

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting
Tuesday 10th September 2024.

Attending. Richard Bryant, Barbara Bryant, Frank Holliday, Chris Perks, Trevor Kimber, Councillor Judith Harley, Terry Smith.

Apologies. Tom Crook, Nick Barber, Pat Kennedy, Catherine Gundry.

Nick has indicated that he will stand down as a Trustee after next month's AGM. The meeting recorded thanks to Nick for the positive contribution he has made to the BCA over many years.

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

(2) Matters Arising.

Energy Costs. Barbara reported that there were no developments regarding deposit paid to Octopus.

Changing room. At long last the room has almost been cleared ! The table tennis table has been taken away and Otis moved the football equipment to a group in Blackbird Leys. Most of the BCA items are now stored in the loft and we hope that the remaining items will be moved next week. Thanks to everyone who helped clear the room. We can now plan a new use for the room, which is likely to be as a small office and meeting room. We have a grant to purchase tables and storage units for the room.

New Road Signs for Bullingdon on the Slade. These should be installed soon. Councillor Liz Brighthouse has indicated that she would be prepared to support a grant application to the County Councillors' Priority Fund to help the BCA cover the costs.

Bullingdon banner. Otis is looking at whether he can put the banner up over the entrance to the main hall.

(3) Lets. August was a relatively quiet month. Otis reports that the income from lets was: one-off lets £496; party lets £90; regular lets £642. Total income £1,228. After the concern over the recent

riots, Date Palm Tree have resumed meeting at the community centre. The Silver Shakers project with Modern Art Oxford (MOA) has been featured on the MOA web page.

(4) Treasurer's Report. Trevor reported that the income for August was £1,943.50 and the expenditure was £1,505.79, a surplus of £437.71. Barbara is still following up our complaint to Water Plus about how they calculate the bills. After a discussion it was decided to go ahead with the purchase of a projector and screen. A budget of £500 - £600 was agreed. Tom to be contacted for advice on the purchases.

(5) Correspondence. Usual circulars and leaflets.

(6) Present Activities. A number of the regular groups are starting up again in September. There is a Community Lunch this Friday.

(7) Future Activities. Abingdon and Witney College will be running free monthly taster classes on Friday mornings when Community Lunch is on, starting on Friday 11th October. There will also be speakers after the lunch. The programmes will be available shortly. Because of a shortage of volunteers we will not be running a stall at the Older People's Day.

There was a discussion about the plans for the AGM , which will held on Thursday 10th October at 7.30p.m. in the Rear Hall. It was agreed to do the business items first and then have an open-ended session, inviting people to express their views about the community centre. During this session we will show a short video on community centres, which was made by the City Council and includes a contribution from the 7o'clock Club. We will need a projector to show the video. Posters need to be on the website and circulated in the local community. We want to encourage new people to volunteer and to become Trustees. Flip charts will be available at the meeting to enable people to express their ideas and to indicate if they are able to help in any way.

(8) Health and Safety The Fire Door in the meeting room let in water during a heavy rain storm last week. The door probably needs adjusting . Otis to report the problem to the firm which installed the door.

(9) External Matters. Richard reported that he had no new information on the City Council's review of community services, which includes community centres. Councillor Harley is aware of the review but has not seen, to date, any details about its remit and timetable. She will keep the BCA informed of developments.

A.O.B. Chris reported on his gardening work around the community centre. He is planning to cut back the wild garden and plant some bulbs in the planters at the back of the centre. Many thanks.

Date of next meeting . AGM Thursday 10th October at 7.30pm in the rear hall.

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