

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

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

Present

James Bloice-Smith
Jill Cummings
Janet Isaac
Stephanie Jenkins
Tony Joyce
Audrey Mullender
David Rundle
Diana Townsend
Stella Welford
Charles Young

Apologies from

Diana Chandler
Angela Cristofoli
Joanna Foster
Mary Hope
Kat Luddecke

1. Minutes of last meeting held on 28.06.06.

Minutes approved and signed by James who took the Chair in Mary's absence.

2. Notification of any other business

Janet and James tabled topics for discussion.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes (28th June)

3.1 Storybook tree – Tony is pursuing his contact with the film company. Charles reported a shortfall of just under £2,000 apart from the cost of the plaque.

3.2 New HCDA contacts – James had spoken to Sue Holden and will contact her again. He said he would be interested in hearing about schools generally including extended schools with a collaborative presentation. James will check with Mary: see Minute 3.3.

3.4 Car free day – 22nd September - Tony confirmed arrangements for Broad Street and is in touch with Highfield about their road closure and what they are arranging. Bus companies are doing a promotion week and if agreed they will have a raffle using bus tickets as raffle tickets. Possibly an event in Stapleton Road. Leaflets may need distribution.

3.5 Area Plans – James expressed thanks to Angela

3.6 Friends of Quarry – Their event clashed with the Cowley Road festival.

3.7 Headington Library – The lease will be renewed and current negotiations are going ahead for improved access .

5 Headington Festival - James asked who is actioning the charities income. Charles will ask Caroline Duffy.

7 HCDA website - Stephanie had not received any contributions. James asked Tony to contribute a piece on the car free day before 22nd September.

9.1 Oxford Brookes 'Space to Think' - Nothing additional to report but possibly Brookes will be asking for space for more accommodation for ca 500

4. Treasurer's update

Charles reported there are still unrepresented bills for the Festival. James suggested some money from the stalls at the Festival could be used to cover some cost of the tree. James asked Charles to do a summary of the income.

5. HCDA Constitution

Angela had circulated the amended version which she and Tony had produced in order to make it acceptable to the Charity Commission. The question of Associate membership, voting procedures and eligibility to vote was discussed, as well as the necessity to make meetings quorate along with the number of members from local authorities. David Rundle joined the meeting at this point and there was further discussion about representation from local authorities with particular reference to the county council, and his appointment to the HCDA by the Area Committee. Tony and Angela will look at the draft again bearing in mind the points made at this meeting.

6. Warneford Meadow

Tony reported that the Mental Health Trust has submitted planning applications for the meadow as five separate applications. Highfield have engaged a professional planning consultant to investigate whether or not the Trust is acting correctly in planning terms. There will be a consultation meeting with the Mental Health Trust on 2nd August. They might decide to go further than the Local Plan allows. Hill Top Road is considering the implications. David reported that discussions are going ahead with the planning officers and asked if anyone from the HCDA will go to the 2nd August meeting: Tony hopes to be there.

7. CPZ response

James handed out copies of his draft response. David asked what is the desired outcome. James said he would prefer more timed parking and policing, with two hour parking in some areas. He said that he feared that in designing the CPZ little thought had been given to the impact on local community life. David said CPZs are not the whole answer and reviews of the schemes are overdue and need to be hastened. He suggested HCDA could do some work here and create a document of advice on how the schemes should be seen in the future, and also said that there needs to be a cultural change. David felt the draft letter is basically OK and issues of community should be addressed. Jill stressed that communities are disappearing. There was a consensus that (a) controlled parking was needed in the area and that (b) the CPZ scheme as implemented needed to be reviewed. However, the proposed letter was too negative and should not be sent in its current form.

8. AOB

Camera at the Headington traffic lights - Janet reported a mugging had taken place close by the camera and asked what is its purpose. It is related to the flow of traffic rather than CCTV. She suggested a CCTV camera should be installed to record future such unpleasant events.

Children's Festival (it should have been referred to as a Family Fun Day) -

James reported that a festival [fun day] will take place on 2nd September.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 27th September 2006 at 7.00, Oxford Brookes University, Gipsy Lane site – to be confirmed.