

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 27th July 2005, 19h00, Headington Hill Hall

Present

David Bartrip
James Bloice-Smith
Angela Cristofoli
Jill Cummings
Paul Cunningham
Janet Isaac
Stephanie Jenkins
Tony Joyce
Audrey Mullender
Mike Stranks
Arthur Treherne
Jean White

Apologies from

Susan Baker
Bob Clarke
Mary Hope
Kat Luddecke
David Rundle
Susan Tolman
Steve Walker
Stella Welford

1. Minutes of last meeting held on 27.07.05.

Minutes approved subject to change to minute 9 which should read ' savings account is £3000 and current account is £5884.

2. Apologies

Apologies as listed above. Mary Hope was unable to attend the meeting and in her absence James Bloice-Smith, Vice Chair HCDA, chaired the meeting.

3. Any Other Business

- Audrey Mullender from Ruskin College was welcomed as a new member to the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

3.3.5. Sculpted tree in Bury Knowle Park – the wood for the benches had been removed, to be carved by Matt Cave and were expected to be completed by the end of August/early September. Mary had written an article on the project for Oxford Brookes Link magazine.

7. Extended licensing hours – Tony reported that Highfield Residents' association were objecting to the application for extended licensing hours of the Britannia. The Friends of Old Headington were objecting to the Black Boy application for extended licensing hours. Residents' Associations had not been informed officially of these applications as the statutory regulation stated that only residents within 100 yards of the establishment had to be consulted. Highfield Residents' Association were allowed to make a representation as they had argued that they had members residing in properties within 100 yards of the establishment.

5. Local travel/transport issues

5.1 European car free day / walking to work – Stella and Stephanie had attended the Healthy Walks training day organised through the PCT. And were now officially trained walk leaders. Stephanie raised the issue of Cuckoo Lane, which is closed for repairs, which have not commenced yet. If these works are not completed before 22nd September then the planned walk could not take place. Angela agreed to follow up with City/County Council on the schedule for this work. Once this had been established, Mike would work with Stephanie on a specific publicity campaign through HCDA linked to car free day in September. Tony reported that there will be an event in Broad Street for car-free day and he would keep the organisers informed of the HCDA walk if it goes ahead.

5.2 London Road study – Mike reported back on the meeting held on 13th July to agree the final response document from HCDA to be sent to the County Council. There was a very good turnout from local residents' groups and following the

discussions Mike submitted the final document by 18th July. Apparently the deadline has been extended to the 31st but this was only publicised on the website. The North-East Area Committee meeting on 19th had many local people addressing the Committee about the proposals. The general opinion from the Area Committee was that the consultation process had been poor and the consultants had not been properly briefed hence the proposed solutions were inadequate. The Area Committee was to invite the County Council to attend the September meeting to discuss transport/traffic issues. Angela to let HCDA members know if this was to go ahead. Mike had also written to the Oxford Times as had Councillors Tall and Rundle. Other organizations, such as the NOC, had also made individual submissions to the County Council. Audrey also added that Ruskin College had suggested to the County Council that an area behind Ruskin adjacent to the ring road might be established as an additional park and shuttle facility in the future.

James and Mike offered to make their copies of the London Road plans available should any residents' groups wish to photocopy them.

Mike would report back to HCDA members on any response from the County Council.

6. Headington Guide

The idea for the Guide for the area was presented to the NE Area Committee meeting in July to seek some funding to enable the project to be implemented. The Area Committee agreed in principle to support the Guide but required a more detailed plan on the funding. They had suggested that other local organisations e.g. Oxford Brookes should be approached for funding as well. The area of coverage had also been discussed and whether Marston may want a Guide of its own in the future.

The group agreed that the area of coverage would remain as OX3 and James would take the comments back to the sub-group to take forward.

7. Headington festival

Mary had sent to the meeting a draft copy of the monitoring form that she was completing to send back to Oxford Inspires. The group was asked to pass on any comments to Mary before the 3rd August.

A full discussion on next year's festival would be the main agenda item for September's HCDA meeting and it was suggested that a summary of the main issues to be discussed be circulated prior to the meeting.

8. Planning for Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting for HCDA will be held prior to the usual meeting on 26th October. Mary and Angela had discussed the agenda and felt that the group needed to consider a couple of items prior to the meeting:

8.1 Name of group – there needs to be some consideration as to whether either a new name or a working name for the group be adopted. Mike briefed the group that for public relations/media work the HCDA title is often abbreviated already and is generally too long and not slick enough to make an impact. The group are asked to consider either a change to the main name of the group, which will have implications for the constitution/charity commission, or a shorter working title. Angela to check that the Charity Commission rules/regulations.

8.2 Election of Honorary Officers – the group were asked to consider nominations for the posts of Treasurer and Secretary, which were likely to come up for nomination at the AGM.

9. Treasurer's update

The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2005 were nearing completion. Arthur had also completed a summary of the HCDA activities for this time period.

There were still some outstanding payments due from Oxford Inspires and AC Niensens. The Royal Standard had contributed £50 towards the festival. Current account £4700 and savings account £3000.

10. AOB

10.1 Wood Farm – David B reported that the new youth building is due to be put onto the Wood Farm school site in September 2005.

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 28th September from 7pm - 9pm in the Board Room, Oxford Brookes,
Gipsy Lane.