

# Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007, 19h00, Oxford Brookes, Gipsy Lane

## Present

Heather Armitage  
James Bloice-Smith  
Angela Cristofoli  
Jill Cummings  
Marion Fiddes  
Rebecca Harty  
Sue Holden  
Stephanie Jenkins  
Audrey Mullender  
Marie Vickers  
Charles Young  
Stella Welford

## Apologies from

Joanna Foster  
Mary Hope  
Janet Isaacs  
Tony Joyce  
David Rundle

**Stakeholder:** Sue Holden spoke about what is going on in Barton having handed round a written report which will be circulated to those who were unable to attend the meeting. She said one of the main projects is the refurbishment of the Underhill Circus, details of which are in the report along with those for the Pavilion which it was hoped will provide an alternative venue to The Fox PH which is not being replaced. Jill asked if Barton was contributing to the Festival – Sue said she would help. James asked if there was any need to engage with the wider community in Headington and Sue agreed this would be beneficial. Angela complimented Sue and her husband for all their hard work on behalf of Barton. Sue is the main link with so many groups and they are very lucky to have her.

### 1. Minutes of last meeting held on 28.03.07

Minutes approved and signed by James after various amendments had been made.

### 2. Matters arising from the minutes:

**Headington Festival** - Mary was unable to be present and had emailed James with an update covering risk assessment and funding. Charles said the costs were more than expected and insurance will be £200 more than last year. St. John's Ambulance had not yet confirmed so an alternative might be needed. Becky offered to get student volunteers but the Festival is after the end of term. There will be a good range of entertainment. Stephanie asked for something for the website. In reply to Jill's question Angela said letters had been sent to last year's stallholders.

**London Road Study** - Stella said the Friends of Old Headington had nominated Ronnie Sonneborn as a member of the stakeholder group: agreed his name be sent to Craig.

**OX3 Guide** - Before proceeding with a second edition the subcommittee had agreed that a process of evaluation was required involving sponsors, advertisers and users. To get user feedback it was agreed that a questionnaire go to all members to be used with the group they represent. Marion will put one on the ORH bulletin board and will circulate in the best way they can. Angela will circulate it to all county and city councilors in the area. James asked for email responses suggesting any questions which needed to be added to a draft questionnaire he circulated. Charles suggested adding a note about what the answers would be used for and what is being sought..

**Brookes Redevelopment** - The master plan has been submitted and is on the website.

**Skate Park** - No-one has come back to James with comments. Heather said it was called in for submission to the executive board.

**Hospital Transport Plan** - Marion has hard copies of the Transport Plan and the timetable for the new no. 700 Water Eaton Park and Ride.

**3. Farmers' Markets**

Charles reported that Angela had told him there would be no problem about using the Kennett Road junction with the London Road. He visited Robert Eadle's farm with Rachel and it had been decided to wait until September for the first market. Ten stalls were expected paying £25 per month, and he couldn't understand why it had been projected that the cost of setting up would be £3,000. Insurance must be obtained. HCDA would be the organization managing the markets and it was necessary to protect ourselves against problems: the alternative would be to set up a limited company which was rejected. The stall holders have to have their own insurance so HCDA insurance is a back-up. Stephanie asked about the availability of public conveniences, and Charles will ask Robert Eadle. It is now necessary to pursue road closure for Kennett Road.

**4. Car Free Day**

Now to be called 'Streets for People' and will take place on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September as a national event. Details are on the website if anyone would like to organize an event. Angela explained that the City Council doesn't now have an Events team and in any case this was not something the Council would organize. James feels strongly it will be a good way of getting neighbourhoods to become communities, and suggested residents associations should consider organizing their own events. Marie suggested that the '20 is Plenty' scheme would lead into the 'Streets for People' day. It was agreed that the Cyclo speed device which residents associations can use should be an item for the next meeting.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Charles reported a bank balance of £2,889.80 and he has arranged a meeting to finalise last year's accounts for the end of May.

**6. AOB**

**Core Strategy** - Marie had reported that she had been to a workshop organized by the City Council. Concern was expressed about the suggestion of developing 70 dwellings for the diocese as well as a play park. There is the problem of a lack of communication and Angela suggested the ward councillors should be made aware of everyone's concerns about this as well as the planners. Councillors have their own copies of the document.

**Telecommunications mast** - Jill mentioned that the planning application rejected by the city planners is going to appeal.

**Baptist Church Funday** - James mentioned this Funday will take place in Bury Knowle Park on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**7. Community-led Planning**

Kat Luddecke who is Local Area Co-ordinator (Southern) for Oxfordshire County Council explained the system for community led planning and the creation of such projects by parish councils which work on local priorities, and handed round papers for various areas with details of the plans submitted and their achievements through action plans. It takes one to two years to create such a plan involving a wish list for libraries, police presence, shops and sports facilities. Council support is available if needed. There is a small budget available to deliver a project linked to the area committees and area action plans. There are pilot schemes planned for Botley and Cowley Road for May 2008. Kat suggested Headington should wait until next year for the results from the pilot areas as there is no support available to offer for the time being. James questioned whether we should concentrate on the lower scale issues rather than such big projects - further discussion at the next meeting. Angela suggested trying to find funding. Kat will send links to the website to link with the HCDA website.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at 7.00, Oxford Brookes, Gypsy Lane**