

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 26th January 2005, 19h00, Headington Hill Hall, Oxford Brookes,

Present

James Bloice-Smith
Bob Clarke
Angela Cristofoli
Jill Cummings
Joanna Foster
Mary Hope
Janet Isaac
Tony Joyce
Stephanie Jenkins
Mike Stranks
Arthur Treherne

Apologies from

Paul Cunningham
Kat Luddecke
Susan Tolman
David Rundle
Jean White

1. **Minutes** of last meeting held on 24.11.04.

Corrections:

Minute 10, Date of next meeting should be minute 11

Minutes agreed as correct.

2. **Any Other Business**

- Bury Knowle Park – Bob / Angela

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

Minute 3 (iii) Honorary Officers

Vice-Chair – James was nominated by Arthur and seconded by Tony. The group collectively supported the nomination and James was elected as Vice- Chair of HCDA.

Minute 5 Festive Event

Mary congratulated Jill for organising the Christmas event and it being such a great success. Jill felt that this year's event had run so well, partly because lots of people in local businesses had arranged and organised their own part of the event. Overall it was agreed that this event had a good community spirit by engaging lots of local people and businesses. Jill had also received suggestions for developing it further next year.

Minute 7 Cycling

There was further discussion on this item. Joanna said that the NOC were trying to encourage staff to cycle to work and would be interested in a presentation or hosting a public meeting on cycling in Headington. Tony agreed that a public meeting would be a good way of highlighting the issues and we could invite a range of different organizations as well as local people. However the group felt that this would entail a lot of organization and Angela suggested in the first instance that a presentation to the NE Area Committee would be a useful first step. James agreed to give a presentation at a future Area Committee. Angela to give future dates to James.

James also suggested that linking in with Cyclox for the Headington festival would be a good idea and others suggested that the cycle shop and also the Primary Care Trust might be interested in getting involved. There may be a possibility of security marking for bikes to be offered at the festival.

4. **New Members**

Mary welcomed Joanna Foster, Chair, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre (NOC) to the meeting as a new member of HCDA. Joanna said that she was very pleased to be able to represent the NOC and looked forward to working closely with HCDA on local issues. Mary also informed the group that Marion Fiddes would be joining HCDA as the representative from the John Radcliffe Hospital. Marion replaces David Edwards as the representative and she hoped to attend future meetings.

5. **Headington festival**

The festival sub-group was due to meet on Friday. Sponsorship from the Co-op, Oxford City Council, Oxford Inspires (Arts Council) was estimated to be around £4000. There

would also be additional income from the stalls. The sub-group had agreed not to have a part-time co-ordinator, but to pay for essential tasks. These included publicity and organization of bookings for stalls.

6. Sculpting tree in Bury Knowle Park

Mary reported that there had been 140 forms completed that were very positive on the proposed sculpture. Only 10 forms were against the proposal and another 10 had other suggestions that Mary was following up.

The finance required for the project amounted to £7000. So far Oxford Brookes had committed £2500 and OUP £500. Mary had yet to hear whether applications to Blackwells and Barclays Bank had been successful and she had also approached Somerfields.

7. Headington brochure

The sub-group had met and Moira Dabinett had also joined the group. Moira, who lives in Barton, had given her details on the feedback form at the festival last year, as she wanted to be involved in the work of HCDA.

James circulated a list of headings that the sub-group thought should be covered within the information pack. These included schools, local groups etc. The group then discussed these and made further suggestions on useful information to include. James then circulated the list so that group members could select some items to check whether details were correct and feedback to the sub-group. James would also contact Brookes students to see if they would be willing to check some details as well. Mary and Arthur agreed to liaise with the Headington residents associations as to whether they were happy for their information to be included.

There was a lot of discussion on the format of the final brochure as to whether it should be a folder with inserts or a booklet. The format would also depend on the finance available and whether sponsorship could be obtained. The ideas and issues raised at the meeting would be taken away by the sub-group to take forward.

8. Welcome to Headington notices

Mary thought that it would be good to make use of the back of the two noticeboards in Headington and suggested 'Welcome to Headington' could be put on them. The group thought that this was a good idea and there were various suggestions of having local artwork on the back depicting Headington as well. Angela to contact planning to see if there are any planning implications, as the noticeboards are on the public highway.

9. Treasurer's update

Current account is £2,720, savings account is £8,000. There is an outstanding payment due to Oxford Brookes but the correct invoice has not been sent yet.

10. AOB

- Bury Knowle Park – Bob raised the action sheet that had been drawn up some time ago and it needed dates of when actions will be implemented. Angela agreed to talk to Jason Hedley about it, but also added that there would be a presentation by the Parks Dept. at the next NE Area Committee and it is hoped that many of the outstanding issues could be discussed there.

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 23rd February at 7.00 – Boardroom 2, Oxford Brookes, Gypsy Lane site
7pm - 9pm.