

## Bullington Community Association: Meeting: 11 March 2025

Attending: Frank Holliday, Barbara Bryant, Trevor Kimber, Terry Smith, Richard Bryant. Apologies: Mary Wolliams, Pat Kennedy, Tom Crook, Chris Perks, Councillor Judith Harley.

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

(2) Matters Arising: Youth Centre – The WFYC have been informed of our decision about the BCA not being in a position to take over the future management of the youth centre. Energy – Babs to do. Pay back on solar panels – Babs to do. Business Plan – A working party meeting has been arranged for the 21<sup>st</sup> march at 11am.

(3) Lets: Otis reports that the February income from lets was £1889.0, which was made up of £1429.50 for regular lets, £411.50 for party and events, £48 for one-off lets.

(4) Treasurer's Report: Trevor reported that the overall income for February was £2,733.0 and the expenditure was £3,247.32. The deficit was mainly due to having to pay an increased amount for the insurance for 2025–26.

Trevor, Barbara and Richard have met with Otis to review his contract for 2025 -26 and proposed that, in the light of his increased workload, Otis should receive a pay increase. The four trustees who were unable to attend the BCA meeting had indicated, by email, that they agreed with the recommendation providing that the BCA could afford the increase. Trevor indicated that we had sufficient funds, and the proposal was agreed. The increase will come into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

A grant application has been submitted to Councillor Harleys 'Ward Members Budget'. This is for £652.35 to help cover the running costs of the Community Lunch, including expenditure on food and the purchase of new kitchen equipment.

(5) Correspondence: Becky Howard from Risinghurst Parish Council has contacted Richard about whether the BCA would be interested in supporting a summer fete in Wood Farm on the 2 August. The Parish Council covers a small part of the Wood Farm estate. Becky also offered to display BCA posters on the Parish notice board in Chillingworth Crescent. After a discussion it was agreed that the BCA should support the fete – e.g., helping with publicity and running a stall.

(6) Health and Safety: Nothing to report.

(7) Present Activities: The next Community Lunch is on Friday 14 March. Silver Shakers are having a party on the 7 April to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. The party will be between 12-3pm.

(8) Future Activities: We need to decide soon about whether we will run a Community Picnic in the summer. The availability of the main hall and kitchen needs to be checked with Otis and we need to be confident about whether there are a sufficient number of volunteers available.

(9) External Matters: The Healthwatch reports on Wood Farm and Town Furze have recently been published. There are three reports – the report on the survey, the report on community data and a summary which highlights key information from the survey and community data. Richard has printed out copies of the summary for trustees. A one-page handout about the reports should be available soon and we have ordered copies which will be made available to the groups which use the community centre.

The reports will need to be taken into consideration when we compile the business plan. Richard will circulate some observations prior to the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

AOB: No issues raised. Date of next meeting: 8 April, 7.30pm