

# Headington Community Development Association

Minutes for meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2003, 19h00 Gibbs Building, Oxford Brookes

## Present

Andrew Brown  
Bob Clarke  
Angela Cristofoli  
Jill Cummings  
Mary Hope  
Stephanie Jenkins  
Tony Joyce  
Kat Luddecke  
John Russell  
Arthur Treherne

## Apologies from

Colin Crouch  
Janet Isaac  
Christina Millest  
David Rundle

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

Matters of accuracy:

Date amended to correct year.

Item 3 (a) delete 'the Green Road Roundabout and'

Item 3 (a) under other traffic issues, it should read ' Mary reported that the restricted parking outside Boots would be increased to 1 hour general parking

Item 8 – should read 'Acland Hospital'

Minutes were agreed as correct.

Matters arising:

2 (ii) Update on the Co-op – Kat introduced John Russell who is the new Manager of the Headington Co-op. John was welcomed to the meeting and gave an overview of his new role. The issue of the Co-op forecourt was still waiting for the legal agreement to be finalised. Once this is agreed, the store will have a major refit that will have a community focus. John welcomes any comments/feedback on the store at present and is looking forward to working closely with the Community in Headington. It was suggested that any update on the changes to the Co-op could be put on the Community noticeboard via Arthur. This would help to keep residents' uptodate.

3 (a) HAMATS – the HAMATS steering group had met and agreed an implementation programme for the coming year. The only main change was the advancement of the implementation date for a pedestrian crossing in Headley Way. The programme for Residents Parking Zones is very prolonged and this was raised at the steering group meeting. It seems that the length of time taken to implement RPZs is mainly due to limited resources. The County Council was asked to address this issue urgently. There is a report going to the County Council Executive Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> March on improvement options for the Green Road roundabout. For more details see <http://www2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/hlpdownloads/EX040303-06.htm>

3 (b) Vice-Chair – Arthur nominated Bob Clarke, which was seconded by Tony Joyce. Bob is elected as Vice-Chair.

3 (c) Old High Street Car Park – the wall adjoining the car park can be reduced in height. Further ideas to address access to the Park were being pursued.

### 2. Notification of Any Other Business

- (i) Andrew – Oxford Connects
- (ii) Tony – Change of shop classification
- (iii) Bob – Oxford in Bloom

### 3. News Items and Brief Updates

(a) Headington clock – Arthur reported to the group that the clock above the estate agent on the corner of London Rd/Windmill Rd needs to be repaired to keep accurate time. There was some discussion as to who the owners of the shop are and Jill offered to follow up and report back to the next meeting.

#### 4. Events

- (a) The itemised list for the Sunday Funday was used as a basis for discussion on whether a similar event could be held this Christmas. There followed a healthy debate exploring all the options and possibilities. It was agreed that for this Christmas, it would be better to focus on just having the Christmas lights, tree and carol service around the tree. This would provide an event for the community and be manageable for Jill to co-ordinate (with some help still!). Jill and Frank were thanked for all they have done and continue to do. It was felt that the churches would be willing to link in and Mary reported that a representative from the churches hoped to join the HCDA group soon. **It was agreed to discuss the detail for the Christmas event at the April meeting.**
- (b) The proposal from Richard Jeffery about organising a summer festival in Bury Knowle Park was discussed. It was felt that this could be linked to one of the Fun in the Parks events e.g. the Band Concert, and also incorporate some of the activities from the Christmas Funday. This approach would provide a special event for Headington and involve a range of different agencies/organisations. **In order to progress these ideas, it was agreed to invite Richard Jeffrey to the next meeting as well as Councillor Peter Johnson (Portfolio Holder for Leisure) and Anna Dolan (Events Officer, Oxford City Council). This would be the main agenda item for the March meeting.**
- (c) The poetry competition was discussed and it was agreed that the theme could be related to the 'Headington Funday in the Park'. People could then write their poems and submit them by mid-October, so that they could be printed well before Christmas. Stephanie will find a judge for the competition.

#### 5. Development of:

- (a) Calendar – Stephanie reported back that although calendars can be printed locally, the cost is high for a small number, however she will pursue other contacts e.g. through the website. It was also suggested that we could run the competition for photographs alongside the poetry competition. The winning pictures will be used for the calendar and also displayed somewhere e.g. Library. The closing date for photographs will be soon after the summer event, so that there is enough time to print the calendars for Christmas. Publicity will need to be arranged soon – Arthur and Stephanie to follow up.
- (b) Notepaper – it was agreed to get a small amount (100 sheets) of headed paper printed.

#### 6. Projects

Bob had met with five students from Brookes and the notes of the discussion will be sent round soon. They will build on the work of one of the groups from last year and in particular will look at HAMATS and what will be the effect on businesses in Headington. Bob has given them the contact details for Angela and Kat.

#### 7. AOB

- Andrew gave further details about 'Oxford Connects' see <http://www.ox.ac.uk/publicrelations>
- Tony gave an update on the changes in the Local Plan related to change of use of shops in Headington and the proposed threshold decrease. Mary agreed to write on behalf of the Association to the Planners registering our concern. It was also suggested that the Business Association might want to register their concerns.
- Bob gave an update from the Oxford in Bloom meeting. There is going to be some capital money for Area Committees to spend and it may be that some could be used to improve the area e.g. more benches, hanging baskets etc. Angela reported that this would be more fully discussed soon at the NE Area Committee.

#### 8. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 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>