Odd Down Community Association Executive
Minutes 10th May 2023
at The Green

Those attending: Peter Perkins (chair), Duncan McGibbon, Jo Peters, Jonathan Windsor, Ruth Wishart, Liz Vincent, Joel Hirst, Steve Hedge & Graham Pearson.
Apologies: Andy Stewart

1) **Minutes of last meeting 12th April approved.**
2) **Concerns:** Steve reminded the meeting of the background and some of the history of ODCA and shared concerns that we were losing our focus over raising funding for our community. He gave an example of our recent discussions and actions over transport taking up our time. Peter in response confirmed the view that our aims should be fund raising, supporting youth and our youth centre as it had been in the past. Recognised it is not easy to get attention on those issues due to availability of funds. Made sense to focus on issues we can add value to. Things we can do rather than those we cannot. Our focus on the no 4 Bus Stop had had an impact. Affirmation from all about our focus on youth.
3) **Matters arising:** a) Enquiries about Police involvement. Joel & Steve had met with the Police recently and reminded them of their Saturday surgery. Police reported they were trying to have more presence at the Sports Ground and asked residents to ring when having concerns. **b)** Graham asked if anything had come of our previous concerns about the poor state of the pharmacy at Odd Down. Joel undertook to follow up.
4) **Social value:** Jonathan explained the concept and how it could be explored for Odd Down by us. He wanted to introduce us to the idea so that we could consider how we could take it forward, possibly develop a 4 year plan. This was over 4 areas: Business investment, Social, Environment and Economic. Consider plans to raise money for these areas; help to promote Charitable activities; sponsoring 'greening' areas; IT including older generation and young people; opportunity of using Community Levy. Issues we could consider are how we can create a clean and safe place, a Healthy community, creating opportunities, keeping it green, developing technology and skills for residents. How do we agree priorities? How can we involve the local media? He was not aware of any similar initiative in Bath. Could Odd Down be unique?
5) **Council Elections:** Congratulations given to Joel and Steve on their re-election to represent Odd Down on B&NES Council. They explained some of the developments pending with their party's control of the Council for a second term.
6) **Community News:** a) Street light columns being replaced in some local roads. Roads works beginning soon in Englishcombe Lane lasting up to 6 months. b) Duncan raised the issue of Community Rooms not being fully used. c) Questions as to whether Notice Board on Rush Hill being used. d) Potential for houses in new Sulis Down development to join Odd Down area.
7) **Community Fun Day July 2:** Update on meetings with Sports Ground staff and initial proposals. Plans in hand for Raffle, picnic area., gazebos, ODCA site, volunteer opportunities. Added Bubble maker. (bunting? Hula Hoops?). We are being asked to present an Event Plan to the Council and to seek their approval which we were not aware of before.

Next meeting 14 June 2023