



## Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at The Hop House, The George Inn

**Attendees:** Ros Rivaz, Leonie Bryant, Ann Currie, Lisa King, Amanda Snell, Hugo Snell, Katherine Brightman, Michael Brightman, Dawn Lee, Christine Barber, Martin Cabble-Reid, Bruce Cabble-Reid, Barbara France, Bryn Lee, Ian Read, Teresa Read, Wendy Rowland, John Rowland, Peter Eaton, Oxsana Soleil, Malcolm Leach, Katie Leach, Ben Willcox, Cllr Devon Davies, Julia Gosnell, Stephen Gosnell, Stewart Rogers, Katherine Rogers, Dawn Palmieri, Anthony Cove, Monaliza Cadwallader, Sylvia Ellis.

**Apologies:** Rene Townsend, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Karen Waller, David Palmieri.

### 1. Welcome & apologies

### 2. Minutes & Matters Arising

- i. No updates on College events. Julia Gosnell will e-mail ECA making it clear which events are limited for security reasons. Wendy Rowland will share how to book at music events to be published in Shout Out.
- ii. "Eton Matters" continues to look for articles by or about children. Thank you to Ben Underwood for his recent article involving his daughters and waterfowl.
- iii. Action: talk to estate agents about new tenants about rubbish collections. RR
- iv. Councillors should soon have heads up on next year's budget. Likely to be bad news.
- v. We should continue to report rubbish issues to our councillors.
- vi. Tivoli are starting the autumn spraying of weeds.
- vii. Good news for the Cockpit which should receive planning approvals within the week. Works likely to start in the New Year. Thank you to Eton Town Council and to our Councillors whose support has made a difference.
- viii. Pharmacy sign - Cllr Devon asked for views on a non-flashing sign illuminated during open hours only. Policy for Windsor and Eton is to not have illuminated signs. Eton Town Council do not support illuminated signs. The new sign is interfering with the view of Christmas trees and flags on buildings, which are paid for by businesses and residents. A non-illuminated sign is likely to be allowed, subject to any permissions needed. Consensus from the audience is that it should not be allowed.  
Action: feed this back to the pharmacy proprietor Cllr DD
- ix. Tivoli continue to charge for and be paid for ground maintenance work that they have not done. This should be investigated further. Cllr DD

### 3. Chair's Report

- i. Bryn Lee has joined the ECA committee, which requires announcing at an ECA meeting. Bryn was welcomed to the team.
- ii. ECA will issue the list of Living Advent Calendar events once known. These are 15-minute slots starting at 18:15 daily from 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December in Windsor and Eton.
- iii. 53 High Street is nearly complete. It needs paving stones at the front to be replaced before the hoardings can be removed.
- iv. Next week there will be highways suspensions for waterworks for 53 High Street.
- v. Most lamp posts have peeling paint at dog level. To be investigated further **Cllr DD**
- vi. Occupancy of buildings is good. Exterior of what was Venture Photography has finally almost finished and the scaffolding has been removed in time for the Lights Switch-on.  
Action: A resident asked about a balcony on ex-Venture wall – to be investigated **BW, AC**
- vii. Thank-you to Côte Brasserie who held an event for traders and for community-involved people.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

- i. SR finally has the necessary banking authorities.
- ii. The Accounts are all in good order. After bills, the ECA will have around £10k in funds and around £5k in reserves.

### 5. Christmas Light Switch-On Update

- i. Inclement weather is forecast however, this will still go ahead. If it rains, however the running order might change.
- ii. Need more volunteers for the chapel. Talk to Ben Willcox if interested.
- iii. More stalls than ever, in addition to the funfair rides.
- iv. There is a raffle – winner will officially switch on the lights.
- v. Road closures 17:00 to 20:00.
- vi. Donations to the Alexander Devine Hospice.
- vii. Sincere thank-you to Kevin Cruise who will be our Compere, Karen Waller, Stephen Gosnell, Ben Willcox and Paul Roach for 6 months of organising and setting this up.

### 6. TVP Update

- i. There will be a police presence tomorrow evening for the light switch on.
- ii. Issues continue with dangerous driving, cyclists delivering food cycling fast the wrong way down the High Street and a beggar who regularly sits on the bridge, who is known to have a home.
- iii. The community needs to record anti-social behaviour so that it can be escalated. It is particularly a problem around 3:00 am at weekends.

- iv. Please do not leave items visible inside cars. There are currently an increased number of break-ins to cars in Windsor. ML has posters which he will take to the Eton Information Centre.
- v. Keep reporting anti-social behaviour via the 101 website or call 101.

## **7. Events**

- i. The pub walk to The Pineapple in Dorney was a really good day. The next one is likely to be in February or March. Details will be posted in Shout Out closer to the time.
- ii. The October litter pick was well attended by 23 local volunteers and boys from the College. The Christopher Hotel provided refreshments and sausage rolls for all those who attended.
- iii. The Christmas Dinner at The Christopher Hotel on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December has 3 vacancies left at £42 per person. Book through [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk).
- iv. On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, there will be an exhibition at the Verey Gallery. This is an exhibition showcasing the bequest given by Richard Amis. We are waiting for more information.
- v. The annual Eton Information Centre dinner will be held at the Castle Hotel on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## **8. Eton Town Council Matters**

- i. The Town Council have agreed to donate an additional £500 towards Christmas. (Along with the donations from Baldwin's Bridge Trust, Eton College and businesses and residents, we have the funds required).
- ii. The South Meadow play area is being renovated, including a new communication board.
- iii. Quotes are being obtained to refurbish the Town Council offices at 102 High Street.
- iv. Once the office has been refurbished and upgraded to include modern technology, there will be a fresh look at renting them out for meetings etc.

## **9. AOB**

- i. Reminder to volunteers for tomorrow's Christmas Event to be at the Chapel at 17:00 tomorrow.

## **10. Next Meeting Date**

- ii. Date of next meeting is Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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