

# Headington Committee for Development Action

Notes for the meeting held on 25 February 2009 at 7pm  
Boardroom, Oxford Brookes University, Gypsy Lane

## Members present:

Gail Bones (Oxfordshire County Council)  
James Bloice Smith (Churches representative for Headington) - HCDA Chair  
Patrick Coulter (Headington Road Runners and Highfield RA when CY absent)  
Angela Cristofoli (Oxford City Council)  
Mel Dodds (Sandhills PTA)  
Marion Fiddes (Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust) - Secretary  
Jill Haas (Low Carbon Headington)  
Mary Hope (New Headington Residents' Association)  
Simon Hunt (CYCLOX)  
Janet Isaac (U3A)  
Stephanie Jenkins (website)  
Tony Joyce (Oxford Civic Society)  
David Rundle (Oxford City Council Member)  
Marie Vickers (Friends of Quarry)  
Stella Welford (Friends of Old Headington)  
Charles Young (Highfield) - Treasurer

		Lead
1.	<b>Apologies.</b> Heather Armitage, Stephen Fenn and Will Clark	
2.	<b>Items for AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Forward planning re HA</b></li> <li>• <b>OX3 guides</b> - note some still for delivery</li> </ul>	<b>All</b>
3.	<b>Minutes of the committee meeting held on 28 January 2009</b> were agreed with the exception of typos concerning the next meeting.	
4.	<b>Appointment of Vice-Chair</b> JBS gave appreciation to and thanks MH for her inspirational leadership as firstly chair, and then vice-chair of the association. She had expressed a wish to step down and the meeting was very pleased to support the proposal by MH and seconded by MV, of Patrick Coulter to be the next vice-chair of the HCDA. PC very kindly agreed for a one-year term with a review after that period. He is a member of Low-carbon Headington, chair of the Highfield Residents' Association and employed as an environmental and mentoring consultant.	
5.	<b>Matters arising from minutes not on the agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Transport Plan 3 - Response to DfT</b> <i>Action agreed: SHu to draft a corporate response from the HCDA copies to GB and PC, but also individuals were encouraged to make their own responses. Key is a mention of "walking and cycling".</i></li> <li>• <b>Transform Oxford (TO) - bus flows and pedestrianisation</b> PC felt that the general vision of TO was OK but suggested that members ask to be involved in the detail (eg the implementation plan) and make constructive suggestions for improvement. AC reported that</li> </ul>	<b>SHu</b>

	<p>Craig Rossington hoped to attend the next NE Area Committee. It was noted that OCC is to announce dropping idea of the Plain interchange. DR had noted that there might be a different modus operandi for bus companies approaching, where OCC had a greater say in routing and the bus companies were discussing rationalisation between themselves. MV had noted the difficulties caused by tourist bus congestion and pollution.</p> <p>JBS expressed appreciation of the London Road consultation.</p> <p><i>Action agreed: responses to be collected by MD and if a consensus, a formal response from HCDA to be written by TJ who would circulate to members - re 1. interchange buses at the Plain 2. Ph 1 Queen St pedestrianisation/cyclists/bus stops. Deadline is 23 March and an initial report will be available from 26 March.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parking permits to Junior Doctors</b> - MF referred members to the postscript in the minutes, emphasising that the permits were only for 4 weeks whilst the junior doctors adjusted to their 6-monthly rotation to Oxford.</li> <li>• <b>Notice Boards</b> - JI announced that Richard Chadwick would be looking after the notice boards during her absence.</li> </ul>	<b>MD/TJ</b>
6.	<p><b>Headington Festival 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009 - update</b></p> <p>MD reported that with Caroline Duffy had applied for grants and that she was collecting information re stall applications.</p> <p><i>Action - the group to meet before next meeting to assess the first steps - MD to coordinate.</i></p> <p>The meeting made the following comments to be borne in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCH stall</li> <li>• Sandhills PTA stall</li> <li>• Orinoco</li> <li>• Slade Children's Centre</li> <li>• Face-painter</li> <li>• Consider the carbon footprint of the Festival itself eg recycling &amp; other LCH ideas</li> <li>• Guide organisation - email publicity to get interest</li> <li>• School children all to get a letter</li> <li>• New banners? Farmers market donation?</li> <li>• Musicians/dance groups - Oxford Gospel Choir</li> <li>• Resident Association stalls</li> <li>• Oxford Brookes societies</li> <li>• Advertise in Events Guide</li> <li>• Website and email addresses - MD to create festival email address or investigate google-mail</li> <li>• AC reported that the Eatwell Café had been asked</li> <li>• Cooperative Society - might supply free goods?</li> <li>• Waitrose link? MH contact re marquee etc</li> </ul>	<b>MD</b>

7.	<p><b>Streets for People Day 2009 - 22 September - update</b>          TJ reported that a pack to Resident Associations &amp; HCDA would be sent in about three weeks. There would be a link to Transform Oxford link and the coordinating committee would be meeting shortly.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Oxford Bus Users' Group - feedback</b>          PC said that there had been no meeting yet. Please send any issues members wished to raise, to him.</p>	<b>All</b>
9.	<p><b>London Road Scheme - general discussion</b>          Joy White was heading up the programme and members felt that there was a very good interface.          Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JBS - Headington was more of a centre of community than a corridor.</li> <li>• JI - next consultation 27/28 March afternoon/evening Headington Baptist Church.</li> <li>• HCDA responsibility for dissemination of publicity? - including notice-boards.</li> <li>• DR - concern re consultation model. Suggests street stall and as much information as possible.</li> <li>• JBS asked if the underpass had emotional attachment from the HCDA because of the artwork? OCC have promised to keep a record of the artwork. There followed a lively debate but no consensus of opinion.</li> <li>• DR felt that one of the key issue was about crossings - another crossing or both? Would not space be freed up?</li> <li>• CY mentioned there was a ration of 2:1 jay-walkers to users of underpass. He also questioned the impact on the Farmers Market.</li> <li>• A complicating factor was the part ownership of the north pavement by the shops. AC was looking into this issue and all could lobby for the area to be well kept.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action agreed - HCDA to offer to help as much as possible in publicising to constituencies and that the following should happen:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Underpass or crossing information and options - visualisations etc</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Rationale for disabled spaces - ie reasons</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Consultation drawing on focus groups and other informal consultations</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Street stall for leaflets by Barclays manned by HCDA - for both residents and visitors to Headington. On 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March.</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Leaflets at Farmers Market on 27<sup>th</sup></i></li> <li>➤ <i>LCH to give out literature on their stall</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Leaflets by cashiers in superstores</i></li> </ul>	
10	<p><b>Membership Update - Contacts in hand for the following</b>          Marston Churches (JB-S) - Elaine Bardwell, Vicar of St Michael &amp; All Angels Church, had agreed to attend when she could.          Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (AC had been awaiting a response)          OBU Students Union (MF had had no response)</p>	

11	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> CY reported no change to the current balance.	
12	<b>Activity Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Low-Carbon Headington</b> 12 March 7.30 St Andrew's School - E Oxford car service - LCH wind turbine - Festival reduced carbon. The meeting agreed that it was fine to use the HCDA database for information.</li> <li>• <b>Oxford Spring Clean</b> on 6 and 7 March. TJ reported more participants than last time but gave a final call for more groups. It was noted that the Lord Mayor had initiated a competition essay on "the psychology of littering" which would also involve language schools too.</li> <li>• <b>Churches</b> - JBS mentioned the opening of the Fairtrade shop (ex-Pharmacy) and the Palm Saturday procession</li> </ul>	<b>All to note</b>
13	<b>Stakeholders - brief updates</b> <b>Friends of Quarry</b> - MV asked about ownership of the Quarry lanes and alleyways . She had also noted that preservation orders on trees did not cover public land.	<b>All</b>
14	<b>Any Other Business</b> <b>HCDA Forward planning</b> - PC thought a brainstorming session on purpose and a forward programme would be a good idea and all agreed. <b>NAG</b> - JBS said that cycling "horror stories" were wanted so that cyclists could better understand the consequences of irresponsible behaviour. It was noted that the London Rd police survey caught 60 seatbelts and 12 mobile phones offences together with 8 cases of tinted glass. Anti-social behaviour in park reduced <b>Other contacts to be followed up-</b> Ruth Wilkinson (PC), Paul Cullen Pedestrians' Association <b>Pest control officers/rat problems</b> - HA to feedback	<b>All</b>       <b>PC</b>       <b>HA</b>
15	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> 25 March 2009 at 7pm Oxford Brookes Gypsy Lane Campus Boardroom. <b>Dates for future meetings</b> - last Wednesday in the month 7pm-9pm (August/December - no meetings). All at OBU Gypsy Lane Boardroom	
16	<b>Future topics or stakeholder reports: dates to be decided</b> Oxfordshire PCT HCDA forward planning	