

Headington Committee for Development Action

Notes of the meeting held on 30 January 2008 at 7pm
Boardroom, Oxford Brookes University, Gypsy Lane

Members Present:

Heather Armitage (Headington & District Allotment Association)
James Bloice Smith (Churches representative for Headington) - HCDA Chair
Angela Cristofoli (Oxford City Council)
Marion Fiddes (Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust)
Mary Hope (New Headington Residents' Association)
Janet Isaac (U3A)
Stephanie Jenkins (website)
Marie Vickers (Friends of Quarry)
Stella Welford (Friends of Old Headington) - Secretary
Charles Young (Highfield) - Treasurer

		Action
1.	<p>JB-S welcomed the meeting and wished members a happy new year. Apologies were received from Gail Bones, David Rundle, Melanie Proudfoot (NOC), Tony Joyce, Liz Simpson-Wells (The Manor Hospital) and Audrey Mullender.</p> <p>It was noted that LS-W would be leaving the Manor Hospital.</p>	
2.	<p>Items for AOB: NHS consultation, see Gail Bones email, NAG first meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the AGM held on 28 November 2007 were agreed as a correct record. JB-S wished to amend the Chair's annual report to read that the revised constitution re membership and voting rights comes into effect from the 2007 AGM and therefore that the first meeting that this would apply to was the January 2008 meeting. Members approved the letter to go out to organisations advising them of the new membership attendance/voting arrangements. The revised Annual Report was tabled and is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Minutes of the previous ordinary meeting held on 28 November 2007 were agreed as a correct record with the exception of a point under item 8 Treasurer's Report - a £500 donation <i>had</i> been received towards the sculpture bench.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising from minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Lights - JBS would write to Craig Rossington on behalf of Headington Action. Members felt that good manners on the road would help the situation significantly! Ian Hudspeth from the OCC would be invited to give a stakeholder report; 	JB-S

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification of Headington Shops - AC and DR would continue to discuss with the City Planners and to report back to SJ and North-East Area Committee. SJ circulated an interesting article on some other councils' practice which highlighted the fact that definitions of "A1 shops" differed from place to place; • OX3 Guide - Twelve adverts had been received already and members were asked to advertise this opportunity wherever possible particularly for the front and back covers and full page adverts. All updates to be sent to James and also Angela who would arrange for entries not yet verified to be checked; • Farmers' Market - CY asked for help in May when he would be away. It was agreed that the FARMA subscription would not be progressed. The sub-group would not now include Rachel Grundy but Mary Hope had kindly agreed to be a member. All agreed that the banner was the most important communication advertising the market; • Headington Festival - to be held 1 June 2008. Planning was going ahead well and Caroline Duffy would present at the next meeting. Wolvercote Low Carbon would be invited to host a stall. 	<p>AC/DR</p> <p>JB-S</p> <p>MH</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Low Carbon Headington (Jill Haas and Vicky Harris)</p> <p>Vicky spoke of the experience in setting up the Wolvercote Group and highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups were based on street meetings (energy tips and enlisting commitment, low-energy lamp parties etc.) • Street leads then met together to plan events etc. • Launching the project with special presentation ("Climate in 2049") and the signing of a charter. • Brainstorming sub-groups (eg car-share, renewable energy, light bulbs, carbon footprint) • Incorporates a Farmers' market with sale of other items in bulk to avoid use of supermarkets. • Monthly talks (eg insulation, free walnut trees, good energy, showing "An inconvenient truth", 'transition towns') • Car-free day (donations to village hall solar panels) • Links with the WI, community groups, Youth Group • Making bags • Newsletter • Charter (attached) <p>Jill then spoke of her vision for Headington and said she would be pleased to speak to any residence groups if they wished.</p>	

	<p>Headington action agreed to be involved and the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Headington Action would encourage a Low Carbon Headington, limited in the first place to Old and New Headington and The Quarry, but would foster other meetings if there were interest ✓ A public meeting be planned for a Wednesday evening ✓ that the North-East Area Committee includes an advert for a public meeting and Jill be invited to talk to the Committee ✓ it should be advertised through the coordinating committee of residents' associations ✓ there should also be adverts at the Farmers' markets, on notice-boards and in as many other places as possible ✓ anyone interested should ring Jill Haas on Oxford 766368 	
6.	<p>Community-led planning</p> <p>JBS reported that Ruskin College was not able to field a student this current academic year, although the tutor-supervisor, Baljit Soroy, was keen to take part. AC mentioned that there might be the opportunity for funding and advice from the City Council on the shops enquiry. It was thought that a team of 10 people for 18 months would be appropriate. A message on the E-forum might be an idea and the questionnaire mentioned below would be a useful first step.</p>	
7.	<p>Northeast Neighbourhood consultation (questionnaire from Jenny Collett)</p> <p>AC reported that this could be returned at any time and it would be most useful to gain a sense of the issues facing the various associations and neighbourhoods. The questionnaire should be filled in by both individuals and groups and by the HCDA as a whole. Jenny would be invited to speak at a future meeting.</p>	<p>All to complete</p> <p>MF</p>
8.	<p>Streets for People 2008 - 22 September 2008</p> <p>AC would check if the steering group had met yet. There would be a letter to all residents' associations.</p>	<p>AC</p>
9.	<p>Changes to national planning consultation</p> <p>HA pointed the committee to these changes and the website opposing them - http://www.planningdisaster.co.uk/</p>	

10.	Parking Permits The idea of a public meeting had been proposed but on the whole the meeting felt that opinions were so varied on this contentious matter that it would be better to review the position after all the parking measures in different area had been implemented. Gail Bones, OCC councillor, had asked for any comments to be sent to her at <gbiffley(at)yahoo.co.uk>	
11.	Treasurer's Report The financial position was the same as reported last month.	CY
12.	E-Forum SJ gave an update on some of the positives such as the useful issues and interest stirred up and various newspaper articles, but shared her concern about a lack of support in dealing with some difficult issues. She appealed for the steering group to be active in starting up discussion threads and to generally show as much interest and support as they can.	
13.	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB-S reported that he would be on Sabbatical for three months 6 April to 6 July and would not be attending the committee; • Only one sculpture bench in Bury Knowle Park was affordable now; • An open meeting of NAG (Neighbourhood policing) would be held on 6 February. JB-S would attend; • MF referred to the NHS consultation exercise "Our NHS, Our Future". Members could give their views by emailing NSRTeam@southcentral.nhs.uk and check updates on www.southcentral.nhs.uk 	
14.	Date of Next Meeting: 27 February 2008 at 7pm Oxford Brookes Gypsy Lane Campus Lloyd Boardroom. Dates for future meetings - last Wednesday in the month 7pm-9pm. All at OBU Gypsy Lane	