

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 28th July 2004, 19h00, Headington Hill Hall, Oxford Brookes

Present

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

Apologies from

David Bartrip
James Bloice-Smith
David Rundle
John Russell

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1. **Minutes** of last meeting held on 30.06.04
Correction: spelling of organization - should be organisation.
Minutes accepted as correct.
Mary announced that David Bartrip, Minister for Wood Farm Church had been invited to join HCDA, however had to send his apologies for this meeting.
 2. **Any Other Business**
 - Overgrown gardens – Mary
 - Urban cultural bid – Angela
 - MOMA Initiative - Tony
 3. **Matters arising:**
 - Car park wall – Angela reported that the Headington car park boundary wall estimated costs were £5000. Members at the meeting raised the issue of the wall being replaced by a Cotswold Stone wall. Angela following up with Car Park Manager to agree funding and timetable for work.
 - James Bloice-Smith asked Mary to raise the issue of whether it would be possible to develop a piazza in the park, so that people could have a dedicated space for eating etc. This led to a further discussion about other aspects of the park and Angela agreed to raise the issues again with Jason Hedley and possibly have as a future agenda item for NE Area Committee. There was also some discussion about how much funding from S106 agreements (present and future) would be available to develop park facilities. Angela to contact Planning for further details.
 - Information for Brookes students – Tony/Mary to meet up with Anne Ashley in September.
 4. **Sculpting tree in Bury Knowle Park**

Mary had met with Sally Jane Webster and Matt Cave to discuss the proposals they had submitted. The idea is to develop a storybook tree that has carvings of a horse, lion and a dragon curved around the whole structure. This idea links well to the library and the school adjacent to the park. The cost is around £5000. The City Council Parks Dept are able to help supply and install scaffolding and also lop the top of the tree off. A volunteer would be needed to be present at all times when the artist is carving the tree for safety reasons. In order to take the work forward, it was suggested that £500 was spent on producing a model of the finished tree so that it could be used to market the project and attract sponsorship. Members at the meeting unanimously agreed this. This model would then be the property of HCDA.

The project could also develop to have other animal sculptures in the park and possibly a healthy walk as well.

5. Headington Festival

Dates confirmed for 2005 as 4th and 5th June. This timing could just link in with Artweek, which finishes the same weekend. Tony added that MOMA were arranging a 10 day event up until 10th May.

Mary had spoken to Friends of Old Headington who felt that the dates were fine.

The notes from the festival working group had identified key resources required to develop and coordinate the 2005 festival. A chief steward would be required. A proposal to have a co-ordinator employed for about 1 day a week for the 6 months leading up to the festival was agreed. A promotional event was being organized for the autumn in order to display photos from the festival and invite local people interested in getting more involved and also potential sponsors. The date proposed was 15th October and venues discussed included: Cheney Hall, Dorset House and Quarry Memorial Hall. Headington Community Centre was not available at the times required. Mary / Bob to secure venue. Angela suggested that the group could apply for a community events grant for around £500 to assist with promotion, display materials and catering. The invitations to the event would be directed via community groups e.g. Community Associations, Residents Associations, Tenants Associations and other key organisations across the City. Stallholders who had attended the festival would also be invited.

6. Treasurer's update

Current account is around £3000, savings account is around £8000.

7. AOB

- Controlled Parking Zone – Marie reported that a community meeting was held to discuss this proposal with County Officers and County Councillors. Around 250 people attended and the Friends of Quarry had organised a petition to exclude the conservation area from the proposed CPZ. The outcomes from this meeting were presented to the County's Transport Implementation Committee which agreed that the conservation area would be excluded from future proposals for a Quarry CPZ.
- Oxford Inspires – Angela reported that the Oxford Inspires bid submitted to the Urban Cultural Programme was successful. As a result there will be £600,000 towards the costs of the 'Evolving City' programme in Oxford in 2005. The Headington festival was included as part of this bid and would probably receive around £1500 for 2005. Rachel Martin from Oxford Inspires will attend the September HCDA meeting to discuss in more detail. A copy of the programme to be circulated with the minutes.
- Windmill Road – Mary reported that there are many untidy gardens and overhanging branches. This initiated a discussion on responsibilities for keeping gardens tidy – is it landlords, housing associations or the Council. How can enforcement be used. Angela suggested that these issues can be directed to the new Area Streetscene Manager who will be at the next NE Area Committee meeting. There may also be leaflets about keeping gardens tidy/ trimming hedges, which Angela will investigate.

8. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 29th September at 7.00. Venue to be confirmed.