



## Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at The Hop House, The George Inn

**Attendees:** Leonie Bryant, Malcolm Leach, Shahan Ledger, Derek Ledger, Peter Eaton, Margaret Hayes-Powell, Darren Hayes-Powell, Mike Brown, Christine Barber, Jeff Pick, Roger Line, Katie Leach, Dawn Palmieri, Julia Gosnell, Stephen Gosnell, Shirley Young, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Cllr Samantha Rayner.

**Apologies:** Ros Rivaz, Barbara France, Ben Willcox, Sylvia Ellis, Katherine Russell, Stewart Rogers, Karen Waller.

### 1. Welcome & Apologies

### 2. Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes are available on [www.etoncommunity.co.uk](http://www.etoncommunity.co.uk).

- I. **Faceology at 41 High Street** – owners emailed again to advise on black façade but no response as yet.
- II. **Former Venture at 109 High Street** – owners are going to appeal the planning permission refusal decision.
- III. **Installation of dual use bins** – will not be going forward with this.
- IV. **Defibrillator training** – A series of sessions will be taking place at the Eton Town Council offices for all the community; dates/times to be confirmed. This will be run in tandem with Eton Wick who will hold sessions at their Town Hall.
- V. **Facelift project** – benches and handrails on the bridge were cleaned/varnished, and jet-washing of the bridge was conducted in readiness for the Jubilee.

### 3. Chair's Report

- I. **Jubilee Street Party** – all went very smoothly and the street was cleared by 7.30pm. Thanks were extended to all the volunteers who helped out on the day.
- II. **Green Eton** – they will be working with Eton Porny School to help with their tree pruning needs. Additionally they will be holding a Garden Day for the weeding.
- III. **Brocas rubbish collections** – dates still not confirmed, but collections have been agreed for a Monday and a Thursday, but not the weekends. With the school holidays starting in the next couple of weeks, the capacity of people will outweigh the rubbish collections currently in place. (update provided by Peter Eaton)

- IV. **Missing bin collections** – some reports of missing collections and black bag pickups. Fly tipping had been reported round by Queen Elizabeth Arch and South Meadow car park area, this has now been cleared. RBWM are working on a solution re the black bag collection as 2-weekly collections are not sustainable for those that have to use them.
- V. **Baldwins Bridge Master** - has changed from Linda Tarbox to Sue Evans. Sue will take over the issue of the build up of bins at Baldwins Shore where up to 8 bins were being left out. Residents should be removing them after bin collections have been done.
- VI. **Barnes Pool Project** – gardens are in full bloom at the moment. The west side is looking unkempt and is in the hands of Eton College, but nothing has been done for some time in order to keep it tidy. The flow of the water is ok, but with no maintenance, the stream could silt up/weed up and stop. College to be contacted in order to find out what is being done to maintain the west side whilst the boys are on school holidays. JG
- VII. **Lights in bus stop (Watermans)** – still in need of replacing.
- VIII. **Street lights** – one more post is needed to complete the installation which is outside No.53 where building works are still in progress.
- IX. **Lamps & Tubes** – the company that install our Christmas lights conducted a survey to assess the power sources for this year’s lighting. There is an issue with the placement of the socket boxes; an update, following a meeting to be held to find a resolution, is awaited.
- X. **Slipway** – an informal Agreement has been set up between ETC and Windsor Bridge Court outlining that the area will be kept clean weekly and any repairs/maintenance reported via the usual means and undertaken by RBWM and. A future project will allow for CCTV/security cameras in order to discourage antisocial behaviour. A sign has now been erected to inform the public of whose responsibility it is to maintain the area, however, the sign is too small and too high to be read by anyone.
- XI. **Eton Information Centre** – Instagram account has over 1,000 followers and website development is currently underway. The artwork and provision of walking maps is proving highly successful. Connection with the Windsor Tourist Information Centre and overall services has now resumed. New staff have now been recruited to help with the existing team. The accounts are due to be submitted in the coming weeks.

Eton Action List – Please continue to report anything that you feel is in need of repair i.e. wobbly paving stones, street lighting not working etc – please use [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk) for this purpose and it will be actioned and added to the list. Alternatively, contact Bob Austen at [clerk@etontc.uk](mailto:clerk@etontc.uk)

**High Street shops and plans – those of significant change:**

- Skin HQ at 17 High Street – issues with franchise so business is struggling. Change of business name also.
- Cockpit – looking to finally exchange contracts in July. Works will then commence immediately, concentrating on putting the roof back on and removing the scaffolding.
- 53 – construction work back underway with a new contractor.
- 41 – owners contacted to advise on black façade but no response as yet.
- 61 – this premises is now under offer and potentially, an estate agency will be moving in.

- Premier Stores – their plan is to extend/re-open an area on the footprint that was closed off previously.
- 89/90 – interior works are nearly finished after a water leak/damp issue was resolved from the apartment upstairs and The Box Window Company and their offices and showroom will be moving in shortly.
- Gregory & Tapping – this may close as the Windsor shop is now open.
- 104/105 (Eton Travel) – now closed. Information has been circulated that it may become an estate agents, but this has not been confirmed.
- 127 Eton Sports – planning to extend the retail footprint was refused.

#### 4. Treasurer’s Report

Very little activity has occurred since the last meeting other than monies have been received and paid out for the Jubilee street party; we achieved a good surplus from this event. Monies have been received for Jack the Ripper talk and the Frogmore Tour too.

#### 5. RBWM Councillor Matters

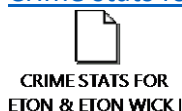
Cllr Samantha Rayner kindly provided us with an update:

- I. Highways agreement at Meadow/South Meadow Lane – no update.
- II. Dual bins – this is no longer being considered.
- III. Facelift Project – now complete with respect to the Jubilee.
- IV. Tivoli inadequacies – a review is being carried out by RBWM on the lack of works carried out but have been paid for it. Peter Eaton to provide Cllr Rayner with an update on what he knows has not been done in Eton Peter Eaton/Cllr Rayner
- V. Brocas bin collections – discussions have been going ahead with Eton College with respect to the inadequate rubbish collections.
- VI. Toilets in Eton Court car park – reported that the Gents was closed due to a fault with the pipework – now complete.
- VII. Eton library has closed but there is potentially for a pop-up library or mobile library to be reinstated, but this request needs to come from ETC. ML
- VIII. Jubilee weekend – all the events across Windsor/Eton/Borough saw the footfall/visitor numbers rise to levels close to what was experienced with the Royal Wedding. Levels are continuing to rise and are showing similar to pre-pandemic levels.
- IX. Cllr Hayes-Powell requested that a regular clean is done on the bridge. As it stands now, the bridge is cleaned 2-3 times a year, however Cllr Rayner will speak with Highways and try to include the bridge on their regular spray down. Cllr Rayner

#### 6. Thames Valley Police Update

Jeff Pick, a representative of TVP who deals with the regional crime statistics and crime prevention kindly updated us on the **local data for Eton/Eton Wick**.

- I. [Crime stats for the last 31 days:](#)



- II. We still have a problem with crimes not being reported. JP can only report on crime if it is reported by the public; no reports mean that this area will be bypassed as not needing as much policing than other areas that do report, and will be given priority, so the message is to 'report it'!
- III. Reiteration of the use of the 101 'Report It' page and also the TVP website, this will help facilitate with non-emergency crimes.

[Updated local policing representatives:](#)



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- IV. Over the next few months, our local neighbourhood PCs have been seconded to other areas on shift. Other police reps are also being pulled away so we are short on police patrolling the area.
- V. It was requested that PC Jon Brooks attend the next meeting.

## 7. Events

**Litter pick** – went ahead on **Sunday, 22nd May** at 10.30am. 40 attendees in total, including boys from Eton College. Not much rubbish collected this time which shows that doing these litter picks every quarter are really contributing towards keeping Eton tidy. Thanks to Budgens for providing doughnuts for participants.

**Next litter pick** – likely to be September/October – details will be shared closer to the time in the newsletter.

**Eton Walkway Walk & Talk – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - conducted by Hugo Vickers, the Queens historian, and he supported the development of the initial project for the Walkway. 22 attendees came along and it was well received by all.

**Frogmore House and Gardens – Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> August** at 4pm. Event has now sold out.

**Defibrillator training** – currently being researched by ETC, information will be circulated once dates and times have been confirmed.

**Pub Walk** – potential venue to be The Loch & Tyne in Old Windsor, the walk taking in the surrounds of Windsor Great Park, the Long Walk and Bears Rails Park. Details will be announced in the newsletter; September/October will be the likely date.

### Other events for consideration

**Combermere Barracks** – consideration is being given to this trip and details will be given closer to the time.

**Curry Evening**

**Pub Quiz**

## 8. Eton Porny School Update

Katherine Russell was not able to join us for the meeting but kindly forwarded some [words which were read out on her behalf](#).



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## 9. AOB

Eton Town Council will be taking over the running of a sports facility in Eton Wick from RBWM. They are arranging for a lease and taking over the management responsibility but RBWM will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance and the expenses etc. ETC are keen to get some youth facilities back up and running, starting with a Youth Club. Behind this facility is an indoor hall that has heating, lighting etc and also provides markings for a tennis court, badminton, football, and archery. There is also the opportunity to hold children's parties etc there too. This facility, along with South Meadow Lane, Stockdales and Haywards Mead will ideally provide an income with the rental fees generated.

Waste management program – Malcolm Leach was investigating whether it was possible for one contractor, not several, to collect commercial waste down the High Street, on behalf of Eton Town Council. Meeting is due to take place with Grundon's to offer a proposal and this in turn will be taken back to the business owners to agree on the way forward.

Thanks were extended to the residents of Sunbury Road who all clubbed together to make Roger Line's mother and father in law welcome, as they have recently come over from Ukraine to escape the current situation there. The residents in Sunbury Road raised £280 in Sainsbury's vouchers for the couple.

## 10. Next Meeting Date

Date confirmed as Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm.

Please e-mail AOB to [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk) prior to the next meeting.