

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 29th March 2006, 19h00, Oxford Brookes University, Gipsy Lane

Present

James Bloice-Smith
Angela Cristofoli
Jill Cummings
Marion Fiddes
Mary Hope
Janet Isaacs
Stephanie Jenkins
Tony Joyce
Diana Townsend
Marie Vickers
Stella Welford
Charles Young

Apologies from

Audrey Mullender
David Rundle
Marie Vickers

1. Minutes of last meeting held on 22.02.06.

Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. Area Action Planning Workshop

Martin West from the City Council gave details of the Workshops attended by members from key local organizations, the Police and PCTs, and handed round papers summarizing the results of the discussions under the headings of community safety, health and active lives, strong and resourceful community, enterprise and employment, and the natural and built environment. The results of the workshops will be presented to each of the Area Committees which will make decisions on action to be taken in their own area. Angela offered to email the handout to all members.

3. Notification of any other business

The following topics were notified for discussion: development on the Warneford Meadow, Cycling, Green Road Roundabout, The Storybook tree, Car Free Day. The resignation of Mike Stranks from both the HCDA and Festival committees was received with much regret from all present; Mike had been instrumental in successfully raising the profile of HCDA and had been very active in a number of spheres of HCDA. He was a much valued member and will be very much missed.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Headington Festival -

Mary introduced the newly appointed coordinator, Caroline Duffy. Mary explained that Mike Stranks had felt the legislation involved in organising the Festival was too restrictive, and had resigned. Mike Williams from the City Council is not now able to come to the next Festival meeting on April 5th. Caroline listed the subjects which need to be discussed, including most importantly the public address system previously organised by Mike Stranks. A public entertainment licence is not necessary this year. Mary warned that there are difficulties ahead and because of these the Festival may not go ahead.

JR Residents' Forum

Tony reported that representatives from the County's traffic staff were present at the meeting on 2nd March. It is proposed that buses will enter Osler Road from London Road by means of a yellow box, and the Saxon Way entrance to the JR will be opened. These changes had not been related to the work now starting at the Green Road roundabout. The new system for parking fees within the hospital grounds is very helpful.

5. **OX3 Guide**

Tony congratulated those who have produced the guide, principally James and Stephanie, and Mary presented them with tokens as a mark of appreciation. Various organizations have been involved in distributing the guide and there are more to be sent out. Mary suggested the purchase of £50 worth of small stands for shop displays. James thanked Mary for all her work and for organizing the distribution, and Angela with the Area Committee. An email address is available for errors and additions to be sent in for the next issue.

Some outside the OX3 area have asked when their own areas will produce such a guide.

6. **Central Parking Zone**

James reported that people attending church meetings during the evening are having difficulty finding places to park and the restrictions currently in place are affecting community life. He agreed to write to enquire what is the purpose of the CPZ, and if the current system, which will come up for review, is achieving the objectives.

7. **Treasurer's Update**

Charles Young reported that the balance currently stood at just under £9,700, but would be reduced to just under £1,700 when the outstanding invoice for the OX3 guide had been paid. As of now, the costs of the guide exceeded revenue by just over £2,000, However, James pointed out that there was a further £2,000 promised for the guide from the hospital trust.

8. **AOB**

Car free day, Friday, 22nd September

Tony confirmed this date. It is hoped this will become a city wide event with a guide how local groups can contribute, Stephanie's walk available, and there is a possibility of a reward for car sharing.

Storybook Tree

The benches to go round the tree have been made but the sculptor is not satisfied with one of them. Janet offered to go with Mary to look at them. It is hoped they will be installed before the Festival.

Cycling

James suggested inviting cyclists to a meeting

Warneford Meadow

Major developments are planned, both for housing and the hospital, which will result in greatly increased traffic.

Local Community Credit Scheme

Jill mentioned a scheme whereby children's groups wanting funding can benefit from a points scheme run by local shops.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 26th April from 7pm - 9pm in the Board Room, Oxford Brookes, Gipsy Lane.
Audrey Mullender will be speaking about recent developments at Ruskin College