

Headington Community Development Association

Minutes for meeting on 29th January 2002, 19h00 Headington Hill Hall

Present

Andrew Brown
Bob Clarke
Angela Cristofoli
Jill Cummings
Mary Hope
Janet Isaac
Stephanie Jenkins
Tony Joyce
Kat Luddecke
David Rundle
Arthur Treherne

Apologies from

Colin Crouch

1. Minutes of the previous meeting. Accuracy. Matters arising.

Matters of accuracy: correction to Tompkins should read Tompkins
Minutes were agreed as correct.

Matters arising:

- From the information forms distributed at the last meeting Angela had compiled a summary chart of all members' details, which was circulated. This information is for HCDA use only, unless the group gives permission for another person to use it.
- Roadworks – Arthur had received some information which was related to 2004. To discuss further with Andrew.
- Oxford Brookes students – no new news. The Chair expressed the Associations' thanks to those who had offered to help on the Funday, especially related to helping people from Nursing/Residential Homes to attend. The students could not help in this particular instance as there are insurance issues – these would need to be addressed for the next Funday.

2. Notification of Any Other Business

- (i) Oxford Mail – Janet
- (ii) Update on the Co-op – Kat
- (iii) Graffiti - Stephanie

3. News Items and Brief Updates

(a) HAMATS and traffic issues – Angela reported back on the HAMATS agenda item from the NE Area Committee. The comments had been summarised for the Executive Board to consider and recommend to the HAMATS Steering Group. This summary was circulated at the meeting. It was also highlighted that previous identified priorities should not be overlooked. The HAMATS Steering Group meets only once every six months and good communication links are essential. Tony reported back on the meeting re bus services related to HAMATS, which was held before Christmas. The only real outcome from this was that it is better to look at issues regarding the North and South of the London Road separately. There were also concerns raised on the length of time that the HAMATS process had taken.

Other traffic issues:

- Mary reported that the restricted parking outside Boots would be increased to 1 hour general parking. This is to ensure that there is consistency across all areas within the City. The 4 hour parking areas will probably be removed in the future.
- Jill reported that County had still not responded to the drains issue on London Road by Bury Knowle Park. Bob had also sent a letter to County, to which there had been no response. Angela offered to follow up with County Officers.

(b) Vice-Chair – any nominations to be sent to Mary. To be discussed at next meeting.

- (c) Car Park behind Somerfields – following this being raised at the Area Committee, Tony and Angela had arranged to meet with the Car Parks Manager to establish how safety issues and access to the Park could be addressed.
- (d) Section 106 (Developers Contributions) – a report on these is due to come to the Area Committee in March/April. This will list any Developers Contributions agreed within the North-East Area and the timescale for implementation.
- (e) News Items for Residents Groups – Andrew reported that the County Council has a bouncy castle that is free for groups to use at events as long as leaflets on road safety are given out as well. Insurance is included. Please contact: Ian Harris Principal Road Safety Officer, Oxford County Council, tel 01865 815717 or e-mail: ian.harris@oxfordshire.gov.uk. There is also access to speed guns to test assumptions of the speed of cars. These are not for enforcement use, but can help residents to gather information on the speed of local traffic.

4. Projects

Bob had briefly looked through the reports from Brookes. From last year's work, the project work could be broadened out to address some of the strategic aims of the City Council. These include improving the environment, local prosperity/full employment and improving transport/traffic. Brookes did produce a report on the Health of the area about three years ago and it would seem timely to repeat this.

Kat has also agreed to read through the reports and report back at the next meeting. Bob and Kat would also contact Brookes to discuss some of the ideas.

5. Development of:

- (a) What's on Guide – there was some discussion on the production of the map to show bus routes, businesses and points of interest in Headington. Roger Williams (County Council) had been to see Frank Cummings regarding Business in Headington. A draft of the leaflet will be brought to the group within the next couple of months.
- (b) Calendar – there was a lively and very positive discussion on this. This included the possibility of a photographic competition, links with Brookes, links with schools as well as looking at the costings. Stephanie, Arthur and Kat agreed to investigate some of the ideas further and report back to the next meeting.
- (c) Notepaper – Stephanie had designed a template for the Committee to use. Stephanie would also look into the costs of getting a small amount of paper printed.

6. Events Programme

Jill thanked the Committee for their help with the Funday. For a similar event in 2003, there needs to be a strong commitment and help from more people. The Funday could be an event on its own at a different time of year and the Christmas event could be just the lights, and carols round the tree. However this would not benefit Businesses by having extra Sunday trade.

Jill had compiled a list of tasks that need to be done in order to run the Christmas Funday. This would be circulated to HCDA members, Residents Groups and discussed at the next meeting. It was also suggested that it might link to the Capital of Culture and other initiatives e.g. Creation Theatre. The City Centre Management Company was discussed.

The Events Programme Organiser from the City Council to be invited to a future meeting to discuss ideas for Headington events. It was also suggested that we ask the Capital of Culture Group to attend a meeting.

7. Oxford in Bloom

Bob gave some feedback from the Oxford in Bloom meeting. There were some general concerns raised about the state of the Green Road roundabout and the litter along the ring road. This affected the overall rating for the City and needs to be addressed. The roundabout needs a drop kerb so that the City Council Parks Dept vehicles can access it and maintain and develop the landscaping. It was agreed that the Chair would write to the County Council about this issue. There was also support for the project to look at providing a gate for access to the Bury Knowle Park from the Car Park by Somerfields. The group had also commented on the Lord Mayor's Parade, which was not so well

supported last year and needed more publicity. It was suggested that Brookes might want to be involved.

8. AOB

- Janet gave the group details about the Oxford Mail reporter for the area – Jo Duckles. The group agreed that we might be able to work more proactively with her, to get publicity on forthcoming events/projects etc.
- Kat reported that the work on the Co-op forecourt had been delayed.
- Stephanie raised the issue about graffiti locally.
- Arthur informed the group that a bank account had been set up.
- David raised the issue of the Acland Hospital and the proposal to call it the Nuffield. This would create much confusion locally due to the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre being so close. It was agreed that the Chair would write to the Director of the Ackland.
- Andrew reported that there is a launch of the Oxford University community unit on 6th February

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26th February 2003 at 7.00pm, Headington Hill Hall.

If you have not been to a meeting before and need a few more details about where the venue is, please look at the Oxford Brookes website:

<http://www.brookes.ac.uk/findus/headington>