

Headington Committee for Development Action

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**Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2009 at 7pm
Boardroom, Oxford Brookes University, Gypsy Lane**

Present:

James Bloice Smith (Churches representative for Headington) - HCDA Chair
 Richard Bradley (Headington Car Club)
 Patrick Coulter (Headington Road Runners and Highfield RA when CY absent)
 Marion Fiddes (Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust) - Secretary
 Jill Haas (Low Carbon Headington)
 Mary Hope (New Headington Residents' Association)
 Janet Isaac (U3A)
 Stephanie Jenkins (website)
 Tony Joyce (Oxford Civic Society)
 David Rundle (Oxford City Council Member)
 Marie Vickers (Friends of Quarry)
 Charles Young (Highfield) - Treasurer

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| 1. | Apologies were received from GB, MM,AS, SH, MD, SB, AC | Action |
| 2. | Items for AOB: LCH Web site Bus service | |
| 3. | Minutes of the committee meeting held on 29 April 2009 were agreed as a correct record. JH apologies were added. | |
| 4. | Matters arising from minutes not on the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting joint OBU partners re urban planning. • Waitrose involvement in Headington matters was to be encouraged. • The LTP3 meeting at Friends Meeting House was noted. | |
| 5. | HCDA Vision and strategy - preparation for June Meeting This was to be the main topic for the June agenda. Members were strongly encouraged to attend. | |
| 6. | Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Road development - PC reported a helpful meeting with Joy White. He mentioned amongst other things - the need for a holistic and inclusive view of the issues, the wider strategic context, the plaza idea, encouraging a sense of Headington identity, maximum interaction, an enlarged pedestrian area, regulation improved, moving coach stops, underpass issues and improved pedestrian crossings. Detailed plans had been requested. <p>RB questioned the impact on traffic flows. It was noted that the 700 from Water Eaton would be going on to the Churchill shortly. JI mentioned the new Oxford Bus</p> | JBS |

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| | <p>Company school links from the Park and Ride from 1st May and the meeting agreed to send a letter of thanks to the Company for this.</p> <p>Overall the meeting expressed thanks to the County Council for the way in which the process had been conducted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streets for People - RB pointed to the new website - www.oxstreets.org.uk All area committees spoken to, encouraging all Resident Associations and Councillors. One event had already registered! Insurance issues were still being explored. The event would be advertised at the Festival. • Headington Festival 7th June 2009 - MD had emailed a report and flyers were available to be distributed. Volunteers to get in touch with MH including Saturday morning helpers. Colin Reid (City Cultural Officer) would be invited. The meeting gave great thanks to Mary and Mel. • Car Club - RB reported that 2000 leaflets had been printed and 40 people had already expressed interest. The seven committee members were working well. The City Council will be guided by community groups re support and designated parking; "Commonwheels" http://www.commonwheels.org.uk/ was the organisation supported by HCDA. One car was already available and had a probable parking place. There would be a stall launching the initiative at the festival with the car, and with press releases before and after. It was suggested there might be publicity in the car-parks. DR suggested that there might be an evaluation report in the fullness of time. The meeting offered sincere congratulations to RB for the successful outcome of this project. | |
| 7. | <p>Hanging baskets in Headington AC had reported that this was not likely to happen until 2011 at the earliest. DR said that the cost was in the maintenance and also there were environmental issues re water. CY suggested that this should be part of the London Rd thinking. The Farmers' Market might be able to fund small improvements and therefore support the initiative. TJ wondered about baskets hanging from walls of interested business organisations and their help with the maintenance. DR said they would be more visible on lampposts but there was a whole wealth of questions around the interaction of private ownership and funding from charitable organisations. JH pointed out that flowers were only seasonal and this supported more the idea of landscaping as an alternative. PC suggested a sustainable planting scheme might be better. RB said it was important that street furniture looked good. CY suggested a community herb</p> | PC |

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| | <p>garden. It was agreed that PC would take forward these ideas to London Road forum.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Events Guide: criteria for inclusion and exclusion of items JI noted the criteria for notice-boards and would copy to MM. MM's suggestion of a weekly list was received positively although members felt that it should be electronic with some printed copies in public places such as the Library and the London Road notice-board. All agreed that MM did a great job and that she should come back to the meeting with a hard case for HCDA help.</p> | <p>JI/MM</p> |
| 9. | <p>Treasurer's Report The draft accounts for last year were now available and it was agreed that an independent auditor would be appointed. There was currently a £2000 surplus coming from the Farmer' Market and the accounts showed current assets of £13,000 (including £400 interest). The Festival had been funded by other activities and grants.</p> | <p>CY</p> |
| 10 | <p>Forthcoming Activities MV - Open Gardens 7 June 2-5pm organised by the Friends of Quarry. Programmes were available in Holy Trinity Church where there was a Flower Festival 5-7 June. Celebrating 50 years of the Friends, there would be a barn dance on 26 September in the Gladstone Community Centre at 7.30pm.</p> | <p>All</p> |
| 11 | <p>Any Other Business Low Carbon Headington - to be carried forward to next meeting's agenda Web site - issues about the website (name confusion, information, need for?, Farmers' Market, separate domain?, costs) would be discussed as part of the vision/strategy meeting next month. Bus service - discussion to be continued Plaque on tree - MH mentioned this was now up and would be photographed at the Festival.</p> | <p>All</p> |
| 12 | <p>Date of Next Meeting: 24 June 2009 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 Boardroom</p> | |
| 13 | <p>Future topics or stakeholder reports: to be decided</p> <p>Oxfordshire PCT stakeholder report (tba) HCDA Vision and strategy (June 2009) Festival 2010 (July 2009)</p> | |