

What's the difference between a circle of support and a microboard?

	Circle of Support	Microboard
No of meetings	Up to you to decide	Agreed number in constitution
Cost to join	Free	Membership fee - set by committee
Meeting notes	Usually recorded	Must be recorded and produced if required
Member commitment	No formal commitment	Need to commit for 12 months but can resign
Member roles	Informal, not well defined	Clearly defined roles and responsibilities
Financial records	None required	Treasurer required to keep records and have them audited for annual report each year
Member list	Kept for communication purposes	Must be kept up to date and produced if required
Expectations of members	No formal expectations	Need to commit to upholding the rules in the constitution
Legal recognition	None	Recognised as "like a person" so can open bank account, take out a loan, purchase property and so on