

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting
Tuesday 14th May 2024.

Attending : Barbara Bryant, Richard Bryant, Frank Holliday, Pat Kennedy, Catherine Gundry, Terry Smith, Nick Barber, Tom Crook, Phil Jones (City Council). Apologies: Chris Perks, Trevor Kimber.

(1)The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. One correction – Catherine gave her apologies.

(2)Matters Arising ; Energy costs. The architects report that the solar panels are properly connected and, with the sunnier weather, the bills are now reducing. Bullingdon Youth. No progress on moving the equipment from the changing room. Information for trustees. Richard to circulate the summary from the Charity Commission. Planters. Chris has been working on the planters – weeding, composting and planting a lot of new shrubs. The planters look great – thanks were recorded to Chris. Road Signs.The County has agreed to put new signs on the Slade but there is some confusion over who will pay for the signs, which has been estimated at around £1450. Richard is seeking clarification. Water bills. These are OK but we need to read the water meter each month to avoid having high estimated bills.

(3)Lets. Our Building Manager reports that £1,830.50 was received from lets during April. £1,330.50 from regular lets to groups; £45 from one off group lets; £455 from party lets. Following an incident at a recent party there was a discussion about whether we should reduce the ages for children's parties to twelve and under. It was agreed not to change our policy at the moment, but to keep the situation under review over the coming months. It was agreed that barbeques should **not** be allowed on the back garden of the community centre.

(4)Treasurers Report. The Treasurer has reported that the income received during April was £2,367.50p and the

expenditure was £1,705.33p. Trevor has sent the paperwork for the 2023-24 accounts to our accountants (Martin and Fahy). Thanks were recorded to Trevor for his work on compiling the relevant information.

Richard reported that we should be hearing soon about a grant application to the Oxford University Small Community Grants scheme. The day after our meeting we were informed that an award of £886. 76p had been made to Bullingdon. This grant is earmarked for purchasing tables and storage for the 'dressing room', once this space is cleared of the football equipment. There was further discussion about the purchase of a projector and screen (approx. £5-600) due to the time involved in setting up the equipment and the limited demand for it to date. It was agreed to delay buying this equipment until we had evidence that there would be a demand for regular use – such as the setting up of film club.

(5) Correspondence. Usual leaflets received. Richard has contacted the City Council about filling in the holes in the goal areas of the football pitch – no response received yet. Tom asked about the plans for letting out the all - weather area, now that new floodlights have been installed. Richard indicated that we needed to review our letting policy and should be looking to let out the area from the autumn. Richard to contact the City Council to check if a time switch could be installed for the floodlights to avoid groups having to access the community centre to turn on and off the lights.

(6) Present Activities. Catherine reported that the Community Lunch last week was very successful and the team of volunteers now work very well together. The talk by Silvertime Legal on legal issues facing older people was very good and informative. The next community lunch is on Friday 14th June at 12.30. At 9.30 in the morning there will be a Digital taster class run by Abingdon and Witney College and after the lunch there will be a talk by Julie Webb (Friends of Lye Valley).

(7)Future Activities. The plans with Modern Art Oxford (MAO)for a project with the Date Palm Tree group and a project with Silver Shakers which will be run during July and August are making good progress. Our free Community Picnic is being held on Sunday 14th July 2-5p.m.and publicity will be available soon. It was agreed to allocate £100 to Headington Hillbillies for coordinating performances and providing the musical equipment for the event. The City Council and the Oxford Federation of Community Associations are holding an evening event to celebrate the activities of community centres in the city on Wednesday 24th of July at the Town Hall. A short video on the Oxford community centres is also being made and will include a contribution from members of the 7o'clock Club. Bullingdon has been allocated ten tickets so would Trustees please tell Richard as soon as possible whether they want one.

(8)Health and Safety. No issues reported.

(9)External Matters : The Wood Farm Health and Well Being Partnership have appointed Health Watch Oxfordshire to carry-out the Community Insight Profile of Wood Farm, which is due to be completed during 2024. Bullingdon is actively supporting this project. It was agreed that the new City Councilor for the Lye Valley ward, Judith Harley, should receive an invitation to attend the monthly BCA meetings. Tom is looking for news items for our web – site.

(10)AOB. A plaque is now in place to commemorate the mosaic which is on the front of the community centre. The mosaic was created by the Bog Stars Community Group. Thanks to Trevor for fixing the plaque on the wall.

Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm. All welcome.

RB/BB ; 18/5/2024

