

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ; Meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Attending : Steve Dawe(Chair), Hazel Dawe, Frank Holliday, Trevor Kimber, Nick Barber, Barbara Bryant, Pat Kennedy, Richard Bryant, Tom Crook, Terry Smith, Catherine Gundry. Chris Perks, Cllr Ajaz Rehman. No apologies.

1: Priority Issues: Outstanding work on the Centre.

Wifi is now installed. Hazel raised the issue of whether the firewall was working. This needs to be checked out with the City Council. The City Council are currently reviewing whether they can continue supplying free Wifi for community centres. Our energy supplier is now Octopus and we are still waiting for a bill from SSE for the period prior to the changeover. No information yet on when the solar panels will be connected to the grid. The hearing loop is still not available and Pat will follow this up. Andrea has been discussing with Richard a plan for installing display boards in the atrium. The Repair Cafe group have put up a notice board near to the toilets.

Rear Hall ; The City Council are still considering whether they want to use the Rear Hall. Barbara to circulate suggested costs for the rear hall for large not for profit organizations and suggested that we need a strategy meeting about how to let and market the Rear Hall. A meeting will be held next Monday ( 13<sup>th</sup>) at 10am for interested trustees and Otis.

Open afternoon ( 3<sup>rd</sup> March ); This went well , with around 60 attending. A short report and feedback comments have been posted on the news section of our website.

(2)Business Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February were read and approved.

Matters Arising ; Financial Systems. Trevor reported that this is working reasonably well, but that it is difficult to determine sometimes which payment is from where, because people use different debit cards.

Football ; Richard has been unable so far to arrange a meeting with Andy and will continue to try to make contact. If plans for the future use of the centre by Bullingdon Youth have not been clarified, by the end of April, we will need look for an alternative use for the space which has been allocated to them at the community centre.

Hazel circulated a list of the groups which currently use the centre, on a regular basis, and how much money they can bring in. There was a discussion about why some regular lets do not pay a hiring charge. Thanks to Hazel for compiling the information. Barbara reported on some problems (eg; not clearing up, over running the times for a booking ) which had occurred with private one off lets. Following the meeting Otis reported that during February there had been 10 private bookings, which produced an income of £575.

Treasurers Report :Trevor reported that there was £38, 402 in the bank. Our application to the County Councillor's Priority fund for £6,000 has been successful. Thanks to Liz Brighthouse for her support.This grant will be spent on blinds, furniture and kitchen equipment. We also have a grant of £3,000 from the County Council to develop and support groups for older people Thanks to Richard for his work on compiling the grant applications. Richard is still trying to sort out changing our bank account with Lloyds, following the change in our charity status from an unregistered charity to an incorporated charity (CIO).

Health Safety. Barbara reported that we now have got access to health and safety courses. The Repair café have put up a paper towels dispenser in the kitchen.

Activities ; The City Council filming group turned up late on the 9<sup>th</sup> February and most of our people were unable to participate. Catherine, Richard and Shirley Nelder were interviewed.

‘Chips and Chat’ lunch club starts this Friday followed by a Bog Stars activity session for older people.

The Baby and Toddler group are starting this week, following a very successful ‘taster’ session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February.

We need to try and find a volunteer who can help with Avalon system for bookings. It was agreed that the system is challenging to work and may need to be reviewed.

Music Licence ; Richard has contacted PPL/PRS and has arranged for the community centre to have a music license. The cost will be £418 for a year.

Oxford Lottery: With the centre now open and more people using Bullingdon it is a good time to promote our involvement with the Oxford Lottery. Bullingdon is one of the ‘causes’ supported by the lottery. For details see the ‘Support Us’ section on the web – site.

Next Meeting; Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April ,7.30p.m. at the community centre  
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