

BULLINGDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Trustee Meeting  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Attending Barbara Bryant, Richard Bryant, Chris Perks, Frank Holliday, Catherine Gundry, Terry Smith. Apologies Tom Crook, Trevor Kimber, Mary Woolliams, Pat Kennedy.

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

(2) Matters Arising **Energy** We have not received a reply about our request for a refund. We need to renew our contract in February but need to check if 'pay back' is now available.

**Former Dressing Room** Thanks to Otis for putting up coat hooks and a notice board. **Headington Neighbourhood Forum** We have responded to the consultation and have requested that the boundaries of the HNF should be extended to include the Wood Farm estate and Lye Valley. **Xmas** The tree is now up in the atrium. Thanks to Frank for decorating the tree. We are not doing the Lye Valley Advent Calendar since we are closed over the Xmas period.

(3) Lets Otis reports that lets produced £2,611.50 during November. This was made up of £1,811 from regular lets; £533.50 from parties and events and £267 from one off lets by organizations. There are two new lets starting in January – a Zumba and an evening yoga class. Another possible let for a morning yoga class has recently been received. There was a discussion about whether we should have two yoga sessions running at the community centre. Richard to check out the new request with Otis.

Prior to the meeting information had been circulated about a request from a local Sports Therapist to rent space in the former dressing room for his 'start up' business. After discussion, this was agreed. A letter will be sent to him outlining our requirements. Signage within the building needs improved.

(4) Treasurer's Report. Trevor has reported that the income for November was £2,247.30 and the expenditure was £2,037.34, a surplus of £209.96. A date in January for the working group meeting on the 'business plan' has still to be finalized. Richard noted that both the County and City Councils are cutting the grants which Councillors can make to groups in their areas. Over the years the BCA has received several grants from local Councillors.

Broadband service. We have been notified that the City Council will no longer cover the cost of the Virgin Media service from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Sky, XLN and Virgin Media cost roughly the same. Our predicament is that Virgin Media cannot supply to Bullingdon Community Association-although we have a current broadband service from them- because our two post codes do not show up on their Royal Mail data base. During demolition our post code appears to have been re-allocated-without our knowledge. The Public services silo of Virgin Media -where the City council has a contract under our old postcode- appear not to communicate with the private contracts silo where Bullingdon would sit. Royal Mail have been notified we require a new postcode and we are pushing City council to apply for this on our behalf. Graham Bellinger, Northway Community Centre, who is advising Community Centres on the broadband issues, recommends we purchase an appropriate router as a back up and continue to negotiate with Virgin. This was agreed. The City council has agreed to continue their contract until 31<sup>st</sup> January. Councillors have been informed and we will continue to try to resolve this ridiculous situation.

(5) Correspondence Usual leaflets and posters.

(6) Present Activities The Wood Farm Health Promotion event run by the County Council and the Winter Fayre, run by Dementia Oxfordshire, were both very well attended. Modern Art Oxford has produced a short video on the project they ran in the summer with some of the Oxford community centres. The

Date Palm Tree and Silver Shakers feature in the video, which can be viewed on the Bullingdon website in the news section.

(7) Future Activities. Our free xmas community lunch is this Friday ( 13<sup>th</sup> ) at 12.30pm. In the morning Abingdon College are running a taster session on making Xmas wreaths and there will be carols and a raffle after the lunch. The next Community Lunch is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January . Anna Eavis, Oxford preservation Trust, is the speaker in the afternoon. All are welcome.

In the new year we will be able to use the new floodlights at the All Weather Area. We need to decide on hiring charges for using the floodlights at our January meeting.

(8) Health and Safety. Nothing to report.

(9) External Matters. The Healthwatch survey of Wood Farm and Town Furze is due to be published at the end of February. Richard to provide updates.

AOB. No issues raised.

Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Happy Xmas and a good New Year to everyone.

RB/BB 11/12/24