

ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 26 October 2016, 6.30 pm, at Eton Council Offices

Attendees: Ros Rivaz, Malcolm Leach, Katie Broady, Jane Reed, Christine Barber, Malcolm Alexander, Sylvia Ellis, David Laight (Budgens), Derek Ledger, Shahan Ledger, Mike Turner, Jacqueline Turner, Barbara France, Paul Edwards, Francis Batt, Ryan Gray

Apologies: Duncan Reed, Paul Bayley, Karen Usher, Karen Waller, Monaliza Cadwallader, Stephen and Julia Gosnell, Ieva Poriete, Peter Eaton, Leueen Killingbeck.

1. Welcome

2. Matters Arising from Minutes, 14 September 2016

- i. **Black Refuse Bins for Emlyn Buildings/Brocas Street area:** This would prove impracticable with 60 bins at just 2 collection points.
- ii. **New community website www.etoncommunity.co.uk**

The new ECA website went live on 5 September, linked with the ETC. Malcolm Leach and Russell Lloyd were sincerely thanked for their hard work. Others including Mike Turner and Jim Walker from the Outdoor Trust have also been helpful. Early indicators record at least 114 users and 814 views with people staying for 2 minutes 19 seconds, which is a good illustration of the depth and interest. Advertising will initially be Eton and Eton Wick only, and will be managed to avoid potential clashes with adverts in "Eton Matters" for which traders are charged. The weekly update is being included as a "Shout Out" although there are some teething problems with receipt being blocked by some sites. **If the updates are not being received, please advise Malcolm Leach or Katie Broady.**

- iii. **Toilet facilities:** There is a scheme to pay shops £350 per year to allow public access and this will be extended. Public can use the toilets in Eton library, and we believe, Eton Wick.

Tell PR (Paul Roach Town Centre Manager) about toilets in Eton library RR

3. RBWM Councillor Matters

- i. **Heathrow Third Runway:** RBWM, Hillingdon and other councils have funding to challenge the decision to site the third runway at Heathrow. The new runway is likely to increase the number and lower the height of approaches over Eton. By the

time flights into runway 9L are parallel to Eton Bridge, the landing gear and wheels will be down, further increasing the noise. ECA policy is to oppose the third runway.

ii. **More flagpole holders in the High Street:** RBWM conservation department have concerns

Forward most recent e-mail from conservation department to RR

MA

Take this forward

RR

4. Chairman's Report

- i. **Eton Walkway funding:** A huge thank-you to those who have made donations.
- ii. **Footfall counters:** the first counter is in place, with the second to be installed outside Budgens on 26th October. Average 8,057 bridge crossings per day with weekday peaks at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, and weekend peaks between midday and 4:00 pm.
- iii. **College tours:** plan to restart next year – probably April, to be booked in advance
- iv. **Eton Walkway:** official opening and brochure next year, with app available on line in next few weeks. Brochure is likely to replace the current Eton leaflets. Will change expected time to length of the walk and only use length of walk (approx. 2 miles).
Report corrections to the app before the new brochure is produced All
- v. **Bike parking:** progressing, plan is to move the 2 bike racks outside on the Windsor/Eton bridge that obscure the Wendy Ramshaw OBE bridge bollards. They will go to the other side of the bridge, and a notice on the fence will say that bikes must not be chained to the rails once additional racks are in place across the bridge and behind the Council Office, with another possible location near Brocas Street. Racks will need to be sign-posted especially by ETC offices.
- vi. **Policing Event:** was well attended and well received, likely to be repeated in Eton Wick – contact secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk if you missed the Eton session and want to attend the Eton Wick session instead
- vii. **Signage:** PSPO signs now all installed and new alley gates and signs in place at FP51, with gates currently being tested.
- viii. **Waterman's Bench:** larger than expected, architect to see what he can adjust.
Consider if bike rack can fit alongside RR
- ix. **Greenery:** New arrangement working well, with some plants replaced in the triangular bed
- x. **Jubilee Square Bricks:** More due to be installed
- xi. **Temporary cobbles infill by Windsor bridge:** to be re-cobbled in November, must be done before the official Eton Walkway early next year
- xii. **Proposed development behind Venture:** Malcolm Leach represented Eton Town Council at the panel, saying that we agree to a development but the proposed design is not suitable. The Panel agreed to visit the site; Neighbourhood Plan concerns for Eton's heritage are not adhered to, in the proposed design. There is considerable concern that planning decisions are being made by people who don't know or live in the area.

- xiii. **Street Lights:** Many not working, plans of street lights incomplete, lights to be replaced by LEDs but many of the problems are with the timers rather than the bulbs; useful to see noisy troublemakers as they come back across the bridge late at night
- xiv. **Properties Cockpitt, 53, 54 and 55:**
 - Cockpitt is at increased risk of vandalism and fire in its current state, police and community support officers are aware
 - 53 thought to be for sale but not via Warrens
 - 54 Bob Austen Town Clerk is trying to get the “for rent” sign removed - complete
 - 55 Fishcraft believed to be changing to a pub called “Eton Mess”
 - Check with architect Ben Willcox Architects about 53 sale
- RR
- xv. **Refuse:** nothing new
- xvi. **Toilets:** discussed earlier in this meeting
- xvii. **Windsor Bridge lanterns:** still 2 missing, with MA to follow up

5. Treasurer's Report

There is no significant change since last time. It is hoped for every trader to contribute £50 per year to cover the cost of street flags and small Christmas trees - some traders (including Eton Travel and Budgens) already contribute more than this. It is expected that Christmas should just cover its costs.

6. Christmas

The Light Switch On will be on Thursday 17th November. Attractions include stalls and a grotto. Participating charities will keep funds that they raise. It was suggested that we should ask an elderly resident to switch on the lights. (NB. This has been arranged and it is hoped that a recent centenarian will do this for us).

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Father Christmas in the grotto
6:00 pm	Chapel service, tickets £3 from Manley Gallery, Tastes, Fudge and Eton Porny School (free if under 5 years)
6:30 pm	Procession from chapel
7:00 pm	Lights switch on in Jubilee Square

7. Social Events

- i. **The Rankin Exhibition** is still at the Verey Gallery, Eton College, until 30 October and is then going to London. The recent ECA/College event included an inspiring talk by a Fijian soldier who had lost both legs in an IED explosion. Proceeds from the sale of the photographic book are for the Coming Home branch of the Haig Housing Trust, funding housing support for war veterans. Please contact Charlotte Villiers if you want to arrange an appointment to see the exhibition.
- ii. **November exhibition:** There will be another College exhibition in November – details to follow. (Stop Press: Thursday 10 November – see Weekly Update)
- iii. **New & Lingwood event:** Katie will liaise to arrange an event in January.

- iv. **There will be Christmas refreshments:** in Eton Town Council offices following the next meeting on 6 December 2016.
- v. **Fireworks in Eton Wick:** 7:00 pm Saturday 29th October at the Greyhound pub.

8. AOB

Neighbourhood Plan: This is now available for the second consultation – we can feed back online via the www.etoncommunity.co.uk website, or on a paper form that has been sent to every home – can be handed in at the Library

9. Next meeting

Tuesday 6th December 6:30 pm, followed by refreshments