

Agenda Item 7: Amendment to Articles of Association

It is proposed that two amendments be made to the Articles of Association of the Melbourn Community Hub Management Group:

1. Publicity of Annual General Meetings; Article 15.4

It is proposed that a change be made removing the present mandatory requirement to publicise Annual General Meetings in the local print press, making this a matter at directors' discretion. This would reflect the changing nature of media towards more and more digital services. The amendment (Article 15.4) proposed is:

From: Notice of every annual general meeting shall also be posted on the on the Melbourn Village notice board or other conspicuous place in Melbourn and advertised in a newspaper or magazine circulating in Melbourn

To: Notice of every annual general meeting shall be notified to the Melbourn Parish Council, posted on the Melbourn Village notice board or other conspicuous place in Melbourn and advertised using appropriate media such as websites and social media platforms. At the discretion of the directors it may also be advertised in a newspaper or magazine circulating in the parish.

(Agreed at the board meeting of 26th February 2020)

2. Eligibility of Residents to Serve as Directors: Article 27.1

It is proposed that a change be made allowing a proportion of serving directors to reside in nearby villages other than in Melbourn. Part of the original justification for the Community Hub was to serve both Melbourn residents and 'spoke' (i.e. nearby surrounding) villages and communities. The amendment (Article 27.1) proposed is:

From: A director must be a natural person aged 18 years or older and normally resident in Melbourn.

To: A director must be a natural person aged 18 years or older and normally resident in Melbourn. At the discretion of directors who themselves reside in Melbourn, up to one third of directors at any time may serve if not resident in Melbourn.

(Agreed at the board meeting of 22nd January 2020)