

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting
Tuesday 13th August 2024.

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

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

(2) Matters Arising.

Energy Costs. Octopus have belatedly taken the deposit.

Barbara will try to get it back.

Changing Room. Volunteers with the Repair group have taken
the table tennis table apart and this should make it easier to
move. The City Council do not want their nets returned. Otis is
checking out contacts with local football coaches and Catherine
will check on whether the Allotment Society might be interested
in using the nets.

Road Signs. No developments to report.

(3) Lets: Otis reports that the income from lets in July was: one
off lets £89; regular lets £1,318, parties and events £569.50.
Total - £1976.50. Ruskin College will not be running classes in
the autumn and the Ballroom Dancing let is finishing in
September. Health Checks are not now running on a weekly
basis. There should be a new let (dance group) starting in
September and other possible lets are currently under
negotiation. Because of the impact of the recent riots on the
Muslim community, Date Palm Tree and Modern Art Oxford
cancelled their session last week. We hope they will feel able to
return this week.

(4) Treasurers Report: Trevor reported that our income for July
was £4,290.94, which included the CAO donation of £500 and
the expenditure was £4,845.78 , which included the Octopus
deposit of £2,534.35. We received a grant of £240 from the City
Council for the 'Community Lunch' and a £500 donation from

Citizens Advice Oxford to assist with the running costs of their advice session at Bullingdon. There was a discussion about the new revised contract with Strelax. This revised contract was approved by the Trustees. Barbara has registered a complaint with 'Water Plus' about how they calculate our bills.

(5) Correspondence: The abandoned car in the car park has been removed, following our contacting the owner and the police. Richard circulated our Annual Return to Trustees and has submitted our Annual Return and audited accounts to the Charity Commission. Many thanks to Richard.

(6) Present Activities: This is a relatively quiet period, with a number of our regular lets not meeting in August. Modern Art Oxford, however, are running weekly sessions with Silver Shakers and Date Palm Tree. No Community Lunch was held in August to give the volunteers a break.

The Community Picnic on Sunday 14th July was attended by about 60 adults and children and was a fun afternoon with a very good atmosphere. Headington Hillbillies were excellent and we had a number of open mic contributors. We were short of volunteers to help out in the kitchen.

Seven trustees and volunteers attended the City Council's Celebration of Community Centres at the Town Hall on the 24th July. The event was jointly organized with the Oxford Federation of Community Association (OFCA) and was very well attended. As part of the celebration the Council produced a short video, which includes an excellent contribution from members and volunteers from the 7 O'clock Club. A link for the video is on our website.

(7) Future Activities: Speakers for the Community Lunches which are due to start again in September are being arranged.

(8) Health and Safety: The Fire Exit doors in the Main Hall and Meeting Room have finally been fixed and adjusted properly.

There was considerable discussion about the difference between Fire doors and the variety of fire exit doors in the building. The internal doors are fire doors and should not be propped open. The single Fire Exit doors leading on to the rear escape route should also not be propped open: Otis has done a great job reprogramming the skylights so they now open and can keep these rooms cool in summer with the doors closed. The double doors from Main Hall and Rear Hall are both normal exits and fire exits. We need protective rubber stoppers on the concrete planters to prevent damage to these doors when they are opened. Trevor will discuss with Otis the best way of doing this.

(9) External Matters: Richard has heard that the City Council are undertaking a review of 'Community Services', which includes the City's Community Centres. Little detail is available at the moment. Richard has asked OFCA to check out the remit of the review, the timetable and whether there are any plans to consult directly with Community Centres. There have been rumours circulating that cuts could be made to community centres during the 2024–25 financial year.

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As part of the recent celebration of Community Centres, banners were produced for each Centre by Steph Jankovic of the Cutteslowe Community Centre. Trustees were delighted with our banner and sent thanks to Steph for producing it. Trustees discussed where the Bullingdon banner could be displayed at the centre. There was a preference for it to be hung above the entrance to the main hall, providing we can arrange to get it put up safely.

It was agreed that the Bullingdon AGM should be held on the **Thursday 10th of October at 7.30pm in the Rear Hall**. We will discuss the format next month.

**Date of next meeting Tuesday 10th September at 7.30 p.m.
in the Meeting Room.**

RB/BB: 14/8/2024