

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Meeting.
Tuesday 13th February 2024.

Attending. Trevor Kimber, Frank Holliday, Tom Crook,
Catherine Gundry, Barbara Bryant, Richard Bryant,

(1) Apologies. Chris Perks, Nick Barber, Pat Kennedy, Terry
Smith, Gill Breeze.

(2) The minutes of the January meeting were read and
approved.

(3) Matters Arising. Building Issues.

Repairs. Most of the outstanding repairs have been done.
There is still a concern over the maglock plate on the front door.
Barbara has written to Neil Smith (City Council) indicating that
the BCA does not take responsibility for the condition of the
maglock plate.

Energy Costs. Barbara has renewed the contract with Octopus
Energy at a lower rate than last year. She will try to get back
some of the deposit.

Drains. After the recent heavy rain there was a large puddle
where the Peat Moors enters the car park which caused
problems for people walking into the community centre.
Richard reported the issue to the County Council – apparently
the main storm drain is ‘not large enough to cope with the
capacity of water that can fall in flash flooding situations’.

Floodlights. The floodlights on the all-weather area are due to
be repaired this month. Once this is done we will need to
review our hiring policy for the area.

Football. No news on a date for the clearing out of the
equipment in the dressing room.

(4) Lets. Our Building Manager reported that the lets in January
produced an income of £2,176.50. Regular lets, £1,559, one off
lets by groups, £192.50 and parties, £425. After discussion, a
request from a City Council staff member for an occasional free
let to meet with colleagues was turned down. It was felt it would

set a precedent because our affiliated group policy, which can offer a reduced rate to organisations, does not apply to individuals.

(5) Treasurer's Report. Trevor reported that there was £51,846.22 at the bank as of the end of January. During January the overall income was £4,419.15 and our expenditure was £4,707.70. We have applied to our local councillors for a grant from the Councillor's Community Fund towards the purchase of additional chairs and trolley for the rear hall. Thanks to Councillor Linda Smith for a £500 grant. We are also hopeful of a grant from Councillor Ajaz Rehman. A grant application has also been made to the City Council Impact Fund for £1,000 towards the purchase of tables and a projector and screen. A decision is expected in late March.

(6) Correspondence

Strelix Contract for Bullingdon Bookings system. The present contract expires on 15th March 2024. Strelix has sent us a provisional updated contract for a 12 month period. The suggested changes to the contract were discussed. Since the Strelix system appears to be working well for us, it was agreed to accept the provisional updated contract.

Usual leaflets and posters. No further news on the street signage issue.

(7) Present Activities : The February Community Lunch was very successful attracting 34 people including volunteers. The day included a free morning yoga taster session by Witney College and a talk about health research in the afternoon. There has been positive feedback about the quality of the food. Next month includes Easter Wreath making and Gardener's Question time. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make the day a success. Lye Valley Littluns(our Toddler group) is attracting more people and purchasing some new equipment.

AGE UK and the Wood Farm Health and Well Being Partnership held meetings at the centre during January

(8) Future Activities. Meetings are being held with Modern Art Oxford about the plans for a summer project at the community centre.

(9) Health and Safety. New policies.

Barbara has circulated a draft Volunteer Policy to Trustees and volunteers. She has incorporated minor changes suggested.

The revised Volunteer Policy was accepted.

Barbara asked for responses to the draft Safeguarding Adults Policy she has just circulated.

(10) External Matters. The Wood Farm Health and Well Being Partnership are firming up their plans for a 'Community Insight' survey of the Wood Farm estate. Richard is attending the meetings on behalf of the BCA.

The Oxford Preservation Trust(OPT) are also planning a Wood Farm project during 2024 – a heritage walking trail focusing on the history of the area and its green spaces. A public meeting about this project is being held at Bullingdon on Monday 18th March at 4.30pm. All welcome. The BCA are supporting the project.

(11) A.O.B. In late 2023 our building was awarded a plaque by the Oxford Preservation Trust (OPT) for the design of the new centre. The plaque has now arrived and will be displayed in the entrance porch of the centre. OPT will be launching their 2024 competition at an event at Bullingdon on the 19th February.

Date of next meeting. Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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