

Headington Forum Steering Committee

Tuesday 17th January at All Saints Church House Committee Room 7pm

Notes

Fiona McKenzie to continue as Treasurer.

Liz Grosvenor to stay on as Secretary.

AGM: turnout around 30, but shortage of volunteers. Most projects currently driven by Headington Action even if technically the purview of the Forum. Need to improve our monitoring of planning applications for conformance with the Neighbourhood plan.

HNF should lead on the centre improvement plan and greening, the latter benefiting from Rosemary Belton volunteering to help.

CIL: £30k offered to Courtside helping with tennis court redevelopment. No CIL incoming from Oxford Brookes re Clive Booth.

Courtside project currently stalled due to shortage of money -- plenty pledged by various organizations including the City Council, but a gap of at least £100k. To ask for further details from Richard Bradley who has been tracking progress closely.

Business Association: Pete West reports around 90 businesses known to him. How to engage with them directly? Difficult to get to attend meetings but are contactable by email.

Pete to ask whether any of them would be interested in a more detailed dialogue with the Neighbourhood Forum.

Planning: to improve monitoring of planning applications, people already known to be interested such as Peter McCarter and Howard Stanbury and Heather Armitage to be contacted. Councillors are also already tracking applications. This could be pursued by a mailing list of interested parties rather than a dedicated meeting. Roz to query whether the city planning users' group should be revived post pandemic.

Greening project in its initial stages, but Rosemary Belton and Adam Symons hoped to take this further in the near future.

CIL grants: funding pool falling to around £45k, limiting what is likely to be practical.

Community Council: vote fell during the pandemic but could be revisited if the City is minded to.

To write to the forum's mailing list to ask if people are interested in getting involved or are interested in hearing from the Forum. Action John Nealon to provide the existing email lists. Could physically leaflet people from a market stall later in the year. Pete to ask if his business contacts are interested. Headington Action could also be asked to advertise.