

## BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: Trustee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Attending. Barbara Bryant, Trevor Kimber, Chris Perks, Richard Bryant, Pat Kennedy, Tom Crook, Nick Barber, Catherine Gundry, Councillor Judith Harley. Apologies. Terry Smith, Frank Holliday.

Councillor Harley was introduced to the Trustees.

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

(2) Matters Arising.

Energy Costs. Barbara is still in discussions with Octopus over the issue of the deposit.

Changing Room. The remaining football equipment has still to be moved or put in the loft. Moving the table tennis table is proving difficult. Advertising it on Freecycle has not produced a result. We may have to consider taking it apart.. Catherine will follow up possible contacts.

Road Signs. No news about the arrangements for funding the new signs.

(3) Lets. Otis has reported that income from lets during June was: one-off lets £101.00; party lets £336.50; regular lets £1,463.50.00 Total £1,931.00

(4) Treasurer's Report. Trevor reported that income for June was £2,079.00; expenditure £2,462.52. Quarterly results give a better view of our finances. During the period April – June, income was £6,286.00; expenditure was £5,909.29, which resulted in a surplus of £376.71. We have received a grant of £500 from the Mid – Counties Co-operative Society for the Community lunch. Community Lunch and Creative writing have made donations towards running costs.

Contract with Strelis. Otis has had preliminary discussions with Strelis about making our booking and invoicing system more

efficient. After discussion it was agreed that Richard and Barbara would meet with Strelax to discuss this further and refer back to the subgroup.

(5) Correspondence. We have received an invitation to participate in the Older Peoples Day at the Town Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 9am – 3pm. Catherine and Pat have agreed to attend for at least part of the day. More volunteers are likely to be needed. We have an abandoned car in the car park. This has been reported to the County and City Councils and the owner of the car has been contacted by the BCA. The car has been there for over two weeks. Pest Control left a 'rat box' outside one of the side gates of the community centre. Richard was concerned about its location – in a very public place which is used by young children. A complaint was made and the box has been removed.

(6) Present Activities. Repair Café. The yearly report (April 23-March 24) of our Repair Cafe was circulated. Our volunteers ran 42 sessions (414 volunteer hours) on Tuesday mornings, attracting 168 visitors. They saved 225.74 Kg from landfill. They are looking for new volunteers because demand is increasing. Trustees asked that their thanks and congratulations were passed on to the volunteers.

There is a community lunch this Friday, which will be followed by a talk by Shotover Wildlife. There will not be a community lunch in August. The next community lunch will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

There is the community picnic on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July between 2 – 5 pm. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen and the putting up of the gazebo.

Modern Art Oxford summer activities. The Silver Shakers summer dance project for older adults started this week. It will run on Mondays throughout the summer holidays. Their

summer project for children run with the Date Palm group starts on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

(7) Future Activities Catherine suggested that we needed volunteers to welcome people when they visited the community centre. It only happens on an ad hoc basis at the moment and could be better organized, providing there are sufficient volunteers available. Catherine also offered to contact Shirley Nelder about the idea of starting evening talks at the Centre.

(8) Health and Safety. As agreed, Barbara raised the issue about the Meeting Room Fire Door with Oxford City Council, Jessop and Cook and ODS. Jessop and Cook visited on 28<sup>th</sup> June and confirmed it was an urgent issue as it relates to the fire escape strategy. Oxford City has not yet visited or repaired the fire exit. Trustees expressed great concern. It was agreed that Barbara would write a strong letter to Officers, copied to Councillors, saying this repair was extremely urgent and that the City Council was failing in its duty to properly maintain fire doors.

(9) External Matters. Richard provided an up-date on the Health and Social Needs Survey that the County Council are carrying out on Wood Farm and Town Furze. Copies of the questionnaire will be available at the community centre later this week and will be circulated to groups and activities. Richard has suggested that the research team from Oxfordshire Healthwatch could use the centre as a venue for 'focus group' meetings.

AOB No issues raised.

**Date of next meeting . Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm. All welcome.**

