



Langford Village
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(Draft) Minutes of the Langford Village Community Association 2019 AGM held on Thursday 19th September.

Attendees: Approximately 85 residents of Langford Village were present, making the meeting quorate.

Invited Guests: Dr Toby Quartley - GP Partner, Alchester Medical Group, Victoria Walton - Communications Officer for the Healthy Bicester programme.

Apologies: Liz Penhearow (Treasurer), Ellie Thompson.

Welcome:

Chairman Carole Hetherington welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the proceedings.

Approval of the 2018 AGM Minutes:

Approval of the 2018 AGM Minutes, without any amendments, took place after being proposed by Peter Mackenzie and seconded by Mickey Pearce.

Chairman's Report:

Presented by Carole Hetherington.

It has been a special year for the Community Hall, as it has now been open for 25 years. We all owe thanks to the committee members, past and present, for giving of their time to enable this. The hall remains an excellent facility for the benefit of all Langford residents.

As part of the 25-year celebrations the LVCA organised and held a free family fun day on Sunday 5th May - supported by grants from BTC and CDC. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by those who came and took part in a wide variety of activities, many of them thanks to our regular hall user groups. We also produced a celebration edition of Langford Life magazine which received many compliments - and my personal thanks go to Mike Oke and Richard Ponsford for editing and designing the finished product, even though they are no longer on the committee.

There are some other special 'thank you' messages that I must give to the following:

- Peter Kelly who, although not on the committee, helps Chris and myself with things at the hall, and has been doing a sterling job sorting out the guttering which was causing problems.
- Tony Hart who has rubbed down the benches in the garden and painted them for us.
- Langford Brownies for repainting and replanting the planters in the garden.
- Lorna Nichol who, for the second year, has reviewed our accounts to ensure we are looking after the money correctly.
- Howdens for donating a brand-new cooker hob and oven for the hall kitchen.

Besides the celebrations, a number of other things have happened this year. These include:

- The fitting of new external lighting, with the help of grants of £750 from BTC and CDC.
- The external clock has been repaired by BTC.
- The tea urn and teapots have been replaced.
- Some previous copies of Langford Life, from earliest years of the LVCA, that we have access to have now been loaded onto the website for all to enjoy. The first ones are fascinating, with the topics including the doctors' surgery, warehouses blighting Bicester, lack of bus shelters. Things that are still sounding familiar even 25 years later!
- Our bookshelf in the entrance has raised £110 in the last year - so thanks to all who have donated and purchased books. Please continue.
- The locks and keys for the hall have all been replaced after mechanical issues developed.

This year we have worked hard to improve our communications to residents, especially through our Facebook page. We're delighted to have seen a 25% increase in the number of people who follow us on Facebook - we've now close to 500 followers. We focus our posts on news of interest to Langford residents, events (mostly those in the hall) and we also share what we hope you agree is useful local information. We have also produced and published a video on both the website and Facebook showing just how to use the AED/Defibrillator that's on the wall outside the hall - this is in direct response to a suggestion made by residents at last year's AGM. We hope you have viewed and liked it. Please note our Facebook page is called '**Langford Life**' - it's open for anyone to follow and is completely separate to the other 'Langford Village Bicester Community' Facebook page - which is a bigger closed group that you need to join and that's successfully run and managed by Kirsty Coombes. If you're on Facebook then why not simply follow both pages.

If you didn't see our special 25 years celebration magazine then you can now always find it online - via our Facebook page and on our Langford Life website.

If you book the hall and are pleased with it and our facilities then please do leave us a positive review on Google. This helps us to attract even more bookings and to get income that we can plough back into improving the facilities even further.

So, to the plans for the next 12 months:

- October half-term sees the main hall and entrance lighting being replaced with LED lighting - which will be also be dimmable in the main hall.
- We are looking to enhance the garden area next spring with maintenance taking place currently and into the autumn.
- We hope to replace the old hand dryers next year and will be looking at the hall blinds and the front fence next.

All this takes time and so I need to give a special 'thank you' to the committee members - as without them this hall would close and there would be a resulting loss to the community.

There was a plea in the AGM notification for a couple of extra people who are around Langford - either home workers, part timers or retired people - to give us a little time to help with the hall and join the committee. We would love to hear from anyone who would take on the Langford Life newsletter, health and safety responsibilities or anything else you might be interested in. Please speak to us at the end of the meeting.

Finance Report

Presented by Noel Hetherington - please see Appendix 1. The overall balance at the end of the year to 31st March was £25,926 - which is an increase of £4,810 when compared with last year. The increase was due to our income from hall bookings and from grants and donations.

A vote of thanks was given to Lorna Nichol, who verified the accounts this year.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Nick Cotter, seconded by Lorna Nichol.

Election of LVCA Committee Members

Nominees:

Chairman	Carole Hetherington
Vice Chairman	Andrew Smith
Treasurer	Lis Penhearow (covered by Noel Hetherington)
Secretary	Christine Fisher
General Member	Chris A'Court
General Member	Elaine Whittaker

Election of all the above for a further year was proposed by Mike Oke, seconded by Andrew Hodges. This was passed unanimously by a show of hands of all those attending the meeting.

Surgery Relocation Plans: Presented by Dr Toby Quartley, GP Partner, Alchester Medical Group

Dr Toby Quartley opened his presentation by giving an overview of his time in Bicester and his residency in Langford. He then presented a shorter version of the slide presentation for the proposed new 'super surgery' first shown at the John Paul II Centre in May 2019. Some main points included:

- The two practices involved (Alchester and Montgomery-House) are not merging as they will still operate separately when the new building opens.
- Two site options have been on the table: At Kingsmere, behind the Esso garage, and near to the Rodney House roundabout on Graven Hill.

The two practices met again on 18th September and have decided to pursue the Graven Hill site option as it best matches the criteria agreed by the stakeholders, particularly on space for future expansion.

Following the presentation there were several questions from residents, including:

Q. What will happen to the existing surgeries?

A. Two of the surgeries are leasehold, one is in MOD premises (Ambrosden) and Langford Medical Practice building is owned by the GPs. Decisions on exactly what will happen have not yet been taken.

Q. Is there a likelihood of clinics moving from Oxford/Banbury hospitals?

A. There is a hope that we will get some additional services at the new health hub when it opens.

Q. How long will it be before the hub opens?

A. Estimation is 3 years.

Q.? What about the future of Jardines' pharmacy on Langford?

A. There is a pharmacy planned within the new hub. Jardines is a completely separate business and will take its own decisions for the future.

Healthy Bicester: Presented by - Victoria Walton, Communications Officer for the Healthy Bicester Programme

Healthy Bicester's objectives:

- Improve physical health: Increase the number of residents enjoying a healthy weight
- Improve mental wellbeing: Increase the number of residents who feel well connected
- Increase community cohesion

Opportunities for you to get involved:

- Follow us on Healthy Bicester
- Organise a 'meet the street' by organising a Little Lunch
 - Make friends and get some exercise by joining a Health Walk or Social Cycle Ride or Bicester Green Gym - if you are not sure what's on look at Cherwell's Wellbeing Map: <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/wellbeing-map>
- Download the TGO Activate App and record your steps
- Take part in our Healthy Life survey - out in October

Oxford to Cambridge Expressway: Presented by Andrew Smith (Vice Chairman LVCA)

Andrew explained the latest on the plans and the options. A decision on the proposed route is expected to be announced in August 2020

Police report: Presented by Christine Fisher (Secretary LVCA) in the absence of a member of TVP.

There is nothing specific to Langford Village to report in respect of crime at the moment. Police will continue to remind people about considerate parking around the school and to also be aware of the speed limits on the estate. Police have conducted speed checks on Langford Village very recently and fortunately no one was found to be exceeding the limits, however they continue to get reports that speeding occurs and will continue to monitor this.

Any relevant info regarding crime in the area is disseminated via Twitter @tvp_bicester and residents are encouraged to follow the page for news and events and also to sign up to TVP alerts.

Langford Orchard and Gavray Meadows Update

A meeting is held every month on the third Sunday of the month between 2 and 4pm, with tea and refreshments.

Apple Day will be on Sunday 6th October between - 2 - 4pm (pressing of apples as advertised on Facebook page)

All events will be advertised on Facebook pages, Langford Life and Bicester Advertiser.

Meet the Councillors

Updates were provided by Councillors Dan Sames, Nick Cotter, Zoe McLernon and John Broad.

Among the issues mentioned by councillors:

- The continuing search for a site for a new cemetery.
- How improvements to play areas in old Langford and a review on the ones on new Langford is underway.
- If there are issues regarding grass verge cutting please report them.
- Rodney House Roundabout - the phasing of the traffic lights there is continuing to be monitored.
- Noise pollution and noise levels close to the printing press are again being monitored.
- Planning for an improved town centre.
- Wishes to have at least one bus shelter on Langford Village.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.40pm

Appendix 1

Langford Village Community Association 2018-19 Accounts

Income	2018-19	2017-18
Grants - Cherwell District Council	£7,509	£750
Grants - Tesco Bags of Money / (2017-18 Sparks)	£2,000	£1,000
Grants - Bicester Town Council	£1,000	
Grants - Daisy Foundation	£1,000	
Donation / (2017-18 Park Run)	£32	£500
Grants & Donations (For Hall Improvements)	£11,541	£2,250
Regular Users	£16,134	£13,626
Casual Users	£4,093	£4,349
Hall Hire Income	£20,227	£17,975
Langford LifeAdverts	-	£164
Interest	£6	£8
Misc Income		
Sale of books	£83	
Sale of table and chairs	£345	£105
Misc Income (For Hall Improvements)	£434	£113
Total Income	£32,201	£20,503

Expenditure	2018-19	2017-18
New External Lighting / (2017-18 Storage Shed)	£1,518	£3,000
New Hall Flooring / (Internal Doors & Storage)	£12,000	£12,573
Hall Improvement Costs	£13,518	£15,573
Hall Admin	£2,182	£1,460
Hall Maintenance	£2,187	£3,387
Gas	£730	£1,205
Water	£476	£50
Electric	£776	£720
Hall Cleaning	£4,680	£4,320
Cleaning Materials	£377	£333
Ground Rent	£50	£50
Misc	£652	£719
Insurance and Licence	£1,764	£1,905
Hall Running Costs	£13,873	£14,149
Total Expenditure	£27,391	£29,722

Surplus / (Deficit)	£4,810	£(9,219)
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Closing Bank Balances (as at 31st March)	£25,926	£20,754
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These accounts have been independently examined and audited by :-

Lorna Nichol DipFA; CeMAP

Signed : 

Date : 12/9/2019