



HEADINGTON COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTION

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Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2015 at 7.00pm

Executive meeting Room JHB 128, Executive Suite, John Henry Brookes Building, London Road.

Present:

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| Heather Armitage | Town Furze Allotments & Friends of Lye Valley (HA) |
| Rosemary Belton | Friends of Bury Knowle Park (RB) |
| Patrick Coulter | Headington Road Runners – CHAIR (PC) |
| Keith Frayn | Ramblers' Association – VICE CHAIR (KF) |
| Liz Grosvenor | CCoHRA – ADMIN SUPPORT (LG) |
| Carolyn Gulliver | London Court Residents' (CG) |
| Jill Haas | Low carbon Headington (JH) |
| Tony Joyce | Oxford Civic Society (TJ) |
| Darren McFarland | Churches Together in Headington (DM) |
| Margaret Simpson | U3A Headington (MS) |
| Dee Sinclair | Oxford City Councillor (Quarry & Risinghurst) DS |
| Howard Stanbury | Friends of Old Headington (HS) |
| Peter West | St Anne's, Gathorne, Rock Edge, & Margaret Road Residents' Association (PW) |
| Lesley Williams | Headington Schools Partnership(LW) |
| Becky Lake | Guest Speaker Oxford City Council |

Apologies:

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| Richard Bradley | Streets for People – TREASURER |
| Mary Clarkson | Oxford City Councillor (Marston) |
| Kim Griffiths | 6 th Headington Guiding |
| Sheila Hurst | New Headington Residents' Association |
| Hannah Jones | Ruskin College |
| Glynis Philips | Oxfordshire County Councillor (Barton, Sandhills & Risinghurst) (GP) |
| Sonja Roffey | Mileway Gardens Residents' Association |
| Andrea Siret | Oxford Brookes |
| Roz Smith | Oxfordshire County Councillor (Headington & Quarry) |
| Marie Vickers | Friends of Quarry – HONORARY SECRETARY (MV) |

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Presentation on recycling in Oxford by Rebecca Lake (Recycling Officer for Oxford City)

Rebecca gave a very informative presentation on recycling which included details of the extra types of rubbish that can now go in the recycling bin. Our recycling goes to Enstone for initial sorting and then to Crayford in Kent – it used to go to Milton Keynes, but they cannot take glass which is co-mingled with other recyclables in Oxford.

- Landfill waste goes to the new Energy Recovery Facility in Ardley (on the M40 north of Oxford).
- Oxfordshire is the **top county** for recycling waste in the country.
- Oxford is the **3rd best city** in the country for the lowest amount of landfill waste produced.
- The current rate of recycling waste is 46%, but Headington stands at 52%.

During the Autumn the Recycling Unit will be re-launching the food waste campaign to improve the percentage of people who use the food bins and they will be targeting students to improve too. There will also be a blue bin recycling campaign.

Any queries can be directed to recycling@oxford.gov.uk or to 01865 249811 and the website is www.oxford.gov.uk/recycling.

In answer to queries Rebecca said that the Unit encourages recycling along the lines of swap-shops and pointed out the following:

- Polystyrene cannot be recycled because there are no companies that are able to process it.
- It is possible to downsize a green bin – there are now three sizes.
- She will investigate the provision of recycling bins in parks.
- More frequent collection of garden waste would be too expensive.
- Neighbours are encouraged to bin-share.
- Bins must be put out on the boundary of the garden and the highway otherwise they cannot be picked up
- Bin operatives will be reminded to always replace bins where they found them.
- The target for recycling this year is 46.5%.

HA have agreed to publicise recycling amongst its representative groups and encourage them to organise a presentation. A stall on the Farmers' Market will also be made available.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting of 27 May were agreed.

4. Matters Arising not elsewhere on the Agenda (including Executive Minutes of 16 June)

Update on **Stansfeld** – there is now a new group and constitution – there are three bids for the site including a co-housing group and Science Oxford. Specialist sub groups have been formed – these include education and woodland.

A letter is being prepared to send to **CCoHRA** members suggesting an amalgamation with HA. Members will be referred to the current constitution which is on the website. Our current constitution is being changed to fit in with a standard form which will be scrutinised by a solicitor and put to our membership at an extraordinary meeting for approval. One of the changes will reflect the proposed new area to tie up with the HNP area.

Christmas – DM and RS have agreed to organise the Advent activities again this year. 20% if the venues have already been sorted. The tree is organised and a committee looking at lights is being set up.

5. Headington Festival 2015

The Festival Committee is very grateful for all the help and support from volunteers.

The feedback from the festival was 95% favourable. The layout of the park is going to be adjusted and the necessity of having a funfair will be addressed. It was thought that the beer tent could have been improved.

The raffle will be started off earlier next year – it made a £1,000 net profit.

All the Festival committee are happy to do it again next year and they were praised for all their hard work to make this 2 day event such a success (despite the weather!)

Next Year's Festival Dates are **4 & 5 June 2016**.

Finally HA expressed their thanks to Keith and the Committee for this year's events.

Any ideas towards next year's festival can be put on the feedback section of the festival website.

6. Farmers' Market

The first Saturday market took place on the 25th July. The weather was kind and there were c. 17 stalls.

Car parking at St Andrew's school was successful and it was felt that we should make a contribution to the school for this facility. The weekly market should generate at least half as much more income as when it was fortnightly. Stalls are £25 each and a Community Group Stall is available free. Further advertising will take place on the website, the notice board and via some flyers by CY. The issue of traffic in New High Street will be continually monitored. The Saturday market will run for a trial period of 3 months and then evaluated. The Britannia pub is available for coffee during the market and traders' feedback from the first week is awaited.

7. Headington Neighbourhood Plan

LG updated the meeting on the progress of the draft Plan.

- Following 6 consecutive consultation Saturdays at The Hub, the comments are being brought together to inform the plan further. The Policy Working Groups will be working through August to take these on board and amend the plan where necessary.
- An AGM/Forum meeting will be held at the end of September to gain approval for the amended draft and the it will go to the council for further consultation all leading up to a referendum in Spring next year. An expert planner has been employed to study the content and wording of the plan.

8. Access to Headington

With very little advance publicity we were suddenly confronted with a County Council consultation on the above. A central government grant of c.£8 with a further sum of £4m CIL money will provide the means to improve access to the major employment sites in Headington.

There are various traffic management ideas, with **extra cycle lanes** and **the removal of parked cars** from some roads which is proving contentious – where are displaced cars in Windmill Road going to go?. The overall plan is being seen in some quarters as bad for residents but encouraging more drivers to fill the freed-up roads. The painting of lines for cycle lanes is seen to be inadequate, and the **removal of verges and trees** is causing concern. There seems to have been little prior consultation with interested parties (eg tree groups) and some people are questioning the value of a consultation where a sum of money is provided to do certain works to a very tight timescale.

Putting **traffic lights** on certain mini roundabouts is deemed to be a good idea as is the **diagonal crossing** in central Headington.

The pedestrians view is that the plans are really about speeding up transport through the area.

The Hospitals were not consulted in advance and the problem of non-affordable public transport in relation to annual parking permits was not addressed. Car sharing was not mentioned.

The plan did not consider creating direct access to the JR from the ring road or placing restrictions on delivery lorries in the central area.

The problem of Roosevelt Drive not being adopted was raised – traffic violation cannot be enforced by the County.

HA will respond to the consultation in conjunction with the transport group and will stress the need for a balance of the needs of residents with the need to remove verges and trees all to speed up traffic though the area. The response will be circulated to the committee prior to submission.

9. Finance

HA will only need to fund the **Festival** to the tune of £400.

Expenditure was as predicted, but the income was larger than expected as it included contributions by Skipton Building Society and County Councillors, and from Oxford Brookes.

There has been one **Small Sparks** Grant application from Tracey Spokes for £250 which the Executive committee has approved.

It is for a Creativity Social Club in Headington covering drama, art, crafts and music for all age groups. HA checked this out with local art enthusiast Jean Wykes who approved of this idea for Headington.

HA was asked if we should check out CRB accreditation for this activity, but we felt that it was not our place to do this. As with other grants we monitor the activities and ask for feedback to evaluate the scheme, and we will seek further information regarding the structure and timing of the classes.

We will ask Tracey to come to an HA meeting to report back to us.

10. Any other business

- Friends of Lye Valley are now on Facebook and Twitter.

11. The meeting ended at 8.50pm with refreshments.

12. The next meeting will be at 7pm on 30 September 2015 (in the same room, Executive meeting Room JHB 128, Executive Suite, John Henry Brookes Building) Apologies from Dee Sinclair.

13. Forthcoming meeting dates and apologies:
 November 25 (incl. AGM) – Rosemary Belton