

**BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION : Trustee Meeting,  
9<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

Attending : Trevor Kimber, Frank Holliday, Chris Perks, Richard Bryant, Nick Barber, Tom Crook, Terry Smith. Apologies: Barbara Bryant, Pat Kennedy.

(1)The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

(2)Matters Arising ; Energy Costs ; No developments regarding the deposit paid to Octopus. All weather area; Still need to sort out a hiring policy. Clearing out the dressing room; Still waiting for Bullingdon Youth to move their equipment. Richard is hoping to see Andy Green this coming Saturday. Information on the responsibilities of trustees; This issue was raised by Catherine at our last meeting. Richard has checked out the information available from the Charity Commission. There is a 36 page document and a 2 page summary available. Richard to circulate the summary. Road Signage ; The County Council have agreed to put a new sign for Bullingdon on the Slade, by the bus stop, but have turned down our request for an additional sign on the corner of Dene Rd and Bulan Rd.

(3)Lets: Our Building Manager reports that the income from lets during March was £2, 437, which was split between £1612 for regular lets, £551 for one off lets from organizations and £274 for parties. Our regular users have been informed about the hiring charges being increased from the 1<sup>st</sup> May and there have been no serious objections. The new hiring charges are on the web – site. Carers Oxfordshire are now running an ‘Unpaid Carers Group’ at the community centre on the third Tuesday morning of the month.

(4)Treasurers Report: Trevor reported on the income and expenditure for the 2023–2024 financial year. The income was £38,621.89p and the expenditure was £39, 140.60, resulting in a deficit of £518.71p. Everyone at the meeting agreed that this was a very positive result, given that it was our first full year of

operating since the community centre re – opened in January 2003. The income generated was mainly due to the number of lets during the year. A significant factor in the expenditure we incurred were the energy costs (£9,541.97p) and Trevor queried whether we were getting the full benefit from the solar panels and suggested that we may need to get advice on this.

Richard reported that we have received a grant of £300 from the City Council (Community Impact Fund) and it was agreed that this grant should be used to help purchase a projector and screen for the community centre. Tom will check out what we need to purchase. Barbara has submitted monitoring reports for two other grants we have received from the Council and Richard has recently submitted a grant application ( £886 ) to the Oxford University Small Grants Scheme.

Richard reported that a recent estimated bill for the water rates was very high and that this is being queried, based on a meter reading which Otis took this week.

(5) Correspondence: The City Council are planning to produce a short video on the value of community centres and have asked for volunteers to contribute their experiences. Members of three of the groups which use Bullingdon have expressed an interest in contributing.

(6) Present Activities: The next Community Lunch is this Friday (12<sup>th</sup> April). The Oxford Preservation Trust recently held two public meetings at the community centre about their proposed Wood Farm Heritage Trail. Around twenty local residents attended the events and the OPT were pleased the feedback they received.

Chris Perks reported on his plans to tidy up and improve the planters around the community centre. He has purchased around a dozen new shrubs and will start work tomorrow.

(7)Future Activities: It was agreed at the meeting that Bullingdon will hold a 'Community Picnic' on the 14<sup>th</sup> July between 2–5pm. Hazel Dawe and Rhonda Riachi will be helping to organize the event, along with our trustees and other volunteers.

(8)Health and Safety: No report available.

(9)External Matters: The Wood Farm Health and Well Being Partnership is currently in the process of appointing a research team to carry out a 'Community Insight' survey of the Wood Farm estate during 2024.

The City Council are looking for volunteers to manage the seven community notice boards in Lye Valley and Wood Farm. Details are available on our web – site.

AOB: No issues raised.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

RB: 11/4/2024