

# Headington Committee for Development Action (HCDA)

Minutes for meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008, 19h00, Oxford Brookes, Gipsy Lane

## Present

Gail Bones  
Mary Hope (vice chair)  
Simon Hunt  
Janet Isaac  
Stephanie Jenkins  
Tony Joyce  
Maria Mansfield  
David Rundle  
Marie Vickers  
Stella Welford (minutes)

## Apologies from

Heather Armitage  
James Bloice-Smith  
Angela Cristofoli  
Marion Fiddes  
Andrea Siret  
Charles Young

Mary welcomed Simon Hunt from Cyclox representing Patrick Coulter of Highfield Residents Association

### 1. Minutes of last meeting held on 30.04.08

Minutes approved and signed with the following corrections

- Sophie Bale has agreed to assist arranging future Festivals but not be the organiser
- Future Topics – HMO's presentation by Gail Siddell and not Gail Bones

### 2. Matters arising from the minutes:

**Membership Update** – Some of those who were entitled to be present at meetings had been contacted. Jill Haas had intended coming to this meeting but was unable to be present. The Manor Hospital and NOC representatives will probably be Associate Members. Headington Singers may come on board and Marston needs a representative. Others listed on the Agenda are under consideration.

**North East Area Plan** – David asked if the consultation had been effective and recommended communities be involved. Stephanie asked if non-members knew about the draft plan and it appears they may not. Concern was expressed at the ever-increasing number of cafes in the local shopping area; ongoing parking issues and the effects of students in the area.

The plan will go to the NEAC and influence the City Council. Tony suggested the first draft be made public, and the E-Forum needs to be developed in this connection.

**OX3 Guide** – Mary reported the cost will be ca £7,740 with £4,300 raised through advertisements. The NEAC to be approached re top-up funding; David suggested the County Council also be approached. The Guide should be ready by mid- June. Some of the house to house delivery will be undertaken by the Community Support Team but additional help will still be needed.

**E-Forum** – Stephanie said it needs new topics, and David said new members are needed. He would pick up ideas from it and mention them to the appropriate Council officers. The new OX3 Guide should be mentioned

**Farmers' Market** – The latest market had been successful but someone is needed to help Charles with setting up and be paid a small honorarium.

**Low-carbon Headington** – The view was expressed that it is desirable for this group to be connected with Headington Action for the moment. Next meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Methodist Church Hall

**Streets for People** – At the last meeting it had been proposed to have a walk to town from Headington on Monday 22 September; and Highfield are arranging an event for Saturday. 20th Headington Action could consider coordinating events for local groups but it was thought doubtful there would be sufficient practical support from members. Tony said CCOHRA are about to launch initiatives to be arranged through local groups and will

contact the County's pollution expert possibly to set up special monitoring. A party by the subway was a possibility, which would be raised at the Low Carbon meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. as well as a toll for those driving by. Preliminary arrangements need to be made within 3-4 weeks. AC has sent an email giving details of the website for the event

**3. Headington Festival**

Arrangements are almost complete. The meeting acknowledged the successful work of Caroline Duffy in organising the event and she has been asked to report at a later date.

**4. Oxford Brookes Communication Officer**

Andrea was not able to be present. It was reported that students took part in OxClean. Tony referred to the initiative to prevent students bringing their cars. Andrea is trying to negotiate with DVLA to identify cars being brought here but Gail said information would not be released by DVLA.

**5. Local Events Guide**

Cyclox: Simon handed round a leaflet about free bike rides to take place during the week 16<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> June. Mary suggested he might give a presentation in the future.

Maria Mansfield explained she is a new resident in Headington and trying to find out what is going on locally was difficult. She would like to create a database with information for circulation plus put on local notice boards. Similarities with 'Daily Information' were discussed but in that form was thought not appropriate. Maria would need help and it was suggested, by means of the E-Forum, to find if anyone was interested. David said he would put her in touch with useful people and Tony will get the message round via Liz Grosvenor and the CCOHRA. Mary suggested Headington Action could consider providing some limited initial funding, subject to the treasurer's approval.

Maria agreed to provide leaflets for the HCDA table at Headington Festival.

It was agreed Marston events would initially be included.

Maria was thanked for her initiative which was welcomed by all present

**6. Treasurer's Report**

As from 8<sup>th</sup> May the current account stands at £4,700 (after paying the festival organiser £500 for time spent to date) plus £2,000 on deposit HSBC. In addition the reserve on deposit at the Co-op is unchanged.

**7. AOB**

- Marie reported the **Friends of Quarry Play Park** event will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> July.
- Stephanie reported that the planning inquiry for the **Warneford Meadow** is finished. £37,000 was raised and another £7,000 is needed. Tony said the Inspector recommended the County to designate the meadow as a Town Green, and there is the possibility of an Appeal. If this was successful the Local Plan needs to be changed.
- Stephanie said that £1,015 was raised by local gardens on May 18<sup>th</sup> for the **National Open Gardens Scheme**
- Stella was thanked for taking the minutes.

**8. Future topics in 2008**

- HMO's – Gail Siddell of Oxford City Council
- Cycling – Cyclox

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.00pm  
in the Board Room at Oxford Brookes Gypsy Lane Campus**

**Dates for future meetings – last Wednesday in the month 7pm–9pm  
all at OBU Gypsy Lane (excluding August and December)**