

Headington Committee for Development Action
Notes of the meeting held on 27 February 2008 at 7pm
Oxford Brookes University, Gypsy Lane

Members Present

Heather Armitage (Headington & District Allotment Association)
Gail Bones (Oxfordshire County Council)
James Bloice Smith (Churches representative for Headington) - HCDA Chair
Angela Cristofoli (Oxford City Council)
Mary Hope (New Headington Residents' Association)
Stephanie Jenkins (website)
David Rundle (Oxford City Council Member)
Charles Young (Highfield) - Treasurer

Attending - Caroline Duffy (Festival Organiser)

Apologies

Marion Fiddes (Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust)
Janet Isaac (U3A)
Tony Joyce (Oxford Civic Society)
Stella Welford (Friends of Old Headington)

New Members - David Blythman (Scott Fraser Estate Agents)
New deputy manager of the Headington Co-op has agreed to join.

Matters Arising

London Road lights. There has been one reported incident at this junction
Control Parking Zones: Cllr Bones said the County Council should be encouraged to provide a service for the parking charges as residents experience problems welcoming visitors. More needs to be considered for the benefit FO the community rather than just a parking problem.
Cllr Rundle and Angela Cristofoli agreed to establish a meeting of the NE Area Committee to consider this issue and invite Ian Hudspeth to attend to present the report on Traffic/London Road Stakeholders.

Headington Shops: David Blythman of Scott Fraser Estate Agents is arranging to visit the shops in the central shopping area to enlist potential members to join a revitalised Headington Business Association.

OX3 Guide: Two large adverts are still required before the guide can be taken forward.

Farmers' Market: Help will be required in May for the road signs to be erected. Charles is also seeking some permanent help to maintain the market and for the committee to decide on any future profit made from holding the market.

Low-carbon Headington; James spoke at the NE Area Committee and has had discussions with Jill Haas about a public meeting to be held at Headington Baptist Church on April 23rd when Mark Lynas will speak. It was agreed to ask Wolvercote for a copy of their charter.

Community-led Planning. Ruskin College is not able to assist at present. James and Charles have met with Brookes students who might be able to help with research. As yet there is no agreement for funding this project.

Cllr Rundle reported the question of A-Boards is still being considered.

Neighbourhood Action Groups have now started in all areas

Play Areas. To date there is nothing to report

E-Forum: Agreed this is being very useful particularly concerning the Old Road traffic issue though there has been an increase in residents using it to grumble.

Agenda

Festival June 1st: Caroline Duffy, organiser, attended to propose the budget and plans. Using figures from previous festivals it is anticipated the budget this year is between £7000 -- £8000. The City Council has agreed two grants totalling £4.500; applications are being made to The Community Foundation and the Co-op. Stall holders fees and donations are anticipated.

Selling programmes was considered but rejected for this year's event though it would be possible to enlist donations from the public.

It was agreed HCDA should have a stall to explain the work of the organisation.

It was agreed to put future festivals on the agenda, as the current organisers would no longer be available.

North East Neighbourhood Consultation. Angela Cristofoli and Jenny Collett will report on this at the next meeting.

Streets for People 22nd September

Tony Joyce sent word that there were no firm plans as yet in place in the city centre.

As the date falls on a Monday groups could use the previous Saturday for events.

After discussion it was decided a paper be sent to all local Residents Associations suggesting ways some might wish to mark this day and giving advice on public liability insurance and road closures. It could also include suggestions and advice from people who have held events eg. Music, dance, stalls, film festival etc. (JB-S)

Treasurer's report

The current account stands at £3.800 and cash flow remains stable.

As the account remains below the £10K threshold an auditor is not required so saving £280 p.a. The accounts will still be required to be scrutinised; members were asked for suggested names.

Meeting arrangements April - June: JBS and MH to meet and discuss

Date of Next meeting:

Wednesday 26 March 2008 at 7pm Oxford Brookes Gypsy Lane Campus

Major Topic - Churches Stakeholder Report

Dates of future meetings - last Wednesday in the month 7pm - 9pm

(not Aug/Dec) - All at OBU Gypsy Lane