

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee
Committee Meeting, Tuesday 13 January 2026.

Attending. Mary Woolliams, Barbara Bryant, Trevor Kimber, Pat Kennedy, Richard Bryant, Terry Smith, Chris Perks, Tom Crook, Catherine Grundry, Councillor Judith Harley (City Council) Councillor Liz Brighthouse (County Council).
Apologies, Frank Holliday.

(1) The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved. One correction – page 2 - insufficient time not sufficient time.

(2) Matters Arising . An application has been submitted for the second round of the Community Profile Grants – it was a modified version of the round one application and was for £1,700. It was agreed that our policies, including our Equal Opportunities Policy, should be revised to be in line with changes in the Equality Act.

(3) Lets. Otis reports that the income from lets during December was: regular groups £1,044.50; one of lets £117; parties and events £308. Total £1,469.50. For the first time since COVID and the replacement of the floodlights we have a booking, starting tonight, from Quarry Rovers under 7's girls, team for the all- weather area. Most of our regular lets have started meeting again after the Xmas and New Year break. Mary agreed to put another advertisement on 'Next Door' about hiring the small meeting room..

(4) Treasurer's Report Trevor reported that the income for December was £2,841.28 and the expenditure was £3,241.74, a deficit of £400.46. This expenditure includes £778.40 for enhanced security lights for which we hope to get a City Councillor's grant. It also includes donations from the community lunch raffle-£189; Repair Café £150; Creative Writing £35 and ,today, community lunch £100. Thanks to the groups for these donations towards our running costs. Over

the first nine months of the financial year (April – December) we have a slight surplus but that last 3 months of the year are usually higher due to insurance and higher energy costs. After a lengthy discussion, in light of increased bills and insecurity about grant income, it was agreed that a 10% increase should be made for all lets from 1st April 2026. There was also a discussion about energy costs and whether they can be reduced.

(5) Correspondence. Richard has responded, on behalf of the BCA, to a City Council consultation on the licensing of HMOs.

(6) Health and Safety. There have been delays with getting the correct size of batteries for the front door mechanism. We are still waiting for some of the main hall lights to be replaced. The all-weather area is being locked when frost makes the surface dangerous.

(7) Current Activities. Mary reported that the Xmas Community Lunch event which include wreath making in the morning and carols and raffle in the afternoon was very successful and well attended with 40 visitors and 10 volunteers for lunch. Everyone had flowers in the memory of Pauline Collett. The January Community Lunch was held last Friday, with a smaller attendance due to the frosty weather. There was a 'Mindfulness session in the morning and a popular talk about 'Slade Camp' in the afternoon.

(8) Future Activities. Barbara reported that the Repair Café has been running for ten years which probably makes it the longest running in Oxfordshire. There will be a birthday celebration on Tuesday 27th January, between 10 – 12 in the Rear Hall. We will send out a press release and also advertise it on our website and facebook page. Everyone is welcome.

Mothersong are delaying starting until March because they have not yet received their grant.

Catherine reported that the new Sheriff of Oxfordshire is keen

to make music more accessible in local communities.
Richard asked for help in producing new posters and leaflets about the activities going on at Bullingdon. We have some grant funding for producing publicity material, which will be mainly circulated on the Wood Farm and Town Furze estates. Tom and Mary indicated that they would be prepared to help with this initiative

(9) AOB Catherine raised the issue of ivy in the back garden of the community centre. Chris will have a look at it.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 10 Feb.at 7.30pm

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