



Minutes of the Eton Community Association AGM held on Wednesday 17th July 2019 at the Eton Town Council Offices

Attendees: Ros Rivaz (chair), Malcolm Leach, Jane Reed, Leonie Bryant, Sally Adams, Councillor Samantha Rayner, Dan Reed, Shirley Young, John & Wendy Rowland, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Simon Weston, Katherine Russell, La Stacey, Stewart Rogers, Katherine Rogers, Christine Barber, Roger Marrett, Louise Voakes, Sylvia Ellis, Steve Gosnell, Karen Waller.

Apologies: Polli Phippen, Peter Eaton, Derek Bishop, Barbara France, Ieva Poriete, Ron Lewandowski, Lisa Neathem, Katie Leach.

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

3. Matters arising from minutes

- i. The Wi-Fi situation keeps changing.
- ii. The SID (Speed Identification Device) is being installed but is not yet active.
- iii. Ros has spoken to Olivier about the pharmacy name change from C.J. Reid. It is a matter for the pharmacy to decide.
- iv. ECA has presented £250 to the Eton Porny School as per the 11th July ECA newsletter.

4. RBWM Councillor Matters

- i. Recent traffic lights problem at Keates Lane has a short term fix. Updated software will provide a permanent fix once installed.
- ii. Somerville Road access for emergency vehicles; drawing up plans to improve this.
- iii. Refuse collection and local wildlife; you can apply for a food caddy with lockable lid or by putting black bin bags out by 7:00 am on the day rather than the night before should also help.
- iv. Vehicle access to Dorney Common from Eton Wick is closed 22-30 July. The cattle grid at the Dorney end of this road is not currently planned to be closed for repair.
- v. RBWM have set a carbon zero target of 2050.
- vi. RBWM have allocated a further £75,000 to fight the LHR expansion.
- vii. La Stacey suggests that the cemetery on the outskirts of Eton towards Eton Wick could be managed for wildlife and to encourage insects.

Action: find out whether it is Eton Town Council or RBWM who manage the cemetery grounds

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5. Chair's report

- i. The Eton and Eton Wick Information Centre is now open – initially 11:00-15:30 Thursday to Sunday, though this is likely to change subject to demand and to budget. Feedback for suggestions – initially through chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk
- ii. Eton Wick have finalised a suggested walk - there will be three signs showing the proposed route.
- iii. Footfall counter may need to be relocated away from the information centre doorway.
- iv. Eton is clamping down on advertising A frames and protruding signs.
- v. We have been allocated £2,000 to investigate the public electrical boxes in the High Street and in some non-High Street areas.
- vi. The large “slug” patterns on some of the paving is a result of cleaning off chewing gum.
- vii. Better pedestrian access from the Meadow Lane car park is being investigated
- viii. Wi-Fi: we don't have the funding that we thought so are now trying to raise it; meanwhile Intersystems have a planning application in to improve 4G.
- ix. Malcolm L attended the excellent ECA-organised meeting about the proposed third runway at Heathrow. It can't go ahead unless planners approve it – the planners can put restrictions on their approvals. Malcolm suggests providing feedback to the consultation but also copying your feedback to the opposition group so that the planners see all the feedback, not just feedback that supports the third runway. Roger M volunteered to help produce a leaflet about the impact of the third runway. ECA policy is opposed to the third runway.
- x. Volunteers wanted to help maintain the Barnes Pool area. Please contact secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk
- xi. “Eton Matters” continues to want articles to publish. Copies are on sale in the Information Centre at £1.50 each if more than the free delivered one is wanted.
- xii. 53 High Street was sold at auction recently but is again going to auction on 18th July.
- xiii. The Christopher Hotel has been taken over by the people who own the Adelaide Hotel in Windsor. They are keen to engage with the ECA and are looking for ideas about the sort of cuisine their restaurant should serve
- xiv. More about the food caddies to reduce the problems caused by black bin bags being left out overnight; free compostable liners can be collected from the library.

6. Financial Update plus Barnes Pool BBQ

- i. The Information Centre has resulted in a lot of £ activity. We have also donated to the Eton Porny School.
- ii. Barnes Pool BBQ is pencilled in for the afternoon of Sunday 14th June 2020 – people over 10 years old will potentially be charged £5 which will include a burger plus one drink. This is the day after the College end of term.

7. Social Events

Leonie (with help from Malcolm re the event that Katie is organising) reported:

- i. The date of the Dave Bullock talk is being rescheduled and will probably now be next year.
- ii. An Autumn “spring” clean is planned for Sunday 13th October 11:00 am. E-mail secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk to join in.
- iii. Open shops will be Richer Sounds and also Polli’s Eton Mosaic Shop.
- iv. Another quiz at the Crown and Cushion is planned, scheduled for September.
- v. There is the potential for a tour of the Combermere Barracks, details to be forwarded once in place.

8. AOB

- i. Katherine R is adding Director of Primary, SEBMAT to her role as Eton Porny head teacher, which she continues to do.
- ii. 22th July 4:00 pm service at the riverside church in Boveney – there is no vehicle access from Eton Wick on that day because of the cattle grid repair.
- iii. 23rd July 3:00 pm afternoon tea at the St John the Evangelist church in Eton.
- iv. Reminder that anyone can sign up to the weekly Shout Out newsletter.
- v. The PCSO’s are fining cyclists who ignore the one-way system and are fining them.
- vi. The fair tends to attract unsavoury characters – we believe that these people are not themselves from the fair.
- vii. Christmas light switch on will be 14th November. We need to provide an additional £2,500 to install and store the lights. Having supported the Alexander Devine charity for a few years, we are considering changing to another local charity.

Action: in Shout Out, ask for local charity suggestions to go to secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk KW,SG

9. 8. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on 4th September at 6.30pm in the Eton Town Council offices, 102 High Street.

Please e-mail AOB to secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk prior to the meeting