

Headington Committee for Development Action

Notes for the meeting held on 25 June 2008 at 7pm
in the Boardroom, Oxford Brookes University, Gypsy Lane

Members Present

Heather Armitage (Headington & District Allotment Association)
Patrick Coulter (Highfield Residents' Association and Headington Road Runners)
Marion Fiddes (Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust) - Secretary
Jill Haas (Low Carbon Headington)
Mary Hope (New Headington Residents' Association) - Chair
Janet Isaac (U3A)
Stephanie Jenkins (website)
Tony Joyce (Oxford Civic Society)
Melanie Proudfoot (NOC)
Marie Vickers (Friends of Quarry)
Charles Young (Highfield) - Treasurer

		Action
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>The Chair warmly welcomed Melanie Proudfoot to be an associate member from the NOC (as she could not attend very much). MH also reported the new member from Sandhills, Mel Dodd. The meeting congratulated Sue Holden on the award of an MBE.</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Susan Baker, James Bloice-Smith, Gail Bones, Angela Cristofoli, David Rundle, Tanya Field, Simon Hunt, Angela Siret and Stella Welford.</p>	
2.	<p>Items for AOB</p> <p>Story Book Tree (see 12 below)</p> <p>SJ noted mentions of Headington in <i>Oxoniensia</i> and the new "Changing faces of Headington" had just been published.</p> <p>MV mentioned the new Friends of Quarry newsletter</p> <p>Warneford Meadow - the enquiry result had not been announced yet.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2008</p> <p>Minutes were agreed with the exception of some typos that Stephanie would amend before posting to the web site.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising from minutes not on the agenda - There were none.</p>	.
5.	<p>Membership Update - Membership reported or to be confirmed:</p> <p>Co-operative Society</p> <p>Marston Churches</p> <p>Manor Hospital</p> <p>Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust</p> <p>Headington Singers</p> <p>Headington Community Association - Tanya Field</p> <p>Shotover Wildlife (NOTE: not now sending a representative)</p> <p>Northway Community Association - Graham Bellinger</p> <p>Marston Residents' Association - Roy Dark</p> <p>Sandfields Community Association - Mel Dodds</p> <p>Events Guide - Maria Mansfield</p> <p>Others as suggested by members</p>	JB-S

6.	<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>OX3 Guide - the Guide was now out and to be delivered to every house with the help of the Community Payback Scheme (CPS) and hopefully some volunteer help from this meeting. A meeting with CPS was planned for the following week. The Oxford Radcliffe would also take some for new staff for which they were extremely grateful. There was a small financial gap of £100 and the meeting agreed to pay from current funds. The NE Area Committee had pledged up to £3000. The evaluation exercise for the last copy would be repeated. Any corrections for the next edition should be sent by advertisers to the email address quoted in the Guide.</p> <p>E-Forum - SJ felt there were not enough subjects being raised. Steven Clift from E-democracy would be visiting on 1st October. SJ pointed out the HMOs trails today from Andrew Smith.</p> <p>Farmers' Market - CY reminded the meeting it would be held next Friday with the maximum of 14 stalls. A reasonable surplus was now being made and CY recommended it be used for projects in the shopping area. The meeting readily agreed. CJ would be away in September and suggested that volunteers to cover be paid.</p> <p>Low Carbon Headington - JH reported on the follow-ups to the launch when ninety people attended. Mark Lynas and Vicky Harris were speakers and there had been over 100 suggestions and £100 in donations. At the follow-up on 2 June there had been 40 people plus a number of apologies. The Group's meeting notes were on a web page accessed via the Headington Action one. All suggestions had been logged and interested people had formed themselves into interest groups. The carbon rationing group was meeting on 30th July and transport on 9th July. A "growing things" group had been suggested and HA invited to consider coordinating. A public buildings and institution group was another idea and DR had suggested an events group. The core group was to be extended so that representatives from each group could attend. £80 was left and this had been lodged in the HCDA bank account. The Group congratulated Jill on an extremely good beginning. It was perhaps appropriate that there be a celebration on car free day (Streets for People).</p> <p>Streets for People Car Free Day- 22 September 2008. Congratulations were offered to Highfield for their hosting of a street party on the Saturday. SH to help re closing roads in Highfield on the Saturday. MH suggested a party in the little NOC park by the cycle path to celebrate it. (MH to link with John Marshall). HCDA was proposing a walk on 22 September with SJ or a leaflet so people can do it on their own. Quarry will</p> 	
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	<p>be doing something. DR's Events Group had suggested the following ideas -subway party, swap shop, pedal juice, banners at the car park. Everyone agreed that a high profile event in Headington was needed and the zebra on the zebra crossing idea from PC caught everyone's imagination. Other ideas were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - banners from the Oxford Pedestrians Society - a 20/9 demonstration about the 20mph speed limit throughout Oxford. - Low carbon and CYCLOX concerted effort for further discussion. - A Headington magazine was mooted. <p>In 2009 TJ reported that the Civic Society will be coordinating news and planning and able to be more proactive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Events Guide - MH circulated a draft sample and notes from Maria Mansfield. The meeting felt that Maria had done an excellent job. Issues raised were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HCDA to fund photocopying - Help might be gained from pubs etc. and community associations (Action: MH to discuss with AC) - Brooks Media Department may be able to help - Maybe it would be better to separate regular and special events as it was slightly difficult to read. - Perhaps it could take the form of a regular magazine with a list of specials for the month <p>Maria needed more help and this would be discussed further.</p>	MH/AC
7.	<p>Headington Festival report Caroline would attend the July or September meeting and write a précis of the event. There was good feedback, more people attended than last time and costs were covered with generous grants from Council.</p>	
8.	<p>Oxford Brookes Communication Officer - Andrea Siret This item was carried forward.</p>	AS
9.	<p>Flower Baskets in shopping districts TJ reported that this year there was no funding to support this venture. Colin Bailey said perhaps he could rustle up if funding could be found. HBA were willing to donate and perhaps money next year could be found from societies and associations such as the Civic Society and the HCDA. Perhaps shops could be encouraged to put out tubs and play a part. It was agreed by the meeting that some funding could come from the Farmers' Market and maybe the Streets for People "zebra" event. The meeting agreed that the HCDA would underwrite this initiative. The Council would water the baskets. (Action TJ to check with Colin Bailey and the Council)</p>	TJ

10	<p>Cafés in Headington</p> <p>Ian Nicholson would attend next month to speak on the Headington District Shopping Centre Project (rather like the initiative in Woodstock). He will talk to Headington shops, residents and associations.</p> <p>It was noted that Costa Coffee are interested in moving into John Leon House</p> <p>JH to discuss with DR as to what is wanted.</p> <p>PC mentioned the London Rd scheme in this connection and would send details to MH. It was important to be part of the planning.</p>	PC/MH
11	<p>Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre (NOC) - stakeholder's report from Melanie Proudfoot</p> <p>The SHA is conducting a review, firstly about any possible merger with another NHS organisation. Both the NOC and SHA wish that specialist services be maintained but maybe it will be different management. A report was due to go to the SHA Board meeting on 24 July and there would certainly be a public consultation exercise if there were to be any impact on services, but it was thought there wouldn't be any change on services. MP mentioned the recent D'Arzi report and the possibility of becoming an Academic Health Sciences Centre with the University of Oxford Medical sciences Division.</p> <p>The development of the site was very nearly completed.</p> <p>Transport issues were difficult and the Trust was looking forward to a bus service from Thornhill Park and Ride when and if it were expanded. MF said this would be really great for the John Radcliffe and Churchill hospitals too.</p> <p>For further information log on to the NOC web site.</p>	
12	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>CY reported that the OX3 Guide and festival will break even and revenue from the Farmers' market was circa £2000.</p> <p>£8000 was on deposit. It was agreed to close the tree project with funding from HCDA of £500 for an additional animal on fourth bench. A fox was suggested.</p>	
13	<p>Future Stakeholders' reports</p> <p>Oxford Brookes - possibly July or September</p>	
14	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The need for a cycle track from the NOC to the top end of Lime Walk to the traffic lights at Windmill Road. The NOC approved but the OCC considered "dangerous". (Action: to be discussed further).</p>	
15	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 30th July 2008 at 7pm Oxford Brookes Gypsy Lane Campus Boardroom.</p> <p>Dates for future meetings - last Wednesday in the month 7pm-9pm (August/December - no meetings). All at OBU Gypsy Lane</p> <p>AGM October</p>	
16	<p>Future topics in 2008:</p> <p>HMOs - Gail Siddall, Oxford City Council - September</p> <p>CYCLOX - Simon Hunt - November or January</p> <p>Headington Shopping Area Project - Iain Nicholson - July</p>	