

## BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

Attending. Trevor Kimber, Chris Perks, Frank Holliday, Barbara Bryant, Richard Bryant, Pat Kennedy, Councillor Judith Harley, Mary Woolliams, Tom Crook. Apologies. Catherine Gundry, Terry Smith

(1) The minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September were read and approved.

(2) Matters Arising. HMOs: Richard reported that an application in Dene Rd had been turned down due to the number of existing HMOs within 100 metres of the property. Councillor Harley reported that an application for a large HMO. in Town Furze is still under consideration. This application has received a considerable number of objections.

Break in at Community Centre. The Police have taken a statement and have been given access to our security cameras. We are now waiting on developments.

(3) Lets. Otis has reported on the income from lets during September. Regular lets £1,547.50; one-off lets £34; parties/events £512. Total £2,093.50. Otis has been asked to keep a record of the number of requests for lets which we have to turn down because of existing bookings since this would be a useful measure of the unmet demand for space at the community centre. Tom can also monitor the demand for lets through the on-line bookings system and he estimates that at least ten requests are turned down every week.

After discussion, it was agreed that we would not take any new regular lets on a Friday day time in order to be able accommodate one- off requests for larger events and repair work.

Marketing of the small meeting room. Richard has circulated information to the Health and Well Being Partnership and Mary will put information up on 'Next Door'.

(4) Finance. Trevor reported that the income for September was £894.28 and the expenditure was £2,685.20. Trevor also reported that over the six-month period from April to September 2025, the income was £11,570.24 and the expenditure was £13,295.28, a deficit of £1, 725.04. It appears at the moment that we are not being charged for electricity because payment is being made from an earlier deposit. It was agreed that we should review our income and expenditure again in December.

Grants. Richard reported that we have been awarded a grant of £3,469.50 from the 'Connected Communities Fund' (Oxfordshire County Council). This is towards the running costs of most of the activities which are run by ourselves viz. the Community Lunch; the Headington Repair Café and the Creative Writing Group. We will acknowledge the grants we receive, with logos, on our web – site. Richard to provide Tom with the relevant information.

We should soon be informed soon about the outcome of the application for a 'Community Insight Profile Grant'. This is the grant programme which resulted from the Healthwatch survey of Wood Farm.

(5) Correspondence. The Oxford Federation of Community Associations are running a training event on Domestic Abuse on the 25<sup>th</sup> November at the Barton Community Centre. The event is open to Trustees and volunteers. Barbara will be attending. We have received an email inviting the BCA to join the 'Car Climate Pledge', which is promoting the environmental benefits of driving small cars. After a discussion it was decided that the BCA would not participate in the scheme.

(6) Health and Safety. One of the maglocks on the front door fell off on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Fortunately, no one was injured. It was

immediately reported to Oxford City Council who have visited and advised on temporary repairs. They are following up on a more permanent solution with ODS and the contractors. Richard to monitor.

(7) Present Activities. Mary reported that 35 people, including volunteers, attended the Community Lunch last Friday. The talk in the afternoon by Oxford City Council on Home Repairs was well attended. The first Abingdon College taster session of the term attracted 8 people. The BCA had a stall at the 'Older Peoples Day', which was held at the Town Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Thanks to Catherine for helping with the stall throughout the day. Pat estimated that around 400 people attended the event.

(8) Future Activities. Barbara reported that, unfortunately, we will not be running a Xmas Fayre this year. Our Free Xmas event, open to all, will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of December. Abingdon and Witney College will be running a 'Make your own Christmas Decorations Session' from 9.30-11.30 followed by Community lunch at 12.45 and Carols and mince pies and the drawing of the raffle in the afternoon.

(9) External Issues. Police and emergency services used the community centre's car park and our toilets earlier this month when a person was reported missing. It was agreed that, whenever necessary, we would facilitate the use of the Centre by Police and Emergency services if required. Previously there was a formal agreement about the use of the Centre in an emergency. Richard to check out if this is still operational.

(10). AOB A big thanks to Chris for tidying up the planters.

**A.G.M. Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm in the main hall.**

Members have already been notified. Barbara and Mary will sort out refreshments. Further publicity was discussed. All welcome.

**Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 7.30p.m.**

15.10.25 RB/BB