

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Committee Meeting , 10th February 2026.

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

(1) The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

(2) Matters Arising. Barbara reported that our Equal Opportunities Policy and Volunteer Policy have been amended to bring them in line with the current legislation.

Repair Café. Our 10th Anniversary event was held on Tuesday 27th January and was well attended by around 35 – 40 local residents, current and past members of the Fix It group, Councillors, City Officers and members of environmental groups. Barbara was interviewed on Radio Oxford and the CAG newsletter, Oxford Mail and Oxford Clarion reported on the event. A big thank you to Chris Honneywell for the photos and to Sonia Lester for making an excellent birthday cake.

(3) Lets. Otis has reported that the income from lets in January was: regular lets £1,480; parties/events £635; one off group lets £89. Total - £2,204.

Otis is currently developing the small meeting room for use as a photography studio. He will be given a trial period to test the market for this use and then the Trustees will review future arrangements.

(4) Treasurer's Report. Trevor reported that the income for January was £2,377.28 and the expenditure was £2,266.94, a surplus of £110.34.

The new charges for lets have been circulated to groups and are on the BCA web – site.

After a considerable delay we have now received the award (£3,000) from the first round of the 'Community Profile Grant '. We are currently waiting for a decision on our application (£1700) for the second round of the CPG bids. Apparently a third round of applications is due to start in April.

Citizens Advice Oxford have indicated that the BCA is due to receive a donation -£500- to help cover the running costs of their advice session at the community centre.

Councillor Harley reported that she is still waiting for a decision on the two applications we made to the Councillor's Fund.

(5) Correspondence. Richard has provided Sports England with information on the sports facilities available at Peat Moors. Modern Art Oxford have contacted us about the possibility of future joint projects. A meeting has been arranged for later in February.

(6) Health and Safety. New maglocks have been fitted on the community centre's front door, but in the process of the contractors doing this work. the electronics for one the doors was damaged ! We now have only one door working and it is likely to take some time to get this fixed. The defib has been checked and pad are up to date.

(7) Current Activities. The next Community Lunch is on Friday 13th February. In the morning Witney College are running a class on taking photos with your mobile phone and, in the afternoon, Tom Crook is doing a talk on the Victorians and sewers – the 'Great Stink'. The following Community Lunch is on Friday 13th March.

(8)Future Activities. On the 26th February at 10am there will be trustee sub – group meeting on preparing new publicity material for the BCA, which is aimed at increasing the community centre's profile on the Wood Farm and Town Furze estates. Since the

community lunch in April falls during school holidays, we will be encouraging families as well as older people to attend the event with an afternoon art or craft session suitable for children as well as adults.

(9)External Matters. Richard reported that there were concerns raised at a recent meeting of the Oxford Community Associations about what the implications of the pending re – organization of local government will be for community centres e.g. will a new Authority want to introduce rents for centres. Councillor Brighthouse outlined the various options for the reorganization and suggested that any new Authority which took over community centres would have to honour the existing lease agreements. Bullingdon currently has a 25 year lease, dating from May 2023 , which has break clauses in May 2033 and May 2043. The lease has a clause which states that the tenant shall pay a peppercorn rent (if demanded).

A.O.B. Chris reported that, because of the bad weather, he had delayed clearing the ivy in the back garden. It was agreed that Chris could hire a long handled strimmer and he was thanked for doing this work.

Richard raised the question of whether we should look at changing the day of our Trustees meetings, because it was difficult for some Trustees to attend on a Tuesday on a regular basis. Richard to consult on this.

Date of next Meeting .Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm.

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