

# Headington Committee for Development Action (Headington Action)

Notes for the meeting held on 26 March 2008 at 7pm  
in the Boardroom, Oxford Brookes University, Gypsy Lane

## Members Present

Gail Bones (Oxfordshire County Council)  
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)  
Stephanie Jenkins (website)  
Charles Young (Highfield) – Treasurer

		Action
1.	<b>Apologies were received</b> from Stella Welford, Audrey Mullender, Marie Vickers and David Rundle.	
2.	<b>Items for AOB</b>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2008</b> Small corrections were made as follows: <b>New Members/Matters Arising</b> The HBA representative was David <i>Blythman</i> who would be a co-opted member. <i>Councillor Rundle</i> Ian <i>Hudspeth</i> would be invited to present a report to the North-East Area committee on highways and traffic issues <b>Treasurer's Report</b> Amend to read "As the turnover remains below....."</p>	All
4.	<p><b>Matters arising from minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Headington Business Association</b> - nothing further to report</li> <li>• <b>Membership</b> - JB-S said he had not been able to contact the Manor Hospital although he had rung several times. He would also contact the Co-op for the correct contact and their email address. For the PCT member, JB-S would contact Andrea Young, and also touch base with the Marston Churches. MH offered to ring members who do not seem to attend at all.</li> </ul>	<p>JB-S</p> <p>MH</p>
5.	<p><b>Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OX3 Guide</b> - JB-S reported that there remained only one large advert to be taken up. There may also be an Oxford City grant.</li> <li>• <b>Low Carbon Headington</b> - The initiating event was to be held on 23 April in Headington Baptist Church with CY chairing and Mark Lynas speaking. Spare white boards were called for. Advertising opportunities through Gloucester Green, farmers' market email, churches' email, NE area Committee (Jill Haas to be invited), Oxford Mail, ORH bulletin board, the Schools network and Headington notice boards. It was agreed that the initiative would operate as a sub-group of this committee (in the same way as the Festival) and Jill Haas would be co-opted to Headington Action. CY would meet Jill Haas.</li> <li>• <b>E-Forum</b> - SJ hoped that more members would be active in setting up discussion streams, eg Headington Festival, the OX3 Guide etc.</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>AC</p> <p>CY</p> <p>All</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Stakeholder Report - Headington Churches</b></p> <p>JB-S introduced this item by outlining his research into social cohesion and the importance of fostering "community", especially in the modern age of mobile and multi-cultural populations. The churches offered community and importantly, social space. He introduced Ian Alexander, Chair of Churches Together in Headington who gave a lively report on the various churches in Headington and the way in which churches large and small had a social interaction with the Headington Community, as well as a worship and caring role. A summary was tabled and is available electronically from JB-S). Whilst there were 2000+ members of the churches many more people went through the doors each week for a variety of activities and groups. Ian pointed to this important social function and the fact that there would be nowhere else for these activities to take place.</p> <p>Churches Together in Headington had clerical and lay representatives plus a young person from each congregation. They were committed to acting together unless deep conviction required them to act separately. Together they sent Christmas cards and service details to every house in Headington and have a major Easter procession through Headington. They also support the July fun day as a gift to the Community. Future plans include major initiatives to support international students and their families, provide a drop-in centre in Windmill Road and resurrect the Fish scheme or equivalent that St Andrews had started.. CTin H would be grateful to hear of any other practical suggestions. AC reminded members of the social isolation study that was being conducted in Wood Farm and would discuss with Ian.</p> <p>Ian was thanked for a very interesting report.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>AC</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Headington Festival 1st June 2008</b></p> <p>MH reported from Caroline Duffy that all was progressing well and the funding situation was looking much better. AC wondered if there might be links with the Barton Neighbourhood Group. Ian Alexander wondered if there could be a map of Headington showing places of interest (eg Bury Knowle tree sculpture), walks etc. It was also agreed to run an HCDA stall.</p> <p>JB-S said that offers of help would be requested through Church newsletters.</p> <p>MH reminded the group that a volunteer was needed for future years as she was not able to continue in this role.</p> <p><i>(Postscript - Good news - a local resident has offered to organise this next year!)</i></p>	<p>MH</p> <p>All</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Farmers' Market</b></p> <p>JB-S kindly offered support for the May Market as CY would be away. CY announced that with the planning permission requirement for the banners, there would be no surplus income.</p>	<p>JB-S</p>

9.	<p><b>Northeast Neighbourhood consultation</b>  Piazza idea - CY to meet Beck Kiddle, a post-graduate student at OBU.  Initial meeting with Ian Nicholson - this would take place the following week with JB-S, CY and AC.  AC and Jenny Collett would present survey findings in April.</p>	<p><b>JB-S, CY, AC</b></p>
10	<p><b>Streets for People 2008 - 22 September</b>  Events were beginning to be planned (eg street parties and "Film in the Street") and AC would send material to HCDA and residents' associations.</p>	<p><b>AC</b></p>
11	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b>  CY reported a bank balance of £3,400 and reserves at the same level as previously reported.</p>	<p><b>CY</b></p>
12	<p><b>Meeting arrangements April to June during the Chair's sabbatical</b>  It was agreed that MH would chair the meetings and she and JB-S would hand over.  The meeting wished JB-S the very best for his sabbatical.</p>	
13	<p><b>Any Other Business</b>  It was noted that OBU were holding their Residents' meeting on the same day as the next meeting. MF would write to clarify.  <i>(POST SCRIPT - Residents' meeting now changed.)</i></p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
14	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting: 30 April 2008 at 7pm Oxford Brookes Gypsy Lane Campus Boardroom.</b>  <b>Dates for future meetings - last Wednesday in the month 7pm-9pm. All at OBU Gypsy Lane.</b>   GB gave apologies for herself and DR.</p>	
15	<p><b>Future topics in 2008:</b>  NE Neighbourhood consultation report - AC and Jenny Collett in April  Ian Hudspeth - Traffic/London Road Stakeholder Report - ?</p>	