

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting, 12th
May, 2026

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

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

(2) Matters Arising: A portable PA system and insurance has been purchased.

(3) Lets: Otis has reported that the income from lets during April was: Regular lets - £1,556.00; One off lets - £80.00; Parties/Events - £ 324.00. Total - £1,960.00.

Toddler Group. Barbara reported that she has had difficulties communicating with the previous organizers of the Toddler Group. Efforts to re-start the group will continue but it could be a slow process.

(4) Treasurer's Report: Trevor reported that the income for April was £1,852.50 and the expenditure £1,206.49 giving a surplus of £646.01. We have received a donation of £40 from the Creative Writing Group. The records for the 2025-26 financial year have been delivered to our accountants

(5) Correspondence: Sara Good has informed Richard that the Bullingdon football team will not be running a team after the end of this season. This is because there is no longer a men's Sunday league for them to play in. Sara is making a 'book of memories' about the team, which was based at the community centre between 2013–2021.

We have received an invitation to a free workshop on mental health on the 9th June at Restore on Manzil Way. The workshop is intended for volunteers and members of community groups who

sometimes provide support for people experiencing distress. For details contact Stephanie.hess@restore.org.uk

(6) Health and Safety: Barbara contacted the City Council on 22nd April about the need to adjust the 'smoke-stops' on the atrium door which could be a smoke hazard in the event of fire. She has also asked about the need for maintenance contracts for clearing the guttering and, in particular, whether there is a maintenance contract for the solar panels because we are concerned that they may not be working efficiently. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that we follow up these issues with the City Council with a copy to Councillor Harley. We will also ask Otis to check out the cost of an independent assessment of the solar panels.

(7) Present Activities: The next Community Lunch is this Friday- 15th May and this will be followed by a talk by Silvertime Legal. The June community lunch is on Friday 12th June followed by a talk on the Birds of Lye Valley at 1.45p.m. by Tom Bedford, local ornithologist and wildlife photographer. Mary said we need more volunteers to help with the lunches and to contact her on marywoolliams@gmail.com for more information.

We will be undertaking a monitoring survey of the people who attend the Community lunch, the Creative Writing group, the Repair Café and the Abingdon and Witney College classes. The survey is required as a condition of the grant funding we received from the County Council for running these activities. We are also currently undertaking an audit of the numbers who attend regular activities and events at the community centre and where they are resident. This audit is funded by the Community Profile grant we received from Healthwatch.

The draft of a new leaflet about Bullingdon has been completed and will soon be at the printers. Around 5,000 leaflets will be produced, along with an insert detailing the current range of

regular activities and events running at the community centre. The leaflet will mainly be circulated in Wood Farm, Town Furze and Lye Valley. A big thanks to the subgroup of trustees and volunteers who produced the leaflet: Gill, Tom, Mary, Barbara and Richard.

(8) Future Activities: Modern Art Oxford have offered to run workshops for children and families at the community centre during July and August. The detailed arrangements and dates should be finalised soon.

(9) External Matters: We are still waiting for the date when Steve Woolliams will be appearing on 'Gardeners World' (BBC 2). When we get news of the date we will notify people via our website.

It was agreed that the new City Councillor for the Lye Valley Ward (James Thorniley) should be invited to attend our future meetings.

A.O.B. No issues raised.

Date of Next Meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th June at the community centre. All welcome.

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