>The Chairman reminded the Members that a sub committee of the Parish Council and the running Officers of the SDDC had been holding meetings since November 2009 with members of the Melbourne Community Group Ltd (MCGL) concerning their wish to take over the running of the Leisure Centre from the Parish Council There had also been a Public Meeting during this period</p> <p>The PC Working Group (consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of Leisure and Vice of Leisure) and SDDC are now happy that the MCGL has plans and commitment to ensure a successful take over and future running of the Centre</p> <p>Cllr Howard felt the PC had done a good job with the day to day administration but had not been good at developing it into a facility for the community</p> <p>Cllr Carroll felt the MCGL should be given the opportunity as it has the enthusiasm and innovative ideas</p> <p>Cllr Smith noted the SDDC favour community groups situations like this because they can target funds which a PC can not</p> <p>Cllr Earp felt a community group offers more opportunities to the users and has an enthusiasm to improve the Centre</p> <p>Cllr Carpenter noted there is a 3 months rolling notice to finish the lease at any time</p> <p>Cllr Jackson noted the MCGL members would not be taking a salary and that any surplus would be re - invested into the Centre and that the grant from the SDDC would not be increased and the MCGL would be a Company Limited By Guarantee</p>

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Cllr Smith noted the MCGL has a business plan and will immediately qualify in an 80% reduction of the £6k annual rate bill

Cllr Minifie said that since the MCGL has remained interested so long it shows their ambition

Cllr Sharpe noted the PC does not have the MCGL resource

It was noted the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council would have seats on the MCGL Board of Directors

Cllr Earp noted there should be due diligence over the transfer of contracts and obligations

The Council devolves authority to the Working Group to agree the details of the transfer

After a full and frank discussion the Parish Council resolved by 11 votes to 0 (Cllr Hicklin abstaining) that Melbourne Parish Council should transfer operations at the Bill Shone Leisure Centre to Melbourne Community Group Ltd subject only to due diligence

Target date 1st January 2012, or earlier if both parties agree

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