

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 26th April 2006, 19h00, Oxford Brookes University, Gipsy Lane

Present

James Bloice-Smith
Angela Cristofoli
Jill Cummings
Caroline Duffy
Mary Hope
Janet Isaacs
Stephanie Jenkins
Audrey Mullender
Diana Townsend
Stella Welford
Charles Young

Apologies from

Sue Baker
Marion Fiddes
Frank Holliday
Tony Joyce
Kat Luddecke
David Rundle
Jean White

The meeting offered congratulations to Tony Joyce and Kate Miller on their recent marriage.

Mary welcomed Pat Ross from Central North Headington Residents' Association. It was announced that Anne Ashley had written to say she is now working at the Advocacy Development Unit in Barton. Mary will write to Anne to thank her for all her help, and Angela has rung Brookes who will let her know who the new contact will be. Paul Cunningham has moved from Oxford and has resigned from HCDA. Mary has written to him. Sharon Keene from Barton Community Association has been contacted regarding another representative from Barton.

During the meeting, Audrey Mullender, Principal of Ruskin College, as a stakeholder, spoke about current developments at the college and what it is hoped to achieve in the future. She handed round leaflets giving details of courses at Walton Street, and of the Summer Schools which for the first time will take place in Headington and include a variety of short courses costing £30 for those without higher education. The plan is to consolidate on the Headington site but keep a presence in Walton Street, hopefully sharing it with a partner, and in order to do so it will be necessary to refurbish parts of the accommodation blocks. She also hopes it will be possible to build a café/restaurant on the old tennis court, previously the walled garden, for the use of the public as well as students as she is keen to become part of the local community. The Oxford Preservation Trust will contribute to the cost of costing the repair of the listed 'crinkle crinkle' wall along one side of the old tennis court.

1. **Minutes of last meeting held on 29.03.06.**

Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. **Notification of any other business**

The following topics were notified for discussion: Charles would like to mention Coin and Mary the library and noticeboards. James would like to discuss cycling.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

Storybook tree: Mary and Janet went to see the benches which are now fine. The Parks department will be in touch with the carver, Matt, about installing them. Mary had spoken to Jeanne Bliss re the Oxfordshire Garden Society becoming a

sponsor and there is also the possibility that some money may come from the film company and the publishers. Charles will write when he has a copy of the standard request letter from Mary. Mary will also try the C.S. Lewis Trust for a contribution. Jill suggested having a story telling session when the benches are installed. Possibility too of having a screening of the film with sponsorship. Angela will find out from Events whether a film is planned. The addition of a plaque with donors' names was also discussed.

OX3 Guide: A few errors are being notified as well as many complimentary messages. It is necessary to keep schools, libraries and health centres topped up.

Headington Festival: Caroline brought the meeting up-to-date with developments which are going ahead well. The formal arrangements with the City Council have been completed but there are other matters such as risk management to be discussed. Fliers will go to schools. Mary explained that Mike Stranks will work the PA system. Kat Luddecke is leaving the Co-op and will be joining the County Council. Mary asked Angela about printing programmes in colour but it was doubtful this could be achieved for any quantity.

4. Central Parking Zone

James reported that he had been in touch with Peter Mann who had referred him to James Gagg. It was agreed it would be useful if a representative from Highways could come to a meeting to discuss our concerns and what could be done about them. Angela suggested Peter Mann be invited as he would deal with feedback rather than implementation which is James Gagg's responsibility.

5. Oxford Inspires

Mary had circulated the Special Events Forum information to all members.

6. Treasurer's Update

Charles handed round copies of the draft accounts for the year ended 31st March 2006 and reported that the outstanding money for the Festival is being chased. Mary is contacting the City Council, and the hospital money is due to be paid now.

7. AOB

Climate Outreach & Information Network (COIN): Charles spoke about this and mentioned the Ruskin course which is appropriate. Coin has a good website (<http://coinet.org.uk>) and we should give them our name.

The Library

Mary had written to Keith Mitchell who had said there is no money for a library in Headington. She wrote again about developer contributions and asked for a County representative to come to a meeting. At the City Council meeting the previous Monday the Asset Plan had been changed: at some time in the future Bury Knowle House may be sold but for now it is agreed it will be for community use and the library will continue. The County will have to install disabled access.

Cycling: James asked if it would be helpful to have someone from Cyclox to talk at a meeting and this was agreed.

Noticeboards: Angela reported that new boards should be available the next day. Janet queried the inclusion of notices for people working for profit. Angela will provide guidelines about usage.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 31st May from 7pm - 9pm in the Board Room, Oxford Brookes, Gipsy Lane.

Mary asked for a volunteer to take the minutes of this meeting as Stella will be away.