

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting 12th
March 2014.

Attending. Trevor Kimber, Frank Holliday, Tom Crook, Catherine Gundry, Barbara Bryant, Nick Barber, Pat Kennedy, Terry Smith, Richard Bryant.

(1) Apologies. Chris Perks, Gill Breeze.

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

(3) Matters Arising. Energy costs We are not able, at the present time, to get anything back on the deposit paid to Octopus.

All weather area. The floodlights have been repaired and are working. We now need to devise a hiring policy and check out our insurance and the agreement with the City Council.

Equipment in dressing room. Still waiting for Andy Green to remove the equipment left by the Bullingdon Youth football team.

(4) Lets . Our Buildings Manager reports that the income from lets during February was £2100, which was split between £1577.50 from regular group lets: £227.50 from one off group lets and £295 from party lets. The Bible class let finishes at the end of March and Joyful Choir have cancelled their let because of the limited numbers attending.

(5) Treasurer's Report. Trevor reported that there was £53,827.91 at the bank as of the end of February. We had a trading loss as of the end of February of £647.08. Our costs are increasing and we may not raise as much money in grants next year so we will need to increase our hiring charges. The new rates are on our website. Tom pointed out this was a very successful result for our first year of operation.

Barbara reported that we have changed our water supplier from Thames Water to Water Plus, which will produce a modest saving.

British Gas has contacted us about whether we owe VAT dating back to 2007 ! All of the relevant paperwork about claiming a VAT reduction due to our charitable status was completed at the time and we have now provided British Gas with the information again. Hopefully, this is the last we will hear of this issue.

A grant of £225 has been received from Councillor Ajaz towards additional chairs for the Centre.

(6) Correspondence. No news about the street signage and we need to follow this up with the local Councillors. Richard reported that he had responded to a government consultation on proposed new anti – terrorism legislation, which would require public buildings which have a capacity of a100 or more to take very stringent security measures and would require staff on site at all times. Known as Martyn’s Law this proposed legislation is a response to the attack at the Manchester Arena. ‘Community Matters’ have recommended that community centres lobby against small public buildings being included in the legislation.

(7) Present Activities. The March Community Lunch and Gardeners’ Question Time was very well attended. The taster classes in the morning run by Abingdon and Witney Colleges are proving popular but unfortunately a mother and her child could not participate because their insurance does not cover children. It was agreed that the publicity for the classes should make it clear they are only open to adults. The next lunch is on Friday 12th April but, since it is during the Easter holidays, there will no class or talk on that day.

(8) Future Activities. Modern Art Oxford are booking the Centre for their summer arts projects with Date Palm and Silver Shakers groups.

(9) Health and Safety .Barbara has previously circulated copies of a proposed 'Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults' Policy and a 'Disciplinary' Policy. These were approved and accepted.

(10) AOB.

The Oxford Preservation Trust are holding public meetings about the plans for a Wood Farm Heritage Trail at the community centre on the 18th and 27th of March.

ETHEX are giving their 10 year impact report on social investments at the Old Fire Station on March 21st at 6.30p.m.

Catherine raised the issue of recruiting more trustees for the BCA. It was agreed that, if someone was interested, they should be invited to one of our meetings and that we should also circulate information to the groups which use us on a regular basis. Richard to check out the Charity Commission's 'guide' to becoming a trustee.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm. All welcome

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