

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting Tuesday 12th August 2025.

Attending: Trevor Kimber, Frank Holliday, Barbara Bryant, Richard Bryant, Mary Woolliams, Catherine Gundry, Terry Smith, Councillor Judith Harley, Councillor Liz Brighthouse, Paul Dabinett, Andy Green. Apologies : Tom Crook, Chris Perks, Pat Kennedy.

Before the meeting started Andy Green (Bullingdon Youth Football Club) outlined a proposal which would involve the Bullingdon Community Centre sponsoring a new set of shirts for the football club, with the Bullingdon logo being displayed on the shirt. It was agreed that the Trustees would make a decision on the proposal at a later point in the meeting. Andy left the meeting after his contribution and was thanked for attending.

(1) The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th July were read and approved.

(2) Matters Arising .

It has now been confirmed that Councillors Harley (Lye Valley ward) and Lygo (Churchill ward) will be the City Council's representatives on the BCA committee.

The BCA application for a grant (£3,000) from the Community Profile Fund has been completed and submitted.

There has not been a reply, to date, regarding our proposal to run a 'garage sale' in partnership with the Allotments Association.

(3) Lets

Otis has reported that the income from lets during July, was as follows – Regular lets £1,358; Parties £360; One off lets £78. Total £1,796.

There has been an enquiry from Ed Hart about the possibility of using the community centre for an exhibition of photographs.

Following a discussion it was agreed that Richard should informally meet with Ed to explore the matter further, particularly with regards to how the exhibition could be arranged without mounting or pinning anything to the walls of the Centre.

It was agreed that we need to do more publicity about hiring out the small meeting room. Advertising on 'Next Door' and circulating information via the 'Health and Well Being' partnership were suggested.

(4) Treasurer's Report

Trevor reported that the income for July was £2,208; expenditure was £2,285.50p. Lloyds Bank have changed our account to a 'Charity Account' and have introduced some new charges. Trevor commented that the charges are unlikely to affect us a lot.

The audited accounts for the financial year 2024 – 25 have been received from our auditors, Martin and Fahy. Copies of the accounts were circulated at the meeting. We had a small deficit over the year. Trevor explained the accounts and answered questions. It was proposed by Richard Bryant and seconded by Catherine Gundry that the Trustees should accept the accounts. This was agreed unanimously. It was also agreed that the BCA should retain Martin and Fahy as our auditors.

(5) Correspondence

We have received a letter from the City Council reminding all community centres that 'under the terms of your lease, no alternations or works may be undertaken to the premises you occupy without first obtaining the prior written consent of the Landlord'.

(6) Health and Safety.

At the end of July there was a leak in the boiler, which resulted in water seeping out onto the floor of the office. The City Council

quickly reported this to ODS who brought in a specialist firm to carry out remedial repairs.

(7) Present Activities.

The 'Tea and Jazz' event held on the afternoon of Friday 8th August went very well and attracted an attendance of over 45. Donations were requested for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and £234.60 was raised on the day with some additional funds being donated directly. A big thanks to Sheila Salway and Geoff for providing the music and to the volunteers who baked scones and cakes and helped at the event. It was agreed that the BCA should contribute £50 towards the expenses incurred by one of the musicians.

On Saturday 2nd August the BCA ran an information stall at the Wood Farm Fayre, which was organized by the Risinghurst and Sandhills Parish Council. It was a positive and very well attended event. Thanks to those Trustees and volunteers who helped to run the BCA stall.

(8) Future Activities

There was a lengthy discussion about Andy Green's proposal that BCA sponsor new shirts for the Bullington Youth Football team. The Trustees were unable to reach a consensus on the issue. Those opposing the proposal felt it was inappropriate to have the Bullington logo used by a group who were no longer part of the community centre. In these circumstances it was agreed that the BCA would not be able to offer sponsorship for the football club.

Councillor Harley suggested Bullington Youth could consider applying for a grant from the Ward Member Budget to help cover some of the costs of the new shirts.

Richard will inform Andy of the Trustee decision and Councillor Harley's suggestion.

We have not received any new information about whether the OFCA are running a stall at the Older People's Day in October.

(9) External Issues.

Richard commented that there seems to be to be an increase in the number of planning applications for HMO's in the Lye Valley area, several of which are for large HMOs with seven bedrooms or more. It was agreed that ,in the future, Richard will register objections on behalf of the BCA to any new HMO applications in the area.

We need to arrange a date for our AGM. The only dates that are available at the community centre are the evenings of Monday 10th November or Thursday 13th November.

It was agreed that the AGM will be on Monday 10th November, in the main hall at 7.30pm.

Date of the next Trustees meeting. **Tuesday, 9th September at 7.30pm.**

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