

# Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 19h00, Oxford Brookes, Gipsy Lane

## Present

Heather Armitage  
James Bloice-Smith  
Angela Cristofoli  
Jill Cummings  
Marion Fiddes  
Rebecca Harty  
Mary Hope  
Janet Isaac  
Stephanie Jenkins  
Tony Joyce  
Audrey Mullender  
Marie Vickers  
Stella Welford  
Jean White  
Charles Young

## Apologies from

Sue Holden  
David Rundle

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### 1. Minutes of last meeting held on 29.11.06

Minutes approved and signed by James.

### 2. Matters arising from the Minutes

#### County Council representation:

Stella had written to Geoff Malcolm at the County Council and had received a message acknowledging the arrival of the letter.

#### Storybook tree:

Mary had had no further response from the proposed donor and will chase. She had asked John Wade of the Parks department to advise re finding a plaque designer and to get more benches installed.

#### OX3 Guide:

Marion will take a box of guides for staff moved from the Radcliffe Infirmary and give them out with a commemorative booklet now in preparation for those who worked at the RI. She reported that the move had gone well and that the Water Eaton park and ride to the JR was being much used. It was agreed a valuation was needed before a new edition is planned: James to arrange a meeting. Offers of help were received by Mary from Stephanie, Janet, Angela, Marion and Becky.

#### Warneford Meadow:

The Area committee had been asked to consider these applications but it would not make any decision as they would go to the SDCC. The applicants wanted to think further about the applications as a result of the NEAC debate. Residents associations are meeting with the planners and there may be a further meeting before the scheme goes to the SDCC. There is a separate application for the meadow to become a town green.

### 3. Farmers' Market:

Charles had been in touch with various organizations and explored possible sites in a move to stimulate commercial development in Headington. Possibilities are that a shop be opened to sell fresh veg, and have another sort of market. Possible locations might be St. Andrew's school, or Bury Knowle park. Angela suggested Stephen Road but residents' access a problem. Stella suggested a Christmas market at the same time as Old High Street is closed for the Funday. Mary suggested a market at the same time as the Festival, and the area behind Peacocks and the Britannia pub. Charles will continue investigations and contact the Thames Valley Farmers' Market.

### 4. Brookes campus redevelopment consultation

Becky reported on the regeneration of the Headington and Wheatley campuses and handed round copies of the leaflet *Space to Think* which is being widely distributed. The scheme will increase green space on the Gipsy Lane campus, create bus space to leave the main road freer and provide public access for certain facilities. There will be consultations on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February in the Buckley Building on the Gipsy Lane site. Becky will take copies of

the **OX3 Guide** for their exhibition. Tony suggested that the proposed conference centre to be built on the Headington Hall site could be used for a much needed concert hall. Other questions raised concerned student accommodation in Headington and Wheatley, and car parking around the old Milham Ford site. James suggested transport, including cycle lanes, should be brought back for discussion, and collaboration between HCDA and Brookes.

#### **5. Headington Festival**

Caroline Duffy gave an update on progress for the Festival. She has been talking to stall holders about the design of the site. A new budget of £7,200 has been set. It is expected the City Council will contribute £2,500 from each of two sources. An application has been submitted to the County Council for £500. Stewards will be appointed. Becky offered herself as a volunteer and may be able to interest students in helping. Kat will send the budget details to Charles. Angela suggest it could be possible to link up with other park activities. James suggested more should be done to attract teenagers, i.e. a skateboard demonstration, and Jill suggested a climbing wall.

#### **6. Car Free Day**

Tony reported that local groups are anxious to do something similar this year. Angela said the NEAC will consider at a future meeting as this is a city wide project. It was suggested All Saints Road should be closed and areas nearby ought to be 'home zones'. Also a need to get 20 mph in these areas and try to link with the Brookes travel free day with possible free transport on Brookes' buses. There would be more impact if this is a weekday rather than a Saturday.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

Charles reported no change since the last meeting

#### **8. AOB**

##### **Headington development:**

Tony reported that the County is getting ready for the next stage of the London Road Traffic Study and want to set up working groups. He also said the Local Plan is becoming out of date and the whole area needs to be considered as far as planning, commercial aspects and the district shopping centre are concerned. James suggested feedback from the subcommittee and there should be a City Council working party for the whole area. Janet asked about Dorset House. Becky reported that Brookes have heard nothing further from the developer.

##### **Noticeboards:**

Janet reported that she will take down out of date permanent notices. Angela said the City Council website has been updated and local information can be accessed through by post code.

##### **Death of David Edwards**

Marion said that it had come as a great shock when they learned of his sudden and unexpected death and he will be greatly missed as a friend and a colleague. He had achieved a great deal during his time as Transport Strategy officer and the major part of his work was only now being completed. There had been a private family funeral two weeks ago. The Trust may make a donation to commemorate David's work.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7.00, Oxford Brookes, Gypsy Lane**