

## BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION . Trustee Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Attending. Chris Perks, Trevor Kimber, Tom Crook, Barbara Bryant, Richard Bryant, Mary Woolliams, Councillor Judith Harley, Terry Smith. Apologies. Pat Kennedy, Catherine Gundy. Because we held the AGM in October, the business for this meeting covered both September and October.

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

(2) Matters Arising. Energy. Octopus Energy are still considering our request for a refund. Water Plus have turned down our appeal against their billing system. The former Football room will now be called the 'Small Office and Meeting Room'. It has been cleared and two new tables and a desk have been purchased with our grant. Road Signs. The new sign for Bullingdon is now up on the Slade. Otis has hung the banner above one of the doors to the main hall. Planters and Wild Garden. A big thanks to Chris for cutting back the wild garden and planting 400 bulbs in the planters.

(3) Lets. Otis has reported that the building has been very busy. The income from lets in September was £2,836 and in October it was £2,665. The County Council is terminating the contract for Health Checks at the end of December 2024. This is a set back for us, as rental for the Health Checks generated more income than any of the other long term lets - £6,000 in the 2023 -24 financial year. The contract has been cancelled because not enough GP practices were prepared to share access to their 'eligible population' lists.

Rental for Small Office and meeting Room. Barbara circulated proposed rental charges, based on the size of this area: £12 per hour for general groups; £9 per hour for local groups and £7 per hour for affiliated groups. These rates were agreed. It is hoped to

start renting out this area from January 2025.

Otis has arranged for a recently qualified local sports therapist to trial whether this area is suitable for his starter business. There was a discussion about what we should charge for this let, as it does not fit in with our usual lets. It was agreed that Barbara and Richard should meet the hirer to discuss the terms of the let and report back to Trustees.

(4) Treasurer's Report. Trevor reported that the income for September was 2,519.00 and expenditure £3,701.34, higher due to the purchase of a projector, which was used at the AGM, and payment for the road sign. October expenditure was £3,201.13 and income was £4,163.00, higher due to the payment of a grant of £1,017.50 from the County Councillor's Priority Fund ( Liz Brighouse ) for the road sign and £1,254 from the Oxford City Council Community Engagement Fund for the Community Lunch and Adult Education classes. Trevor reported that over the 6 months period (April-September) we had made a small profit of £101.84 Barbara circulated a monitoring report for the previous Community Engagement Fund grant. Judith reported that the City Councillors also have small grant budgets, which we could apply for to support activities at the community centre.

It was suggested that a working group should be set up to compile a revised 'business plan' for Bullingdon. Our last plan was drawn up in April 2019 and is very out of date. Tom, Trevor, Mary, Barbara and Richard indicated that they were interested in being involved. First meeting to be organized for January – date and time to be arranged

(5) Correspondence. We received a request, from Phil Jones (City Council ) about documenting the number of activities at the community centre and the numbers attending. Richard and Otis calculated that we host 22 regular activities, which are attended by around 360 per week.

(6) Present Activities. There is a Wood Farm Health Promotion event this Friday, 15th November between 10am – 12. Mary reported on the Community Lunch held last week – 30 people attended with a class by Abingdon College on digital safety in the morning and a talk by Guide Dogs for the Blind in the afternoon. Our Toddler group is now being run by two fathers.

(7) Future Activities. Dementia Oxfordshire are running a 'Winter Fayre' at the community centre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December between 10am – 3 pm. The Xmas Community Lunch on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December will have Xmas Wreath making in the morning and Carols, Xmas raffle, mulled drinks and mince pies at 1.45p.m. Everyone invited. We need to sort some Xmas decorations. Frank to be contacted about helping out with the Xmas tree. We also need someone to do a window decoration for the kitchen.

The community centre will be closed from Monday 23 December and will re – open on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> January.

(8) Health and Safety. Nothing to report.

(9) External Matters. No new news on the City Council's review of community services. Richard reported that the City Council are currently running a consultation on the Headington Neighbourhood Forum. He suggested that the BCA could respond and request that the boundaries of the Forum should be extended to include the Wood Farm and Lye Valley estates. Currently 25% of CIL funds from developments in Headington are allocated to the Forum for supporting community projects but groups in Wood Farm and Lye Valley are unable to apply for grants because they are outside of the boundaries. It was agreed that the BCA should respond to the consultation.

AOB. No issues raised.

**Date of next meeting. Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.**

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