

## BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION : Meeting : 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Attending : Steve Dawe, Frank Holliday, Chris Perks, Trevor Kimber, Barbara Bryant, Richard Bryant, Liz Brighthouse Pat Kennedy. George McVicar, Terry Smith. Apologies Hazel Dawe Cllr Ajaz Rehman

1 Priority Issues. Building : The roof in the rear hall is not leaking now. No news on the ventilation issue – this needs to be followed up. No developments regarding the acoustics in the meeting room – this needs to be followed up. The accessible toilet door still needs repaired. The City Council sent round a surveyor to check the building as part of an asset survey of all community centres in the city. Little response so far from the advertising of the rear hall. Chris, Hazel and Richard have had a site meeting with a City Council officer to look at how to cut back the ivy in the back garden. We are waiting for an estimate of the likely cost – this needs to be followed up.

The Facebook page is up and running well. Tom reported that there are 15 followers to date and that this should increase.

2. Business Meeting : The minutes of the Trustee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July were accepted.

3. Matters Arising.

Football : No news of Bullingdon Youth returning , which is rather frustrating. The football pitch is being used informally by an adult team on a Sunday evening.

New smart meter : No success to date, in getting a replacement.

New Lease: OFCA have provided a grant ( £456 ) to cover the legal fees we incurred in registering with the Land Registry.

Invoicing: Barbara reported that we have finally started receiving payments from Ruskin College.

4. Bookings : Some of our long - term lets are not meeting during late July and August, but will be returning in September. However,

private lets (eg children's parties) and one off lets to organizations are still being booked on a regular basis. Otis reports that that were 17 of these lets in July, which produced an income of £900. We need to arrange a Working Party meeting to review a new system to replace the Avalon system and to review how our existing booking systems are working.

5. Treasurer's Report : Trevor reported that there was £41,460.87p at the bank. Richard has made application for mandatory relief for business rates - no reply to date. Grants – We are expecting a decision on the application to the OCF Cost of Living Fund any day now. Richard is currently checking out possible applications to the OCF Capacity Fund and the City Council's Community Impact Fund. Barbara proposed that we should spend some of the funds left in the Connecting Communities grant ( County Council ) on blinds for the two windows in the rear hall – this was agreed.

Some of the groups run directly by Bullingdon have made donations towards running costs: Bogstars £50 ; Lye Valley Little Uns ( parent and toddler group ) £50.80

6. Activities : The Community Lunch is working well in its new format, with around 24-30 attending the lunches. The group will meet monthly with the next lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> September. Bogstars have decided to merge with the Community Lunch.

Modern Art Oxford. Archive photos of the community centre are currently on display at MAOs 'Boundary Encounters' exhibition, which runs until the 29<sup>th</sup> October. MAO are interested in doing a summer project with Bullingdon next year – Richard will report on the plans following a meeting this Thursday with Sara Lowes.

Friends of Lye Valley did a series of walks around the Valley, followed by tea in the rear hall. The FLV AGM is being held at Bullingdon on the 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.

Shirley Nelder is organizing a fund raiser at the community centre for the MacMillian Fund this Friday 2-4p.m.

7. Correspondence. The BCA have signed up to run a stall at the 'Oxfords Older Peoples Day', which will be held at the Town Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

8. Health and Safety Registering as a Food outlet means health and hygiene has been tightened in the kitchen. Access by SMS to check the water outlets is still an issue. Barbara has written to say that our Building Manager needs to be informed in advance of their visit.

AOB : We have agreed with Bogstars to fix a plaque beside the Mosaic on the outside of the front of the building saying 'This mosaic was completed by the Bogstars Community Group in January 2018' Trevor to advise on the best way to do this.

10. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 5th September 7.30pm.

AGM. Provisional date Wed 11<sup>th</sup> October in the main or rear hall. It was agreed that we should make this more of an event this year and try to attract more people to attend.

Working Party meeting Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 10-12 Rear Hall.

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