

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting 14th July 2026

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

Marie was welcomed to the meeting. She outlined her reasons for wanting to become a Trustee of the BCA. She has a particular interest in supporting children and families in the local community. The Trustees unanimously agreed to co-opt Marie as a Trustee and thanked her for her interest in the BCA. Richard will register Marie with the Charity Commission.

(1) The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. One correction – Catherine had sent an apology.

(2) Matters Arising: The report on the survey for the Connected Communities Fund (County Council) has been completed and copies have been circulated.

Barbara reported that there have been no developments so far regarding restarting the Parent and Toddler Group. Marie has been circulating information via local web sites.

(3) Lets. Otis has reported that the income from lets for June was: Regular lets - £1,577.50 ; One of lets - £250; Parties and Events - £543. Total income - £2,370.50. Quarry Rovers girls' football teams have requested to book the all-weather area (with floodlights) on a Tuesday and Wednesday evenings during the autumn and winter months. They have been offered the booking but we have reminded them that booking this outside area does not allow access to the main Centre due to Safeguarding issues. There may also be excess demand for our small car park. Booking regulations for the Centre and the MUGA will be changed to clarify that a booking does not guarantee a car parking space.

The recent heat waves have caused some groups to cancel bookings and has raised issues about the need for air conditioning in the community centre. Otis thinks our existing system may be able to be adapted. Trevor thinks this would require an external cooling unit which would be expensive. We will follow this up with the City Council.

(4) Finance. Trevor reported that the overall income for June was £2,411.00 and the expenditure was £2,505.69 – deficit of £94.69. Over the last quarter of the financial year (April–June) the income was £6,912 and the expenditure was £6,608.10.

(5) Correspondence. Over the last month there has been considerable correspondence (emails) about the City Council's planning application to convert 7 flats at 10 Cinnaminta Road into temporary accommodation. Richard has registered an objection, on behalf of the BCA, concerning the loss of family housing units and the possible negative impact on the social cohesion of the local neighbourhood. Councillor Harley is intending to 'call in' the application for review by the planning committee. Recently, the BCA has been approached by local residents about whether we would promote or support a petition about the issue. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the most effective form of objection for local residents is for them to register their concerns directly with the planning officer rather than via a petition. The BCA will continue to provide informal advice and support to the local residents and will support Councillor Harley's request for the application to be 'called in'.

(6) Health and Safety: Barbra and Otis have done fire drills for most of the groups and it has proved a very useful exercise. All group organizers are now clear that they are responsible for the safe evacuation of their members and it has brought a number of issues to our attention, including better outside signage and wheelchair access through the car park to the evacuation point.

(7) Present Activities. Two Community Lunches have been held since our last meeting. The June event was well attended and the talk about the 'Birds of Lye Valley' attracted over forty people. The July lunch was less well attended due to the heatwave but still attracted 24 people and the talk on the Oxford University museums was popular. There will be no Community Lunch in August. The next lunch will be on Friday 11th September.

Modern Art Oxford will be running a free, drop-in active art workshop at the Community Centre for children and families on Wednesday 29th July, between 10am–12noon.

Our new Bullingdon leaflet has hit the streets. Thanks to Tom and Mary, the leaflet has already been delivered on Wood Farm and Town Furze estates and will be circulating soon in Lye Valley. Chris suggested displaying the leaflet on the Community Notice Boards. Groups which use the Centre are already reporting an increase in enquiries.

The Community Centre is running an information stall at the Wood Farm Fayre this Saturday. It is being held on the recreation ground between 2 – 5pm.

(8) Future Activities. The Community Centre will be running a stall at the annual Older People's Day on Wednesday 7th October. The event is held at the Town Hall between 10 – 2pm.

(9) External Matters. To date, no reply has been received about the BCA's request to join 'Headington Action'.

Date of Next Meeting. Because of holidays there will be no meeting in August. The next Trustee meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th September at 7.30 pm**. All welcome.

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