

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION : Meeting : 4th July 2023

Attending : Steve Dawe, Hazel Dawe, Frank Holliday, Chris Perks, Trevor Kimber, Catherine Gundry, Barbara Bryant, Richard Bryant, Phil Jones (City Council), Pat Kennedy. Apologies : Councillor Liz Brighthouse, Sara Good, Tom Crook.

1 Priority Issues. Building : Leak in rear hall following a recent heavy storm. There was prompt action taken by Direct Services and Jessop and Cook –the roof was inspected and a report produced. Remedial work to follow. The ventilation system is not working properly in one half of the building – office, meeting room, rear hall – this has been reported. The outside tap is now working. There have been two recent incidents of fly tipping resulting from the closure of the East Oxford Sports Hall. The materials have been removed. Richard has raised the issue with Hagen Lewisman and Councillor Rehman. A complaint has been received from a householder in Dene Road concerning ivy growing in our garden encroaching onto his property. Richard and Chris are meeting with Council staff to look at the issue this coming Friday. We have also had complaint about noise from a party with a noisy disco.

The Facebook page is up and running. Steve and Hazel hosted a recent visit to the centre by Jessop and Cook and members of the Oxford Preservation Trust. The OPT group were very impressed by the look and design of the new building.

2 Business Meeting.

3.Minutes of the Trustee meeting on 6th June the Working Party meeting on 19th June were accepted.

4.Matters Arising.

The Plugz contract has been improved.

We are exploring alternatives to the current booking systems. We are meeting with Plugz on Friday to look at their system.

Football Sara was not available to provide a report. She will email Richard with an update on their plans for returning to Bullingdon.

New meter : This has not been installed because Octopus brought the wrong meter.

New Lease Documents have been sent to the Land Registry. The legal fees for the registration amount to £408. We may get a grant from the Federation to cover this cost.

Invoicing: Hazel reported that the invoicing for lets is improving, although no payment has yet been received from Ruskin College.

5. Bookings Some of our long - term lets will not be meeting in July and August but will be returning in September. Two new lets have been recently negotiated – the Joyful Choir (monthly in the rear hall) and Taekwonda for over 50's(weekly in main hall), starting in September. Over the last month there were 8 private lets e.g.parties. Publicity about hiring the rear hall for training events has been circulated to the members of the Wood Farm Health and Well – Being Partnership.

6.Treasurers Report : Trevor reported that there was £40,620.34p at the bank. Richard reported that we have received two invoices for business rates which amount to £6,266.76. This will be contested because no allowance has been made for our entitlement, as a registered charity, to claim 80% 'mandatory relief'. We have since been informed that , because Bullingdon is a new building, we will need to make an new application for mandatory relief. Assuming we get the relief our annual bill will around £964, compared to the £322 we paid on the old centre. Barbara reported it is proving very difficult to get a card from Lloyd's bank so Otis can view bank statements to ensure Ohiring fees have been paid.

7. Correspondence and grant applications: Richard has submitted an application for £4000 to the Oxfordshire Community Foundation's 'Cost of Living Fund'. A decision will be made in August.

8. Health and Safety : Barbara has registered Bullingdon Community Association as a food business with Oxford City Council since we are providing community lunches monthly. She has also completed 'Safer Food Better Business' She is discussing what is required with the volunteers at the community lunch.

9. Activities The revamped 'Community Lunch' is attracting more people and more are also attending the talks organized by the Bog Stars. A big thanks to the volunteers who are running these events.

The preparation of the archive material for the MAO exhibition has been completed – Frank, Trevor, Richard and Mike Lester were involved in selecting the photographs for the exhibition, which opens on the 21st July.

10. External Matters : Richard reported that the Health and Well – Being partnership is compiling some very useful statistical data on the Wood Farm estate.

It was agreed that we should try to run a stall at the 'Oxford's Older Peoples Day ' on the 4th October, between 10am – 3pm. The event is held at the Town Hall.

11. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 1st August at 7.30pm.

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