

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION : Meeting : 3rd October 2023.

Attending : Steve Dawe, Barbara Bryant, Trevor Kimber, Frank Holliday, Gill Breeze, Phil Jones (City Council), Terry Smith, Chris Perks, Richard Bryant.

Apologies : Tom Crook, Catherine Gundry, Hazel Dawe, Pat Kennedy. Best wishes were recorded for Pat following her recent cycle accident.

1 Priority Issues : Plans for AGM (11th October) : Posters have been put up on community notice boards, at the community centre and at local shops. Affiliated groups and members have been notified. A display of materials and photographs on the history of the centre is being prepared. There will be a sign in sheet and a suggestions board. There will be brief verbal reports on current use of the Centre(Barbara), the website(Tom) and Facebook(Gill) prior to open discussion on priorities and plans. Refreshments will be provided after the meeting when people can circulate and view photographs. We will be setting up the rear hall from 6.45pm.

Back garden. Friends of Lye Valley have mowed the wild garden and we have given them a donation of £50. Hazel's wildflower report discussed. Chris will liase with Hazel about ongoing care including purchase of new shrubs for some of the planters. Many thanks to ODS for cutting back the ivy which has been causing problems for a resident in Dene Road. Chris will purchase weedkiller.

2 Minutes of last meeting : The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September were read and approved.

Matters Arising : Booking system. The contract with Strelis has been completed and the new system is now in operation.

Building issues : Accoustic panels have been put up on the walls of the meeting room. Many thanks to Dean (Direct Services) for doing

this. There are continuing problems with leaks from a velux window in the rear hall. The Architects & Council are going to consult with the manufacturer. The leaks from the guttering has been dealt with. A new smart meter is due to be installed on the 12th October. There is no news about when the floodlights at the all-weather area will be repaired. Still no news about the football team returning to the community centre.

3 Bookings: Otis reports that in September there were 5 party lets, 10 one off organisational lets and 9 long term organisational lets. The party lets produced £440 and the organizational lets produced £1139.50. A Latin American dance class has started meeting at the centre and other possible long term lets are under discussion, including a Zumba class. Indian dance group and AGE UK. The NHS Health Checks are no longer running on a weekly basis and are now running on a more occasional basis. This is very disappointing, as they are our most productive let in terms of income.

4 Treasurers Report. Trevor reported that there was £39,449.51 at the bank as of the 30th September. Richard reported that we have received a grant award of £1,600 from the Connecting Communities Fund (County Council) and that an application has also been made to the City Council's Impact Fund. Community lunch has donated £60

5 Correspondence. Steve and Hazel have indicated that they will be standing down as trustees, as of next weeks AGM. Thanks were recorded for their positive contribution to the BCA over recent years. The City Council are carrying out a consultation on the private rented sector – Richard to respond.

6 Health and Safety : No issues raised.

7 Activities. Barbara and Richard are going to Older people's network day tomorrow. The next community lunch is on Friday 13th October, followed by a talk on guide dogs. The Xmas Fayre will be on Saturday 2nd December and detailed planning is well underway. Barbara

circulated a request for raffle prizes and bric a brac. Modern Art Oxford have contacted us about possible art projects for next summer. The Date Palm Tree have indicated that they could get involved. We need to check out potential interest from other groups who use the centre, particularly our groups for older people who have missed activities over the summer. The project will be based at Bullingdon and MAO will cover the costs of hiring space. We need to check with Hazel and Rhonda the possible date for a summer fayre.

AOB: Trevor asked whether the suggestion box was used. Barbara said we have received a few suggestions- such as running a bar- but most of the suggestions we get are verbal.

Richard reported that Ken Davis has died. Ken was a saxophone player and rehearsed at Bullingdon for over 40 years, only stopping when the COVID lock -down started. He was a well-known figure around the community centre. Barbara and Richard attended the funeral.

Date of A.G.M. Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm in the rear hall.

Date of next Trustee meeting Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm

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