

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 24th November 2004, 19h00, Oxford Brookes, Gipsy Lane

Present

David Bartrip
James Bloice-Smith
Bob Clarke
Angela Cristofoli
Jill Cummings
Mary Hope
Janet Isaac
Tony Joyce
Stephanie Jenkins
Louise Slater
Mike Stranks
Arthur Treherne
Stella Welford

Apologies from

Kat Luddecke
Susan Tolman
David Rundle
Jean White

1. Minutes of last meeting held on 27.10.04.

Corrections:

Minute 3 – (i) David Bartrip is to represent Wood Farm Action Group (not Community Association).

Minute 5 – T.V. South should be BBC South

Minute 7 – Mary Hope to be added to festival sub-group members

Minutes then accepted as correct.

2. Any Other Business

- A few items – Mary

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 3 (i) New members

David Bartrip, Wood Farm Action Group and Stella Welford, Friends of Old Headington were welcomed to the meeting as new members. David gave an overview of Wood Farm Action group, which has a wide range of representatives, including the Head Teachers of the school and nursery, which regularly meet at the Youth Centre to try to co-ordinate and develop ideas and projects. They have managed to get a local computer centre up and running and also a basic youth centre.

Louise Slater was welcomed as the representative of Oxford Brookes student union. It was agreed that Louise would be welcome to attend future HCDA meetings as a guest of the Committee.

Minute 3 (iii) Honorary Officers

Vice-Chair – no nominations have been received, so the position is pending.

4. Sculpting tree in Bury Knowle Park

The model is currently on display in the Co-op and 15 comment forms have been completed so far. The model will also be displayed in future weeks in Somerfields, St Andrews School, the library and the JR hospital. Additional funding for £500 had been confirmed from Oxford University Press. This leaves around £2,000 to find and other sources of funding were discussed. Mary would follow up on some of the ideas mentioned if people provided names of contacts etc.

5. Festive event

Jill updated the group on the final preparations for the event on 5th December. It would open with the carol service at 10.30 and there were a variety of events taking place during the day. The lights had arrived and the Christmas tree was also due to be put up outside Barclays Bank. Sponsorship for the lights and the event had been received from

a wide range of sources including the City Council, Oxford Brookes, local businesses, residents groups and also individuals.

Louise thought that Oxford Brookes might be able to provide a singing group during the day.

Mary expressed thanks, on behalf of HCDA, to Jill and Frank and the Headington Business Association for all their hard work in making this festive event happen.

6. Headington festival

The festival sub-group (Mary, Arthur, Bob, Mike, Kat, Mary) is meeting again before Christmas. The group had received two additional offers of help – a) with the database and stalls bookings and b) with the promotion of the event in designing programmes and printing. They were following up on these and would also discuss further whether paying for some specific tasks might be more economic than paying for a co-ordinator. The venues for live music had been restricted as the Queens café was due to be closed. It was agreed that HCDA should send a card to Linda at the Queens café to thank her for the support the café have given to the festival. Music in other venues to be followed up by sub-group. Mary would also contact Oxford Brookes to see if their jazz band could be part of the festival.

There had not been any confirmation from Anna Dolan at the City Council with regard to the Park being confirmed as available on 5th June. Mary to follow up.

The Oxford, Swindon and Gloucester Co-op had agreed to provide £2000 in funding for the festival in 2005.

7. Cycling

A presentation on cycling within the Headington area was given by James. This raised a number of issues for discussion:

- cycle lanes were good to have, however a number of them were flawed
- cycle track markings needed to be maintained and repaired
- cycle tracks needed to be distinct from pedestrian pavements e.g. by distinct colours, better kerbs at road level, keep cycle lanes at road edge

The group had differing views on the issues. Some felt that there was too much emphasis on cyclists and people need to be aware of all road users. Some felt that people cycling on pavements needed to be prosecuted. Generally there needed to be more emphasis on cycling proficiency in schools.

The general recommendations that were agreed to take forward were:

- more training needed to raise road safety awareness of both adults and children – James to contact CYCLOX (cycling campaign for Oxford)
- existing road markings for cyclists and cycle paths to be kept in good order – James to detail locations and send to Angela in order to pass onto highways
- at any local events, to have a cycle awareness stall run by local people

James was thanked by all those present for providing an excellent presentation and general discussion on cycling issues.

8. Headington brochure

The working group (Mary, Stephanie and James) would be meeting again soon to take this project forward. The intention is to try and develop an information brochure or pack for people new to Headington.

9. Treasurer's update

Current account is £2,480, savings account is £8,100.

Liz Gresham, Oxford Inspires, had sent further forms that needed to be completed for the Arts Council funding for the festival.

10. AOB

- Nic Newman had sent a thankyou card back to HCDA
- Cowley carnival was offering some Health and Safety training for festival stewards. Janet may be able to attend on behalf of HCDA
- There is a meeting of the JR Hospital with local residents associations on 6th December 2004
- A report on proposals for community street wardens had been circulated from the City Council to local community groups for comments

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 26th January at 7.00 – venue to be confirmed