

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting Tuesday 6th June 2023.

Attending : Steve Dawe(Chair), Hazel Dawe, Barbara Bryant, Richard Bryant, Frank Holiday, Trevor Kimber, Chris Perks, Tom Crook, Gill Breeze, Terry Smith, Val Churchill (City Council) Councillor Ajaz Rehman, Andy Green, Sara Good, Pat Kennedy.

1.Priority Issues.

Football: Andy Green (Manager, Bullingdon Youth) reported on the plans for Bullingdon Youth. They played their home games at Abingdon this year, because of the closure of the community centre. They had excellent results – winning the league and finishing runners up in the cup. Andy would like to move back to Bullingdon, where they have been based for about 10 years. The older group would train here but will need to play home matches else - where on a larger pitch. They would like to start a group for younger children, probably 5-7 year olds. They would want access to the football pitch, the ‘dressing room’ and toilets from the first week of July. They do not need access to the kitchen since they can access drinking water from the outside tap. Likely use, if a younger group starts, would be 2 evenings per week and on a Saturday. They do not need exclusive use of the dressing room space so other groups could have access. After considerable discussion it was agreed to charge £10 per week for use of this space with extra cleaning surcharge if required. Charges and use will be reviewed in September when the season starts. They are seeking a coach for the younger age range. The trustees are happy to put publicity about the group on the BCA website.

Business Meeting.

The Minutes of 2nd May 2023 were accepted.

Matters Arising.

Building issues: Rear Fire door constantly needing adjusted. The acoustics in the Meeting Room are poor. Jessop and Cook and the City Council are following this up on our behalf. We now have a portable hearing loop which we will need to advertise. Following the submission of itemized energy bills, the City Council have agreed to pay half of the additional costs prior to the connection of the solar panels. Thanks to Barbara for her work on this. We have now received the solar panel literature and the Octopus Smart meter is being installed soon. Barbara anticipates that sorting out 'payback' may take some time and probably the major saving is from the connection of the solar panels.

Rear Hall: Steve has prepared publicity for use of the rear hall and longer term lets which can be further discussed at the next working party meeting.

Face book page: Gill Breeze reported we now have a facebook site which looks like our the web page with the correct details on. There are still some teething problems to be sorted out. Many thanks to Gill for this work.

Subcommittee Meeting: Minutes of 15th May were agreed.(minutes already circulated) We have made a few small changes to the Terms and Conditions of Let. There is general agreement that the Avalon system is cumbersome to use and probably not the best system for us. The Working party will look at a simpler system being developed for us through Plugz. We are devising ways of providing receipts for people and organizations who want them. We agreed that 'Buildings Manager' better reflected the responsibilities that our caretaker currently covers. Richard and Tom raised the issue of what we charge commercial organizations. This will also be discussed at our next Working party meeting. Please send any other agenda items to Steve prior the meeting.

New Lease: This has now been agreed with the City Council. The new lease will have to be registered with the Lands Registry and Richard has arranged for Penningtons to undertake the legal work. The cost will be around £360.

Lets: We have had regular lets (e.g. children's parties) every weekend over the last month. In addition, Breast Cancer awareness is running two training sessions here this month and the Fostering Group is now meeting more regularly. Thanks to Otis and to Richard who is following up longer term lets.

Hazel has been sorting out the invoices for our long term lets and has now been successful in sorting out a payment system for most of them. Thanks to Hazel and Paula for their support.

Treasurer's Report: There was £39,391.40 at the end of May. Repair Café has paid in £150 and Creative Writing £45. Richard is planning to make a grant application to the 'Cost of Living Fund' run by the Oxfordshire Community Foundation.

Health and Safety: SMS ,who check the water, seem to expect access to the centre without notice. We have written to the City Council to ask for contacts for all the services who need access and provided out contact details. Val commented that similar problems with SMS have occurred at other community centres. The kitchen health and safety checks are now completed.

Activities: Following a review, Chips and Chat and Bogstars are being revamped as a community lunch followed by a Bogstars speaker event. This will happen every 3 weeks before the summer break. Publicity has been widely circulated and Trustees are encouraged to attend. Repair Café and Baby and Toddler Group are continuing to get good numbers. Creative Writing is merging with a Ruskin Course during June and July.

10 External Matters.

Pot Holes on Girdlestone Road : This continues to be an issue. Steve will ask Councillor Brown to raise the issue, which affects everyone, particularly cyclists, who use this road.

The Health and Wellbeing partnership are setting up a sub - group looking at community profiling for the Wood Farm estate. Richard has volunteered to be on this group.

Pat raised the question of whether there would be a formal opening of the new centre. It was agreed that this was not necessary, particularly given the success of the informal opening in December.

Next BCA Meeting ; Tuesday 4th July 7.30pm

Working Party: Monday 19 June 9.30a.m.

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