

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 29th June 2005, 19h00, Headington Hill Hall

Present

James Bloice-Smith
Tim Chapman
Angela Cristofoli
Jill Cummings
Mary Hope
Janet Isaac
Stephanie Jenkins
Arthur Treherne

Apologies from

Bob Clarke
Tony Joyce
David Rundle
Susan Tolman
Stella Welford

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1. **Minutes** of last meeting held on 25.05.05.
Minutes approved subject to spelling correction. It was also agreed that minutes would only go onto the website once they had been approved by the group. Angela to forward corrected minutes to Stephanie after each meeting.
 2. **Any Other Business**
 - The group wished to send congratulations to Tony Joyce on the announcement of his forthcoming marriage.
 - Mary welcomed Steve Walker, Chair, Headington Community Association to the meeting.
 3. **Matters arising from the minutes**
 - 3.5. **Sculpting tree in Bury Knowle Park** – there is still additional funding to be found to complete the project. Around £2000 is required and Mary/Angela to apply to WREN for funding. Mary would also contact some other local organisations to seek funding.
 - 8.8.2 **Headington noticeboards** - Arthur announced his immediate retirement from his task of looking after the two central Headington notice-boards. Stephanie (as Janet's deputy) undertook to look after the boards until Janet had moved house.
 4. **Local travel/transport issues**
 - 4.1 **Cycling** – Open meeting organised by Cyclox to be held on Wednesday 6th July at OUP. Chair of Cycling England is keynote speaker.
 - 4.2 **European car free day / walking to work** – Stella, Mary and possibly Stephanie to attend the Healthy Walks training day organised through the PCT. Mike suggested that the walk leaflet that Stephanie had produced could have a specific publicity campaign through HCDA linked to car free day in September.
 - 4.3 **London Road study** – Mike provided copies of the proposals from the County Council on the potential changes to the London Road. Mike then led those present at the meeting through the proposals. There followed a lot of discussion about the proposals and there were a significant number of concerns raised. The timescale for the consultation was felt to be extremely short and many of those present had not been sent any information from County direct. It was agreed that a collective response from HCDA, as well as individual groups responding, would be beneficial. Mike offered to draft a response based on the issues raised at the meeting. A special meeting for HCDA members would be held on Wednesday 13th July to agree the final document, which would then be sent to the County Council.
 5. **Headington Guide**
James reported on progress. The JR had committed to using 3000 copies of the Guide each year and the NOC 330 copies. AC Nielsen's had not responded yet. There was a discussion on a name for the Guide and the group felt that it needed to reflect the area covered by HCDA. Generally it was agreed that OX3 would be a good overall title with the names of the localities covered by the Guide also included as

sub-titles. The idea of a map on the cover was also endorsed. It was agreed that the idea for having a Guide for the area would be presented to the next NE Area Committee meeting to seek some funding to enable the project to be implemented. Mary agreed to present the project to the Area Committee. It was also noted that at the next HCDA annual general meeting there should be an agenda item to discuss a shorter working name for HCDA.

6. Headington festival

The evaluation report was circulated. The costs of the Festival appear to have come in at slightly under budget. There were a number of issues raised about how HCDA could support a festival in future years and whether it would be better to concentrate events around one day rather than two days and possibly have a theme. It was agreed that a detailed discussion on the Festival would be held at the September meeting. Prior to this those people who expressed an interest, on the evaluation forms, to be involved further would be invited to an informal meeting at the beginning of September. Mary agreed to organise this meeting.

7. Extended licensing hours

Stephanie raised the issue of extended licensing hours especially related to local pubs. It was felt that any concerns needed to be addressed to the City Council as the Licensing Authority and it may be useful to raise at the North-East Area Committee.

8. Membership update

Angela circulated an updated members list for corrections. There had been some changes to membership:

Steve Walker is the representative for Headington Community Association; Paul Cunningham is the representative for Barton Community Association.

David had met with Audrey Mullender, Principal of Ruskin College, and they were keen to become involved with HCDA. The group welcomed this new link and agreed to Ruskin becoming a new member of HCDA. Angela to contact Audrey Mullender.

9. Treasurer's update

Savings account is £3,000, current account is £5,884. Arthur was still waiting for payments from AC Nielsens, Oxford Inspires and Parks

10. AOB

10.1 Tennis courts – Angela reported that although resurfacing had taken place, line marking had to be implemented when weather conditions were suitable

10.2 Christmas Funday – Jill reported that this year's event would be on 4th December. Jill was starting to co-ordinate the day's events and was particularly looking for a new supplier for the Christmas tree and staging.

10.3 Lord Mayor's letter – Mary circulated copies of the letter from the Lord Mayor following his visit to the Headington Festival.

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 27th July from 7pm - 9pm.