

Community Assets and Management Working Group
Terms of Reference

The Community Hub Working Group wishes to change its name and update its ToR, in light of the new and emerging assets transfers, associated long term management implications and its intrinsic link to the community hubs original aims.

The Community Hub Working Group wishes to be formally known as the Community Assets and Management Working Group (CAMWG).

The CAMWG would like to retain its existing structure, including the current councillors but would like to invite Nirosha to join the group based on her knowledge and experience. The group would remain with Nick as Chair.

CAMWG will liaise with ABC and KCC in relation to asset transfers, including but not limited to the potential transfer of Gas House Fields Allotments, The Swan Centre, local parks and playgrounds, outdoor spaces, basket ball courts or other fitness equipment such as the outdoor gym.

CAMWG will also continue in its search for a new central office and community venue to host our community meetings. We will research and identify community facilities or services located within our parish or nearby, identify ownership, create links with such groups and ensure such facilities are being used for the benefit of our parishioners.

CAMWG will research and suggest possible changes of use for land within our parish where it no longer meets residents needs and could be better utilised for community cohesion subject to any planning restrictions and with due consultation with the P&H Committee.

CAMWG will provide regular updates to full council, which shall include recommendations, advice or guidance and will be subject to their approval and will liaise with the FGP Committee as various projects progress throughout the stages of acquisition or management.

CAMWG will seek advice from external agencies where deemed appropriate and necessary such as Kalc.

CAMWG will investigate initial costs and long term financing recommendations which will be provided to FGP Committee.

CAMWG will research external financing options such as community grants or national lottery funding to assist in offsetting costs to the tax payer, however CAMWG will acknowledge the legal duties required upon a Community Council and will not seek to diminish its legal obligations or avoid acquisitions based on the financial constraints upon all government services. We shall seek to identify legal requirements and clarify where a statutory duty requires us to complete or be responsible for a task liaising with legal advice if required.

CAMWG will investigate the transfer of local services such as street lighting or grounds maintenance providing recommendations to full council.

CAMWG will research longer term management options for assets available to the council such as trusts, associations or voluntary officer positions, look into the viability of each management style and its suitability for purpose and provide recommendations to full council.