

Odd Down Community Association Executive
Minutes 15th March 2023
at The Green

Those attending: Joel Hirst (chair), Liz Vincent, Duncan McGibbon, Jo Peters, Steve Hedges, Andy Stewart, Ruth Wishart & Graham Pearson.

Apologies: Peter Perkins & Jonathan Windsor

- 1) **Minutes of last meeting 8th February 2023** were approved.
- 2) **Transport: Bus no. 4 Petition.** It was suggested that the petition was now not needed to be presented as some members believed it had now been agreed that the No 4 and 4a bus stop would move inside the bus station as we had asked. Meeting was advised that the Council had sent out an email saying so, and passengers on the bus telling each other that was the case. Steve reminded the meeting that the whole situation was 'political' and so the confusion was not surprising and could still change. Graham concerned that ODCA had nothing in writing if the situation should revert in the future and did not complete the action signed up to. Joel was asked to get a copy of the decision we could place on our files. Other comments were made over continuing irregularity of the No 4 buses, the inaccuracy of the electric timetables on Bloomfield Road during road works and lack of notices on the bus stops affected by those road works. It should be made clear this a hospital route for patients and their carers, and for key worker staff. Ruth to announce change rumoured to be in April on Facebook once clarified.
- 3) **Grant reports and applications.** Graham asked the meeting to consider what our plans are for 2023. Firstly what reserves we had, secondly what decisions had been made (eg funding for youth work (£1,000) and grant to Toddlers Thursday Group (£100), and lastly what expectations were for incoming funds in 2023. An application was being drawn up for item 5 below. Ruth proposed that those businesses who use our Facebook to advertise could be asked for a contribution to a 'Just Giving' page that we could set up. This was supported but we needed to consider the administration of such a scheme. Also such ideas would benefit from the expertise and time of a Treasurer. Meeting also wanted to offer grants for local community events for the Coronation as we had done for the Jubilee. Agreed we would offer up to £50 for each event and invite applications as we had done before. Meanwhile Graham received support to continue to explore avenues for funding.
- 4) **Youth services – progress report.** Youth Connect (SW,) after meeting with Peter and Graham in February, had set up plans for another 6 week targeted group with 10 places for young people to benefit from starting 21 April at the Youth Centre. It would run from 4pm to 6pm on Fridays. Debbie & John from Youth Connect would run the groups offering activities (sports, photography, cooking, arts & crafts, music, poetry, resources and signposting for support outside the group. Meeting approved expenditure of approximately £200 from the ringfenced £1,000 as similar contribution as before. A link was being developed to include Beechen Cliff boys in this session.

- 5) **Community Day in 2023.** Graham and Peter had met with the Manager and staff member (Jenny & Mandy) at the Sports Field to follow up on suggestions made by them at the AGM to use the Sports Field for an open day. A date had been provisionally booked for Sunday 2 July with the events staged in the afternoon. The booking includes the cycle track and all the facilities for which there will be no charge. Peter has drawn up an application for a grant from CURO to help meet costs. Andy offered to contact the cycle groups that use the Track to join in the day. Suggestions were made about other sources for funding. Meeting supported the plans and agreed we would leaflet the area to let people know in good time, and also include information about the No 4 bus & potential Coronation celebrations.
- 6) **Community News items:** Duncan items (a) to (c). **a) Impact of strikes** in the Medical sector. **b) Removal of exemptions** in Bath's Clean Air Zone. **c) Advising over roadworks** (eg Kilkenny Lane) **d) Litter Picking.** Andy described how successful this activity had become with boxes being taken by local people to enable them to carry on the work outside the regular monthly sessions. Looking to place laminated posters promoting the sessions which were including families, students and individuals. Can we create a fortnightly timetable? **e) Open spaces in Odd Down.** Some causing concern. eg Wansdyke, Rush Hill, Kingsfield. Advised if info brought together an application could be made for Council CIL. **f) Sports Field events:** Duathlon, Relish running. **g) Planning update** SOBA conducting significant campaign on Sulis Down which may come to Planning committee in May or June. Local houses. **h) Liz reported** how well the seats at the Burial ground had added to the field. **i) Notice Board.** Ruth complained about the condensation. Joel to follow up (as he has a key).
- 7) Future meetings: monthly on second Wednesday @ The Green's Community Room.
Next meeting: Wednesday 12th April 2023