

Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 28th March 2007, 19h00, Oxford Brookes, Gipsy Lane

Present

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

Apologies from

Rebecca Harty
Sue Holden
Audrey Mullender

1. **Minutes of last meeting held on 28.02.07**

Minutes approved and signed by James.

2. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

London Road study – Craig Rossington is on holiday so there is time to find someone from the business community to join the group he is setting up. Mary recommended Sophie Bale be invited to join. Angela will check with Tia and if she cannot join will contact Mary. Jill will prompt those in the business community and hopefully get someone to come to a Headington Action meeting. Angela will contact Craig and ask for a timescale for the budgets and programming, and will report back.

County Council representation – Stella reported that the Council had appointed County Councillor Gail Bones to represent them and Stella had sent the agenda for this meeting to her and will send the dates of future meetings.

Storybook Tree – Angela has nominated the tree for an Oxford Preservation Trust Environmental Award and has sent in the application form. Mary has been in touch with Mat about the third bench which it is hoped will be donated and will not ask for a sponsor for another bench for the time being. Agreed for new benches the donors would arrange their own plaques.

OX3 Guide – Mary will convene a meeting to discuss the next edition. Angela offered to help.

Friends of Warneford Meadow – Heather reported on a fundraising event held at Cheney School. The application for a Town Green has been submitted to the Council Council, and the five Warneford/Park Hospital applications will go to the SDCC on 25th April. Angela reported that the hospital had been told to clear the site.

Brookes Redevelopment – James reported that concern had been expressed about the creation of shops on the site which could mean a second shopping centre in Headington. Mary suggested the students go to Tesco in Cowley Road. Angela said the matter was not discussed at the NEAC meeting and would get in touch about a briefing and will let us know the outcome possibly for the next HCDA meeting.

Headington Festival – A meeting of the Festival group will be held on Friday. Scott Fraser will not now sponsor the event: suggested Chancellors be approached. There will be good entertainment and competitions for children. James asked if there was a need for helpers: Mary will discuss with Caroline Duffy.

Confirmation of acceptance of the revised Constitution – It was accepted formally and there is a need to send more detail to the Charity Commission.

3. Farmers' Markets

Charles reported on further discussions and suggested they might be held on the fourth Friday of every month because of the timing of other markets in the area. The forecourt of the Co-op had been rejected by the management. Charles had been round the area with Robert Eadle and the favoured location is the junction of Kennett Road with London Road which would need County Council's approval for closure but there could be a problem with delivery lorries to and from Iceland. Angela suggested asking the County Council for their opinion. James asked about other locations if the Kennett Road site is not possible.

The corner of Osler Road is a possibility but is a bit far away from the central shopping area. Charles said that he feared that delaying the start would risk losing the enthusiasm of the stallholders. Robert Eadle preferred produce sourced within 30 miles. Discussion followed about who would do the organization and it was decided it would be preferable if it was handled by ourselves after advice from other organizers. Legal questions need to be solved, liability insurance needs to be obtained and publicity considered including banners on lamp posts which Angela will investigate. Charles will get advice from the organizer of the Gloucester Green market. A budget needs to be set and need to work towards a start on the fourth Friday in May but if problems arose postpone until September. Charles, Mary and James will discuss. Jill suggested canvassing to see if people would support it.

4. Car Free Day

Agreed to leave discussion until the April meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

Charles reported no change since the last meeting

6. Future Meetings

Agreed Kat should be invited to talk at a future meeting in connection with Headington Development and that a longer term view should be discussed about future planning in the area. Kat is working on community planning for the County Council. Angela explained about local area plans which are community led and suggested Oxford's Core Strategy be discussed. It would be more appropriate for Kat to be involved than Paul James who could come to a later meeting. Angela will ask Sue Holden to talk at the April meeting.

7. AOB

Heather asked for support at a meeting on 16th April about the skate park on Cowley Marsh. Angela said the Executive Board of Councillors did not feel they had enough information to make a decision on a park the size of a football pitch. James said he would consult youth workers and write a letter of recommendation. Consultation will close on 31st March so no time for further discussion.

Jean White had asked about the hospital's travel plan which Marion said is on their Website.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 25th April 2007 at 7.00, Oxford Brookes, Gipsy Lane