



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting on Wednesday, 17th August 2022 at The Hop House, The George Inn

Attendees: Leonie Bryant, Malcolm Leach, Wendy Rowland, John Rowland, Tarek Elawadi, Shahan Ledger, Derek Ledger, Peter Eaton, Christine Barber, Bridget Bartlett, Theresa Winstanley, Linda Oatway, Dianne Hetherington-Lambe, Monalisa Cadwallader, Anthony Cove, Roger Line, Karen Waller, Julia Gosnell, Stephen Gosnell, Shirley Young, Dawn Lee, Bryn Lee, Katherine Rogers, Cllr Samantha Rayner, Ros Rivaz.

Apologies: Margaret Hayes-Powell, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Katie Leach, Barbara France, Ben Willcox, Sylvia Ellis, Roger Marrett.

1. Welcome & Apologies

2. Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes are available on www.etoncommunity.co.uk.

As the Chair was delayed, the Treasurer was able to report back on the following items only:

- I. **Faceology at 41 High Street** – RR visited the premises and is pleased to report that it will open in September.
- II. **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.

3. Chair's Report

Unfortunately, the Chair was delayed and only a small update was provided below.

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 for this purpose and it will be actioned and added to the list. Alternatively, contact Bob Austen at clerk@etontc.uk

High Street shops and plans – those of significant change:

- Skin HQ at 17 High Street – this business has now unfortunately closed.
- Cockpit – an update will be provided after Tuesday 23rd August and at next community meeting.

- 53 – issues now with owner and potential sale of site.
 - 41 – the black façade is currently masking some works in readiness for this business to open fully to the public in September.
 - 61 –regarding an offer to an estate agency moving in, this has now fallen through.
 - 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 has now closed and the Eton Antique Bookshop is due to move into this premises, and that business unit will be vacant.
 - 104/105 (Eton Travel) – now closed. Warren Properties will be relocating to this premises and therefore leaving their current location available for a finance business who will be moving in at some point.
- Intersystem – a follow up is needed to find out the current status as the business has now moved over to their Windsor location.

4. Treasurer’s Report

Balance for Jubilee Street Party indicates a healthy profit mainly coming from ticket sales. Monies that came in were around £14K but with many expenses i.e. awnings, security, entertainment etc, the resultant profit was realised. Thanks were extended to Christine Barber and Ros Rivaz and to all the other helpers that were involved.

Monies were received in for the Hugo Vickers talk – the shortfall in costs were kindly covered by Eton resident, Anthony Cove and thanks were extended to him.

Copies of the up to date Accounts were given to the Secretary and Chair for their records.

5. RBWM Councillor Matters

CLlr Samantha Rayner kindly provided us with an update:

- I. Garden in Bloom competition went ahead, and two Eton residents, Peter Eaton and Marion Mackenzie were furnished with winning first prizes for their garden and allotment respectively.
- II. The World Café, one of the Royal Borough’s answer to the current cost of living crisis will soon be visiting Eton and Eton Wick. This will give residents the opportunity to ask Councillors about what can be done to help us at this time.
- III. There is funding available for a Community & Wellbeing Project, total of £5K.
- IV. A reminder was given to those who may not have received their £150 energy rebate from RBWM if they live Council Tax bands A-D; the deadline for applying if you don’t pay your Council Tax by direct debit is 31st August.
- V. RBWM have been conducting Job Fairs as we have a lot of jobs and not very many people to fill them, especially in this area of Windsor/Eton where there are many hospitality outlets. The next Fair is 20th September at Windsor Library.
- VI. RBWM are hosting an online gym to help people keep fit.
- VII. Data collected from people’s phones when they are online etc in the area will heatmap where they head to i.e. which shops they use, which recreational places they visit and

this will run in parallel with the existing footfall counters that both Windsor and Eton currently uses to monitor visitor numbers. RBWM have been in talks with a company who can interpret this data and can tell us things like how people get to Eton, what shops they go to, how long they stay, where they come from etc. GDPR will prevent any information being shared.

- VIII. 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
- IX. Brocas bin collections – discussions have been going ahead with Eton College with respect to the inadequate rubbish collections. Thanks were extended to Peter Eaton for his persistence in this matter.
- X. 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. Not completed and will be put forward at the next Eton Council meeting. ML
- XI. Cllr Hayes-Powell requested that a regular clean is done on the bridge. This was followed up by the ECA Secretary on 16th August as the state of the bridge was disgusting. A reply was received from Naomi Markham to inform us that the bridge isn't included in the deep cleanse of Central Windsor that takes place twice a year but the bridge is included in the normal cleansing program and should be visited by a mechanical cleanser regularly, so a request will be put in to the cleansing contractors to pay close attention to the bridge area going forward.
- XII. There have been missed rubbish collections in Eton Riverside, Brocas Street, Kingstable Street, Sunbury Road, Tangier Lane and parts of the High Street where communal bins are in place – Serco are to be contacted to inform them of the missed collections. Cllr Rayner

6. Thames Valley Police Update

Unfortunately, no member of the Community TVP team were able to attend this meeting.

7. Events

Next litter pick – date confirmed as **Sunday, 9th October** at 10.30am onwards.

In the interim, if anyone wants to borrow picks, gloves and hi-vis vests, please email secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk

12 Eton College personnel kindly did a litter pick down the full extent of the High Street on Monday, 15th August.

Eton Walkway Walk & Talk – Monday 11th 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. A follow up walk is to be organised to delve deeper into the history of the Walkway, dates to follow.

Frogmore House and Gardens – Thursday, 25th August at 4pm. Some places have become available and will be advertised in the next newsletter; places will be given on a first come, first served basis.

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

Unfortunately Katherine Russell was not able to join us for the meeting to provide an update.

9. AOB

The Brocas Fair – Eton resident, Linda Oatway expressed her gratitude and thanks to the owners and organisers of the Brocas Fair. They had been regimented in the opening and closing times, music was kept to an acceptable level and their rubbish/cleaning up was most appreciated. It was a joy to see people enjoying the Fair and all it had to offer. It was suggested by Stephen Gosnell that a letter of thanks is written to Eton College to say that the Fair was really good this year and the locals really appreciated it. TBC

Eton Town Council update

- Progress with having just one contractor (instead of several) to collect commercial waste from the businesses is going well, a meeting is due to take place with Grundon. They currently do the waste collections from Eton College.
- Dog waste collections are also experiencing issues with regular pick ups from the 30 bins in the area.
- An update was provided on the progress with the Sports Hall in Eton Wick which is currently not being used. Due to various circumstances and Covid, the Youth Club that ran from there was closed as a result. Eton Town Council have taken over the reins from RBWM who previously leased it as they now no longer want the responsibility, and ETC will lease out the facilities. This will be up and running in the next 2 months as a viable concern. In turn, the Youth Club will also be resurrected once community leaders have been secured. Bookings for the facilities will be via an online system.
- Long standing ETC member Derek Bishop has now stepped down from the Council and has now been replaced by Eton resident, Angus McIver.
- South Meadow Lane Pavilion – monies are still being raised to get this facility refurbished.

A question was raised regarding the **Christmas dinner**; this will be organised again this year in December, the venue is to be decided and details will come out closer to the time. An invitation was extended to the audience asking if anyone would like to help organise this. In addition, it was suggested that we may want to consider doing a New Year's Eve gathering.

Tarek Elawadi, owner of Eton Mess wanted to express his apologies over the placement of several tables outside the business as he was aware it had caused some consternation. He will be going through the proper channels in order to apply for permission to have tables out the front but has assured us that no alcohol will be consumed outside on the street.

10. Next Meeting Date

Date confirmed as Wednesday, 28th September at 6.30pm.

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