

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

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

Present

Heather Armitage
James Bloice-Smith
Angela Cristofoli
Jill Cummings
Marion Fiddes
Mary Hope
Stephanie Jenkins
Stella Welford
Charles Young

Apologies from

Rebecca Harty
Janet Isaac
Audrey Mullender
David Rundle
Marie Vickers

1. Minutes of last meeting held on 25.10.06.

Minutes approved and signed by James.

2. Notification of Any Other Business

Mary and Stephanie tabled topics for discussion.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

New HCDA contact:

Angela had emailed Barton about the possibility that Sue Holden might represent them.

County Council representation:

Angela has drafted a letter which Stella will send to the Principal Committee Officer, Democratic Services, inviting nomination of a County Councillor to the committee.

Car free day:

This will be for discussion at the January meeting.

Calendar of Events:

Stella has not received any dates from members for the proposed calendar.

Storybook tree:

Mary reminded the meeting that we are closing the account. She had had a call from a member of the public who asked about funding a bench in memory of a member of his family. She had contacted the sculptor and the cost will be £900 which is acceptable to the donor. She has also contacted John Wade about the addition of the bench, and reminded him about the addition of the plaque.

Future of HCDA:

James circulated a list with his ideas covering headline activities (the Festival and OX3 Guide), background activities (forum and developing a view for the future of Headington), supporting community ventures (HBA's Christmas Funday and car free day), speaking for community concerns (transport, development issues and community resources). Charles reminded the meeting that David had suggested a Farmers' Market. Heather suggested signs to identify Headington. Angela said the County Council is reviewing signage with some to be removed. She suggested consultation with the County Council to see how this could be taken forward.

Warneford Meadow:

There was nothing new to report. Planning applications are likely to be available early in the new year. Heather said nothing had been done about the orchard. Tony Joyce joined the meeting for a short time and reported that he had floated the idea about the orchard and is waiting for reactions from those he talked to.

4. Update on the move of departments to the JR

Marion reported that members of staff will start moving in mid December but the move of patients will start on 13th January and finish by 22nd January. The Radcliffe Infirmary site will be handed over to the University on 2nd February. Tony asked about the move of the research departments and Marion said it had not yet been decided which departments will move. Tony asked about the anticipated effect on Headington of the arrival of staff and commented that he felt the entrance from Osler Road was acceptable and the impression of the hospital itself had improved with a more optimistic attitude. Marion said there will be an Open Day in the West Wing on 20th December.

Stella said she had heard the field within the Osler Road entrance would not be allowed to be used for football. Marion had not heard this and will find out.

5. CPZ Scheme – adverse social effects

Heather mentioned places where the CPZ has caused problems where people have run out of visitor permits, and on Girdlestone Road where building contractors park on the grass. James said he had a document from the 'Parking Army' in particular about the charges for parking permits. He said Peter Mann had indicated they are preparing for the review of the HE scheme. James' letter is ready to go with the addition of a paragraph from David. Mary reminded the meeting that initially the discussion had been about difficulties with community halls and churches. Charles suggested we need to make constructive criticisms. Angela suggested the County should be asked if the schemes are working and if the objectives are being met, and we should focus on the needs of the community. Marion said the restricted parking on the JR site was affecting outside parking areas which will be lost when the schemes are implemented. Comments were made that the Park & Rides are too expensive, and those car parks are full with those not able to park on the streets.

6. OX3 Guide

James had prepared a list of things which need to be done towards the production of the next edition as follows:

1. **Evaluation:** Value: to the community, to advertisers, to sponsors
Production, Distribution, Costs
2. **Review:** Funding, Production, Distribution
3. **Soundings:** Sponsors, Advertisers
4. **Produce the next edition:** Secure sponsorship, Information content, Advertisements,
Design, Print
5. **Distribute**

Mary suggested the next edition should be early 2008. Heather suggested no date and have a different cover. If looking at early 2008 the new material will be needed in six months' time.

In response to Charles' question about funding, Marion suggested hard facts are needed about funding and advertising. New staff in the hospitals should be contacted to ask if the current edition is useful, and also ask the CCOHRA membership. Heather suggested having a database for use in consulting members with possible funding from the Area Committee: agreed to discuss further at the January meeting, as well as appoint a group to deal with the new edition. Jill suggested the staff moving to the JR site should be offered the current edition and Marion will check and arrange.

7. Treasurer's Report

Charles reported there had been no transactions since the last meeting, and the balance stands at £3,162. Caroline Duffy needs to be paid her retainer. James will sign the bank mandate to replace Mary as a signatory: Stella also needs to sign the mandate.

8. AOB

Website:

Stephanie said the subscription for the website needs renewing at a cost of £25.69. James felt better use should be made of the site and that it should be renewed. Agreed.

Festival 2007:

Will take place on Sunday, June 3rd. Caroline Duffy is applying for grants and will come to the January meeting to give an update of developments. Mary suggested consideration should be given to arranging an exhibition 'Celebrating Headington' to give local crafts people an opportunity to display their work, but that this should be held over a longer period than the one day Festival.

Constitution:

Angela said a minor change needs to be made. She will send this to Stephanie for the website.

Christmas Fun Day:

Jill mentioned the Fun Day which will take place on Sunday, 3rd December, and handed round copies of the programme.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 31st January 2007 at 7.00, Oxford Brookes, Gipsy Lane