

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting
14th April, 2026

Attending Barbara Bryant, Pat Kennedy, Trevor Kimber, Frank Holliday, Richard Bryant. Apologies Chris Perks, Mary Woolliams
Councilor Judith Harley, Tom Crook.

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

(2) Matters Arising. The closures on the internal doors have been changed and seem to be working well. Day time lets were cancelled when this work was carried out on the 24 -26 March. The 'smoke stops' on these doors still need to be adjusted and this will be reported to the City Council. (The repair to the front door was completed on Friday 17th April)

Thanks to Chris for tidying up and replanting the flower beds.

(3) Lets Otis has reported that the income from lets during March was: one- off lets - £61; Parties/events - £535; Regular lets - £1,635. Total - £2,241.

The Mothersong group has started meeting on a Tuesday morning. The future of our Toddler group remains unclear. Barbara is checking out various options.

(4) Treasurer's Report Trevor reported that the income for March was £3,801.95 and the expenditure was £4,857.72. At the end of the 2025 – 26 financial year the overall income was £35,663.35 and the expenditure was £32,232.03 – a surplus of £3,431.32. This surplus is partly due to most of our energy costs being covered by the refund of our deposit and several grants for the coming year arriving in March. Trevor was thanked for his report, groups were thanked for their donations and Richard was thanked for his work on grant applications.

Following a suggestion from community lunch customers reported by Pat, it was agreed that the BCA should purchase a

‘portable P.A. system’ for use when we have speakers at the community centre. The cost is around £130.

(5) Correspondence. A request has been received from the Risinghurst and Sandhills Parish Council for the loan of tables and chairs for the Wood Farm Fayre, which is being held on the Saturday 18th July. It was agreed that we loan 8 of our older tables and 10 chairs since we will be running a stall at the event. We do not lend tables or chairs unless we are involved in the event.

(6) Health and Safety. The fire equipment at the centre was checked on the 8th April.

(7) Present Activities. The March and April Community Lunches were well attended. The April Lunch included a community Family Art event in the afternoon run by Modern Art Oxford which attracted a number of local families. This served as a ‘taster ‘ session for a similar event in the summer holidays. The next Abingdon College ‘digital awareness’ event is on Friday 8th May and the next Community Lunch, followed by a speaker on legal issues, is on Friday 15th May.

The publicity sub - group (Tom, Richard, Mary, Gill Breeze) is currently drawing up plans for a new leaflet to be distributed on Wood Farm, Town Furze and Lye Valley, aiming at around 5,000 leaflets, with circulation to start in the summer.

Barbara circulated the yearly report on the Repair Café which shows an increase in use and an increase in items saved from landfill. Many thanks to the volunteers for this valuable service.

(8) Future Activities. Barbara reported that a summer Family Event with Modern Art Oxford will be held on Wednesday 29th July from 10-12 noon.

The grant we have received from the Connected Communities Fund (Oxfordshire County Council) requires the BCA to provide a

monitoring report and survey data on the use of the Abingdon College Taster courses, Community Lunch and speakers, the Creative Writing Group and the Repair Café. A sub group (Barbara, Mary, Gill, Richard) has been set up to plan how we compile the information.

(9) External Matters. Steve Woolliams, one of our speakers at our regular Gardeners' Question Time is due to be on 'Gardeners World' on BCC 2 at the end of May. The exact date and time is still to be confirmed. We will notify people, via our website when we have more details.

AOB No issues raised.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 12th May at 7.30pm.

RB/BB; 15.4.2026.