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**Minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2020 at 7.00pm**  
**Via video**

**Present: 21**

<b>Heather Armitage</b>	Friends of Lye Valley (incomplete Zoom connection)
<b>Elsa Bell</b>	<b>HONORARY SECRETARY, VICE CHAIR &amp; TRUSTEE</b>
<b>Patrick Coulter</b>	Headington Neighbourhood Forum – <b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>Rosemary Belton</b>	Friends of Bury Knowle Park
<b>Richard Bradley</b>	Friends of Quarry – <b>CHAIR &amp; TRUSTEE</b>
<b>Bridget Durning</b>	Community Schools Alliance Trust – <b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>Keith Frayn</b>	Ramblers/ Co-Chair Market Committee
<b>Theresa Frayn</b>	Co-Chair Market Committee
<b>Liz Grosvenor</b>	<b>ADMIN SUPPORT</b>
<b>Carolyn Gulliver</b>	London Court residents
<b>Sheila Hurst</b>	New Headington RA
<b>Jonny Ives</b>	Journalist and Cyclox
<b>Tony Joyce</b>	Oxford Civic Society
<b>Viv Miles</b>	Project Lead on Connected Communities
<b>John Nealon</b>	<b>TREASURER &amp; TRUSTEE</b>
<b>Anne Partridge</b>	U3A
<b>Cllr Roz Smith</b>	Oxfordshire County (Headington & Quarry) Oxford City (Quarry & Risinghurst)
<b>Howard Stanbury</b>	Friends of Old Headington
<b>Wendy Vrij</b>	Oxford Brookes University
<b>Peter West</b>	St Anne’s Road, Gathorne Road, Rock Edge. Margaret Road, etc
<b>Lesley Williams</b>	Headington Schools Partnership

**Guests: 2**

<b>Frank Mckenna</b>	Headington Liveable Streets
<b>Hollie Tuckwell</b>	Oxford City Council

**Apologies: 2**

Phillipa Logan	Shotover Preservation Society
Glynis Phillips	County (Barton, Sandhills & Risinghurst)

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Welcome and introductions.</b></p> <p>We had hoped to welcome Hollie Tuckwell to this meeting but she was unavoidably detained. She is the lead officer at the City Council for the Barton Locality Hub, one of six across the City.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 29 July and of Executive on 9 November</b></p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>One of our charitable aims is to embrace diversity and a meeting has taken place to discuss this. We will report back.</p>	<b>RB/PC/RS /GP/VM</b>

HA was pleased to support the nomination of Judy Webb for the *Womans Hour Power List 2020 Our Planet*, and she was duly rewarded, as one of a few volunteers, for her work on looking at tiny things (e.g. flies).

**25. Judy Webb**  
**Local Conservationist and Ecologist**



Former biology teacher Dr Judy Webb has tirelessly dedicated her free time to local conservation around Oxfordshire for 25 years. Having become the unofficial ecologist of her school, she later campaigned to protect the same grounds after the school was closed down and has protected the area ever since. She's also passionate about conserving the Oxford Fens and monitoring rare species of flies, fungi and mosses. In fact, according to Thames Valley Environment Records Centre, she's contributed well over 37,000 records of local species and habitats, and she can identify what pollen a bee makes by looking at its back legs!

HA sends our congratulations to her. She was featured in the Oxford Mail.

**3. Headington Future conversations**

We had distributed a paper entitled "Learning from the pandemic" which was a summary of the detailed conversations we have had and setting out the projects we aim to implement depending on resources

The 5 project areas are:

1. Reinforcing and expanding the Connected Communities project
2. Pressing ahead with greening projects
3. Working with the City & County Councils to develop Headington as a commercial and social place
4. Supporting local authority schemes and strategies to encourage walking and cycling and reducing traffic impact
5. Supporting the Headington community groups.

These projects will run alongside HA's usual activities e.g. the festival and market

A comment on no. 2 from RS – the city and county are surveying the trees between BKP and Ramsay Road as the tree roots are protruding on the pavement. The councils overlap in their responsibility, but tree felling is not being planned.

**The meeting agreed to adopt the Paper.**

**4. Headington Market – update and plans**

TF advised that this market is a victim of its own success partly because it has been advertised as the safest in Oxford. Accordingly it gets rather busy, and so **the opening times have been changed from 10.00 to 9.00am.**

KF has updated the Facebook page accordingly, and the email list has grown.

A one-way system has been in place and will be improved and clarified.

<p>JN was thanked for his work on the market website.</p> <p>There are more volunteers coming forward now that their hours have been reduced to 90 minutes plus a free coffee.</p> <p>Extra volunteers are requested for 12 December for the Christmas market which will also be able to utilise the area around the Community Hall, and inside the hall (at an extra cost to cover cleaning).</p> <p>Cornfield bakery will be providing free mince pies. A collection will be made with proceeds going to Sobell House.</p> <p>Nick Gill and his piano have been booked for Dec 12 and 19 but in view of the regulations about singing it is not clear if we can have carol singers.</p> <p>19 December will be the last market before Christmas, and the next one will be on 9 January.</p> <p>The Coach House have been thanked for allowing their car park to be used.</p> <p>So far, only 2 people have refused to wear a mask whilst attending the market.</p>	
<p><b>5. Christmas</b></p> <p>The lights are on in the 6 trees in the centre. The lights in the trees were totally financed by contributions from 6 councillors in the sum of £900, and £250 was received from the Headington Community Centre.</p> <p>Streets have been encouraged, particularly by the WhatsApp groups to participate with lights in windows and gardens, and a number of streets have embraced this enthusiastically. However, there are huge areas where there are no lights and there are lessons to be learned about ensuring that future communications are inclusive of all groups.</p> <p>Many of the shops have not yet done so but this is perhaps due to lockdown.</p>	
<p><b>6. Connected Communities project update</b></p> <p>It is unclear at this stage to what extent Oxford Together wants local communities to take over their street coordinators. A meeting is proposed to clarify the current situation. However, subject to clarification, and in line with our plan (item 3 above), <b>HA has decided in principle to manage the SC network in Headington subject to finding management resources.</b></p> <p>We want to ascertain the situation regarding volunteering. We understand that OT may still be recruiting students for these tasks. HA has highlighted a number of areas of ambiguity to Cllr Marie Tidball who is keen to follow up and clarify.</p> <p>The big Connected Communities event that had been planned for June this year may well have to be an online event if we are unable to have the live event in 2021. We need a title for this – Connected Communities Headington? Connecting Headington?</p> <p>We are exploring employing Twitter and Facebook.</p> <p>The idea for schools to produce Christmas cards for neighbours was discounted as schools have too many problems at the moment with the pandemic.</p> <p>There is training available to make contacting effective.</p> <p>Brookes have been running webinars on healthy ageing.</p> <p>PC reminded us that Frome is a model we should emulate.</p> <p>RS offered help with Facebook and WhatsApp</p>	
<p><b>7. Low Traffic Neighbourhoods</b></p> <p>The tranche 2 bid for monies from government was successful and a meeting takes place tomorrow to discuss the Headington proposals.</p>	

<p>There are 3 areas under consideration in Headington – Quarry, Highfield and Old Headington, and a 6 month trial is being envisaged. It is being implemented under “experimental orders” and Highways officers will assess the schemes.</p> <p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>In October the executive agreed to support Headington Liveable Streets with a £250 grant to help with their leafletting to households to advise about the experiment and raise awareness in order to receive feedback. An objection was received from Pete West who asked us to reverse this decision on the grounds that it was political, was subsidising the council, and would be duplicating council literature.</p> <p>We put this to the vote and the outcome was</p> <p>4 Agreed with the granting of £250</p> <p>1 disagreed</p> <p>3 did not vote because of a conflict of interest</p> <p>The Executive did not vote.</p>	
<p><b>8. Planning matters</b></p> <p>JH spoke on behalf of the Friends of Lye Valley regarding the demonstration against the plans for building next to the Valley. 30 plus turned up and it got press coverage. They want to stop all future building which would damage the water permeability of the valley. They want the local people to get involved in order to preserve and protect this area of Special Scientific Interest.</p> <p>TJ suggested that the Neighbourhood Forum needed to get involved, and a meeting is being planned for the New Year which could address this.</p>	
<p><b>9. Finance summary</b></p> <p>We obtained c. £3,000 from the national lottery for the Festival which did not happen in 2020 but we have been given permission to hold on to it for 2021.</p> <p>The Festival theme will be Connected Communities.</p> <p>HA is considering applying for CIL money to fund the development and management of the Headington Street Coordinators network as discussed in item 6 above. The funds would be used to employ a part-time manager for about 1 day per week for a year at a cost of circa 10k. In line with the agreed protocol for bidding for CIL funds, any formal proposal will be circulated to the full committee for approval. <b>NB This is likely to be done by email because of the need to reach a decision well in advance of the next scheduled meeting</b></p> <p>The accounts indicate that we are less than £2,000 down on this time last year. This bodes well given the decreased income and additional spending (e.g. on the market) because of the pandemic</p>	
<p><b>10. AOB</b></p> <p>HA had planned to bring up the problem of closed swimming pools but her Zoom connection was unstable. We are concerned that some Oxford pools have not been open for a long time, unlike in some other parts of the county. These are seen to be valuable aids to health.</p> <p>We understand that <i>Fusion</i> who run the pools requires more money than the Council can afford to re-open them safely.</p> <p>RBe advised that Ferry Pool is due to open on 2 December but the entry cost is three times that of the Barton pool.</p>	
<p><b>11. The meeting closed at 8.35</b></p>	
<p><b>Date of next meeting for your diary:</b></p>	

27 January 2021.	
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