BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting 13th October, 2026.

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

(1) The Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. One amendment - Trevor Kimber was present.

(2) Matters Arising.

Cinnaminta Road Flats: A new planning application from the City Council has been submitted. The deadline for comments and objections is the 16th October but, to date, no public notices have displayed! The new application has a statement about the management of the flats, something which was absent from the initial application. Richard has submitted a comment/objection on behalf the BCA – it is the same as the draft previously circulated to Trustees, with the addition of a comment about the public notices not being displayed.

Councilor Harley reported that the application will be considered by the Council's Planning Committee and that the residents who are objecting will need to hold a meeting to sort out their strategy prior to this meeting.

Summer heat. Jessop & Cook have agreed that it would be a appropriate to approach Reynolds who can give advice and costs about blinds for the fire doors in the main hall. It was agreed to go ahead and get quotes. Also, to ask Jessop and Cook about reflective glass on the doors.

Cllr Harley has approached the City council who have added Peat Moors to the list of notices banning the lighting of fires, fireworks

and barbecues on public spaces in the city. We hope that the signs are made of metal.

(3) Lets.

Otis has reported that the income from lets during September was: Regular lets £1,514.00; Parties/events: 772.50; One-off lets: £57.00 Total income £2,343.50

Mothersong has stopped meeting for a short period but will soon be re-starting. Quarry Rovers are now using the all-weather area for one evening rather than two per week. The Karali Music School appear to have stopped meeting at the centre – Otis is checking this out. We have had a recent let by a local doctor for five sessions for a training course for nurses. He has asked for further use and it nis likely that we will get further requests.

(4) Finance Report.

Trevor reported that In September the income was £2,326.50 and the expenditure was £2,475.72 - a loss of £149.22.

Six monthly report Income £13,608.50 Expenditure £14,066.26 Loss £457.76

Tom Crook is now a full signatory with full access to the Bullingdon Community Association on line banking account with Lloyd's Bank.

Barbara reported that the community Lunch has made a donation of £150.

Richard reported that 4 applications for grants made been made over recent weeks: to the City Councillors Grant Fund (Councillor Harley), County Councillor Fund (Liz Brighouse), Connected Communities Fund (County Council) and the Community Profile Grant for Wood Farm.

(5) Correspondence

“Peoples Emergency Briefing (P.E.B.) on climate heating and nature breakdown’. This event has been booked for Thursday 28th January 2027 between 7.30-9.30pm in the rear hall

(6) Health and Safety

Barbara completed the Fire Marshall training. We will purchase high viz jackets. We have received confirmation from the City Council that they will set up maintenance contracts for guttering and the solar panels.

(7) Present Activities.

Community Lunch. Mary reported that the September and October lunches were both well attended. ‘Supershoes’, a charity for children with cancer, received a donation of £98. The volunteers who run the Community Lunch met recently to review how things are going and to look at future plans. The taster classes run by Abingdon and Witney College started again with origami making on the 9th of October and Rhonda Riachi spoke about the research into Ageing Well in Oxford.

Barbara and Richard attended the ‘Older Peoples Day’ at the Town Hall (7th October) and ran a stall providing information on activities at Bullingdon. The event was well attended.

Richard has attended a recent meeting of the Headington Action Group (HAG) and raised the issue of why the current boundaries of HAG did not include the Wood Farm estate.

Review of BCA Business Plan: There was a brief discussion of the ‘action plan’ and comments from Tom were circulated at the meeting. A detailed review of the feedback will be circulated to trustees.

(8) Future Events.

Free Family Events. Following the successful event in July we are trying to run similar events during school holidays. The Hallowe'en event is on Tuesday 27th October from 10-12. Marie, Richard and Barbara met with Sara Lowes, Modern Art Oxford (MAO) this morning. They are keen to be involved in similar events in February half term, Easter and May half term. They may also be able to be involved in a 'Make play' project for very young children.

Plans for AGM on Thursday 12 November: Reports will be presented by Richard (Secretary's Report) and Trevor (Financial Report). In addition to these reports, it was agreed that brief reports should also be provided by trustees on those activities which are directly run by the BCA Community Lunch (Mary), Repair Café (Barbara), Website (Tom), Face Book page and Creative Writing (Gill Breeze). Mary & Barbara will sort out refreshments.

Under our constitution all the trustees and officers (Secretary, Treasurer, Chair) have to retire. They can stand for re–election. It was agreed that summary information on the role of Trustees and Officers should be made available at the AGM. The maximum number of trustees we can have is 15; currently we have 10.

(9) External matters
Thanks to Friends of Lye Valley for cutting back the wild garden at the rear of the building.

Andrea Placidi (Brookes University) recently visited Bullingdon with a group of 25 of his students from the School of Architecture. Andrea played a key role in advising the BCA about our plans for the redevelopment of the Community Centre.

The Oxford Preservation Trust have kindly donated Bullingdon a copy of the publication 'Into the Woods' Memories of Slade Camp

and Slade Park, Oxford 1948-1970. A number of our members and volunteers lived at the camp as children.

Date of Next **meeting AGM Thursday 12th November, 7.30pm, in the Rear Hall.**

Next Committee meeting **Tuesday 8th December, 7.30pm**.