

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 23rd February 2005, 19h00,
Board Room, Oxford Brookes, Gipsy Lane

Present

James Bloice-Smith
Bob Clarke
Paul Cunningham
Marc Dawson
Marion Fiddes
Mary Hope
Stephanie Jenkins
John Russell
Mike Stranks
Arthur Treherne
Stella Welford

Apologies from

Angela Cristofoli
Jill Cummings
Joanna Foster
Janet Isaac
Tony Joyce
Kat Luddecke
Susan Tolman
David Rundle
Jean White

1. **Minutes** of last meeting held on 26.01.05.
Approved.

2. **Any Other Business**

- Oxford Inspires

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

Minute 3: Cycling - Will be a feature at the festival. James reported that Cyclox would be invited to have a stall and presentation. James also reported that he had been in touch with Angela to agree a date for a presentation at a NE Area Committee Meeting for the subject of the concerns of HCDA. It was agreed that there is a need for Police support in educating road users in the matters of safety and the law specifically relating to cycling and cyclists.

It was also questioned whether there was any City or County Officer having a responsibility for the overall matter of improving the safety cyclists in the city. James to continue work on this subject.

Minute 8: Welcome Notice - The meeting was advised that no planning approval is required to use the reverse side of the two London Road notice boards. It was suggested by Arthur that what is required is the fitting of a hinged cover similar to that existing on the front of the two boards. The cost of such should a cover need not be excessive and Arthur agreed to liaise with Angela and explore the possibility of obtaining money through the NE Area Committee from their small Projects Fund.

Minute 10: Bury Knowle Park - Mary and Bob reported on their discussions with Jason Hedley and the changes that are starting to take place in the park i.e. tennis courts refurbishment, more seats/ picnic tables near the main gates and the revitalising of the sensory garden/ pond/ flower beds.

Stella emphasised the need for urgent action to improve the safety of the lighting in front of the library and stated that she had provided the relevant authority with costs of installing lights in the porch of a local church

4. Headington festival

Mary reported that the work of the sub-group was progressing satisfactory and that a meeting had been held with Tony Bennell who runs a professional entertainment agency. This should prove to be of great benefit in identifying the most suitable entertainers. Mary also briefed the meeting on the current level of sponsorship. The planning work will now move on to the wider action phase with the finalisation of advertising plans. It was also reported that Mr. Hebborn has asked to increase the size of his fairground.

5. Sculpting tree in Bury Knowle Park

Mary proposed that although the full cost of the sculpting was not yet covered by sponsorship we should give the project the go ahead as she is confident the remainder of the funding will be forthcoming from sources to which she has made application. Seconded by Bob and carried by a vote. This will now allow the work to be completed in time for the festival. For the record it was noted that there will need to a rota members in attendance whilst sculpting takes place to ensure the public do not intrude beyond the barriers which will surround the workspace. It was noted that a further £2,000 would be needed if seating is to be built around the base of the tree. It was felt that could, perhaps be funded from the NE Area Committee.

6. Headington brochure

James reported on meetings with Brookes Students and local Estate Agents and the enthusiastic response of the latter. The format, a D-L booklet has been decided upon. It was questioned if a local map could be included but this may not be feasible. The fact that the format proposed will demand periodic re-issue is noted. Indicative costings will now be worked out. It was suggested that it might be possible for income to be raised if the end product could in the end be sold as well distributed FOC. It was felt this would probably not prove a practical course of action.

7. Treasurer's update

Current account is £2,720, savings account is £8,369.

8. AOB

- **Oxford Inspires** - Mary circulated copies of publicity brochures from Oxford Inspires listing presentations around the County on the subject of "2007 The Year of Festivals", inviting attendance by all interested organisations. Paul volunteered to attend on our behalf.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 30th March from 7pm - 9pm at Headington Hill Hall