

Oakington and Westwick Community Association
General Meeting
Pavilion, 12 March, 2019

MINUTES

Present:

Committee members: Jo Mills (Chair); Roger Duthie (Treasurer); Adrienne Chaplin

Representatives of Parish Council: Stephen Moore (chair), Geoffrey Butlin,

Representatives of CA sub-committees: Irène Butlin (Journal; Ten Sing); Ben Philips (Village Day Team)

Representatives of community groups: Kathryn Coles (Country Dancing Club); Liz Davis (Monday Café); Lou Ellis (1st Oakington Scouts, Cubs and Beavers); Alice Jondorf (Oakington and Westwick Neighbours); Jo Mowatt (Oakington Vikings); Nykki Rogers (Environmental Action Group; Journal; Spring Market); Arthur Sillet (Bowling Society; Environmental Action Group; Garden Society).

Apologies: Elaine Bailey, Celine Pinter, Ranko Pinter, Jenny Prince; Jessica Summers; James Youd.

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1. Minutes of the last meeting (21 January 2019) and matters arising

The minutes of 21 January will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

2. Crossways House Proposal

Adrienne Chaplin commented on the proposal on behalf of the Crossways House team consisting of herself, Alice Jondorf, Ranko Pinter and Lynne McAuley. The proposal entailed the following points:

1. For the CA to serve as a keyholder of a flexible community space to be used for meetings, drop-ins, parties, youth work, mums-and toddler mornings, open café sessions, consultations, exhibitions, and any other small-scale initiatives organised by local residents for the community.
2. To rename the space as *Crossways House* to signal that the space is not a standard 'community café' or competing with any existing facilities.
3. To seek partnerships with existing groups in the community (Oakington and Westwick Neighbours; Humpty Dumpty; the school; the shop; youth work etc.) for mutual benefit and co-operation.
4. To cover utilities and nominal rent from refreshments; room hire, special fundraising events and grants with profits going back into the CA.
5. To see *Crossways House* not as a finished product or commodity, but as *a work in progress*.

It was added that, as a sub-committee of the Community Association, the Crossways House team would work on the same CA terms and references as the other CA teams (Village Journal; Village Day; Bonfire team and Village Markets) and fall under the CA banking facilities and Insurance. To that end the team will appoint a treasurer. The space is not to become a financial risk to the CA. Since the space is to be run entirely by volunteers it was acknowledged that this would take some time to establish.

The meeting endorsed the proposal and the team will now start work on drafting a rental agreement with the owner.

3. Dates of future meetings:

Community Association General Meetings (for all members) - at the Pavilion at 7.30 pm

Tuesday 16 July

Wednesday 16 October

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 28 January

Journal Team Meetings - every 2 months

Wednesday/Thursday 15/16 May

Village Day Meetings - 7.30 pm (Village Day: Saturday 29 June, 12-10.30 pm)

Thursday 21 March

Thursday 18 April

Thursday 2 May

Thursday 6 June

Bonfire Meetings - 8 pm (Bonfire and Fireworks night, Saturday 2 November, 6 pm)

Tuesday 10 September

Tuesday 8 October

4. AOB

A discussion took place about the serious challenges faced by the local shop and their owners. It was suggested that there was an urgent need for another campaign to support the shop warning residents that unless they use it they lose it. It was proposed to put the issue on the agenda of the next CA committee meeting.