

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 30th March 2005, 19h00, Headington Hill Hall

Present

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

Apologies from

Paul Cunningham
Kat Luddecke
Jean White

1. **Minutes** of last meeting held on 23.02.05.

To note that Marc Dawson, Manager Headington Co-op, will now be attending in place of John Russell.

Minutes approved.

2. **Any Other Business**

- Wall by Bury Knowle Park – Stella
- Personal item – Arthur
- Petition – Arthur

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

Minute 3.1 : Cycling – James reported back on the presentation he gave at the NE Area Committee meeting in March. The debate was not as extensive as at HCDA, however there was a lot of support to take the issues raised forward. Angela had forwarded the presentation to the County Council and it was agreed that we need to get the County Council more actively engaged. There will be an Area Committee meeting focussed on local transport issues in the next few months and this will be a good opportunity to address County Council Officers direct. The educational awareness campaign was felt to be one of the most important issues for HCDA. There needs to be more liaison with police, JR Hospital, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre and schools on how to address the educational aspects together. It was suggested that a sub-group from HCDA could be formed to take this work forward – Mary and James to discuss further and develop an action plan.

Minute 3.3: Bury Knowle Park – noted that gates had been painted and generally the park was much tidier. The group felt that a letter of thanks be sent to Jason Hedley and his Manager with a copy to the Chief Executive of the City Council. Arthur to write letter on behalf of HCDA.

4. **Headington festival**

The work of the sub-group is progressing well and the programme for the festival should be ready for distribution by the first week in May. There will be a hot-air balloon launch in the Park on Sunday afternoon and there will be a raffle for a ride in the balloon. It was suggested that the money raised from this could go towards the tree sculpture. There was some discussion about having banners to promote the event. Angela to liaise with Planning Dept., as there may be some issues to address and inform Mary of outcome.

5. Sculpting tree in Bury Knowle Park

The consultation had gone very well and the project had been positively received by a majority of respondents. The model is now on display in St Andrew's School. It is hoped to start the sculpture at the end of April and Mary is seeking volunteers to be in attendance when the work is in progress. Janet, Stella and Jill all offered to be volunteers. Angela confirmed that the City Council would provide additional wood for the seats, but that any additional funding for the tree could not come from the City Council. Mary to meet with Matt (sculptor) and Jason Hedley soon, to finalise arrangements.

6. HCDA website

Stephanie asked for any additional information that could go onto the HCDA website. Marion felt that it was a very good website and would like to link it with the hospital website. David felt that the Headington.org website already provided a lot of up to date and useful information, so the HCDA website needed to focus on the issues related to the work of HCDA. It was suggested that a page dedicated to cycling issues could be added. Also information on development of projects could also be added e.g. the brochure, Bury Knowle Park improvements. Stephanie would keep the group informed of whether more information is sent to her to incorporate onto the website.

7. Headington brochure

A mock-up of the format for the brochure was brought to the meeting. A graphic artist had also been contacted with the intention of obtaining a more professional prototype of the brochure, which could then be shown to potential sponsors. The group members agreed that for a cost of around £100, this would be a good investment. There is still work to complete on the background information for the brochure.

8. Treasurer's update

Current account is £2,862, savings account is £8,369. The group agreed that as Mary was regularly supplying the refreshments for the monthly HCDA meetings, then she needed to be reimbursed.

9. AOB

- 9.1** Arthur informed the group that he will be moving from Headington in around 18 months time. Although this seems a long way off, he wanted to inform the group as early as possible. The group expressed their regret that they would be losing such a hard-working and dependable member of HCDA, but also wished Arthur and his wife well for the future
- 9.2** Arthur brought to the attention of the group the petition being organized by Marilyn Cox. It is asking for a moratorium on further development in the Headington area.
- 9.3** Stella Welford had discussed the painting of the newly lowered wall by Somerfield's with the Friends of Old Headington. They felt that a mural depicting scenes of Old Headington would be an idea worth pursuing. There were mixed views expressed on this option but especially that it would take a lot of organisation and needed people to co-ordinate the project. Generally it was felt that for the moment this idea would be put on hold unless someone would like to take it forward. Arthur informed the group that the wall would probably need to be laminated anyway in order to prevent graffiti. Arthur to forward information to Angela who would liaise with City Works
- 9.4** James informed the group that work on the new Headington Baptist church building is due to start on 18th April and will take about a year to complete

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 27th April from 7pm – 9pm at Headington Hill Hall