

Headington Community Development Association

Minutes for meeting on 25th June 2003, 19h00, Headington Hill Hall

Present

Bob Clarke
Angela Cristofoli
Jill Cummings
Mary Hope
Janet Isaac
Stephanie Jenkins
Kat Luddecke
Arthur Treherne
Marie Vickers

Apologies from

Andrew Brown
Tony Joyce
David Rundle
John Russell
Glynis Wheatcroft (for Sue Baker)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting. Accuracy.

Minutes of last meeting (28th May 2003) – 2 (ii) delete 'clock' at end of sentence
Minutes for the meeting were then agreed as an accurate record.

2. Membership

Marie Vickers was welcomed to the group as the representative of Friends of Quarry.
The membership list has been updated and will be circulated to all members of HCDA

3. Matters arising:

- (i) Poetry competition – Jill reported that this has been launched and information was available in 'Time and Elegance' and on Stephanie's website.
- (ii) Calendar – Stephanie and Arthur are developing some rules to guide people when taking their photos for the calendar. Winning entries will probably appear in a calendar next year. Kat offered to help draw up some rules.

4. Treasurer's report

Arthur reported on the current finances of HCDA. £11,971 had been transferred from Oxford City Council together with £600 from the Events Dept at the City Council. A report on the current account was provided showing that the current balance is £11,596. The festival cost around £450 per day, although there was some income from stalls (£140) and Bouncy Castle (£36).
The group agreed that we should transfer a large part of the total funds into a higher interest account. Arthur to action.

5. Notification of AOB

- Award scheme – Angela
- Govt draft Housing Bill – Janet

6. Headington Festival

Before the Festival was discussed Mary was presented with some flowers on behalf of HCDA and HBA to thank her for her excellent leadership, commitment and enthusiasm in co-ordinating the first Headington Festival. Mary thanked the group and said that it was a team effort that made the festival a success and praised all those who helped organise the Festival. Mary also presented Kat with two certificates to thank the Co-op and staff for all their help, Mary had already written to the Managing Director at the Co-op.

The summary of the feedback from the festival had been circulated before the meeting and Jill brought some additional comments from customers who had been into her shop. There was a general discussion on the points raised and it was agreed that HCDA would co-ordinate a Festival again next year. Some specific points to take into consideration are:

- Next year, Headington celebrates 1000 years of having a royal charter
- Festival needs more bunting/posters and publicity

- Need to have after June 10th and before schools break up – possibly end of June when exams are finished? Also need to avoid any date clashes with East Oxford carnival
- Sponsorship from more companies could be useful, although will need to address whether this could sometimes conflict with values of HCDA
- Possibility of having Film in the Park after the Sunday event
- Possibility of raising money for charity

Mary proposed that a Headington Festival working group be set up as a sub-group of HCDA. Initial membership: Mary, Stephanie, Arthur and Richard (Mary to confirm with Richard, as he was not at meeting). This group would provide an update at each meeting, but it is intended that discussions of ideas etc., take place at the working group meetings. Other HCDA members were welcome to join the sub-group – please contact Mary, as a date will be set up shortly for a first meeting.

7. Christmas Event

Jill gave an update on the Christmas event. The possibility of having more lights extending from the centre of Headington along Windmill Road and London Road was being explored. Jill had put in a bid for to the Area Committee for some funding and was also asking businesses for sponsorship. A road closure order for Old Road would be applied for, although it may not be used depending on the size of the event. Jill would be asking the churches about the potential for their involvement in the event. At present the event would be focused on the tree, lights and possible carol singing around the tree. Jill would feedback any other developments. The possibility of a Public Entertainment licence needs to be explored – Angela to get details.

8. Brookes projects

The students had been booked to present at this meeting, however were unable to. Kat had attended the presentations in May and was able to feedback on the main points. Their brief had been to look at the impact of the transport infrastructure (HAMATS) on businesses, however they had found this difficult and so the outcomes of the study were vague. They had identified that there were too many charity shops, anti-social delivery hours for businesses would ease traffic flow and that more parking was needed. They thought that the general image for Headington needed improving with more flowers/flower beds and more student focused shops e.g. clothes, bars.

The previous reports from Brookes students had a lot of practical suggestions and it was agreed that these needed to be revisited and linked to a further discussion on local economic development. Jill has copies of previous reports.

9. AOB

- Angela gave details of a new award scheme for local groups who are working on any projects related to dealing with community safety and anti-social behaviour. Stephanie will put on website
- Janet brought details of an article on the Government's draft Housing Bill that proposes extending Homes in Multiple Occupation legislation on fire, environmental health and safety to all student households including shared houses. This would make it easier for councils to regulate the amount of student accommodation in any area. It was felt that this needs further discussion especially with the City Council to see how this will be implemented. Angela to put an agenda item on Area Committee agenda and invite relevant people from City Council to address meeting. It was also felt that local residents groups could help develop having pride in ones local community by addressing environmental problems in their own streets.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 30th July 2003 at 7.00pm, Headington Hill Hall
Main agenda item: Bury Knowle Park – Caroline Brown/Jason Hedley from Parks Business Unit at City Council to attend meeting.