



## **Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the Eton Town Council Office**

**Attendees:** Ros Rivaz (chair), Malcolm Leach, Katie Leach, Leonie Bryant, Shirley Young, Joanie Wraight, Karen Waller, Audrey Williams, Barbara Hunt, Lisa Neatham, Barbara France, Sam Turner, Ieva Poriete, La Stacey, Stephen Gosnell, Julia Gosnell, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Simon Weston, David Tredar, PC1446 Peter Bullett, PCSO 9693 Melita Diprose, Anthony Cove, Stewart Rogers, Gaurang Patel, Christine Barber, Lesley-Anne Brewis, Jake Hynard, Louise Voakes, Roger Marrett, George Fussey, Sylvia Ellis

**Apologies:** Derek and Shahan Ledger, Brian and Marion Voakes, Katherine Russell, Peter Eaton, Councillor Samantha Rayner, Councillor John Bowden, Jane Reed, Polli Phippen, Ron Lewandowski

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. High Street vacant property update**

- i. This was presented by PC Bullett and PCSO Diprose.
- ii. The recent unauthorised occupation at 53 High Street has now come to a close with the occupants being removed, together with their belongings.
- iii. We can support the homeless through the Windsor Homeless Project.
- iv. You can report unauthorised occupations and any crime or suspected crime in different ways including e-mail to [WindsorCentralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:WindsorCentralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)
- v. In July and August, there were 57 reported crimes in Eton and Eton Wick, some of which have resulted in arrests.
- vi. Budgens has a high level of shoplifting.
- vii. Please report crimes, otherwise they won't be investigated.
- viii. Eton Information Centre will join in the RBWM Town Link Radio scheme as described in the 29<sup>th</sup> August newsletter.
- ix. Residents continue to have concerns about being approached as they cross the Windsor pedestrian bridge, especially as nights are getting darker earlier. The suggestion to "walk back a different way" isn't helpful but advice given by a police station not within the Borough.
- x. If anyone is threatened, they should report this to the police. The bridge is covered by CCTV. Don't look at people if you feel threatened.

**Action:** Talk to the council about permanent signage to discourage giving monies to the beggars **RR**

- xi. People ignore the “no alcohol” signs and leave litter, including empty cans.
- xii. You can register for Thames Valley Alerts – typically about 3 emails a week.
- xiii. PCSOs cannot remove people but they can remove unattended property which can then be collected once a week by the owner.
- xiv. PCSO will report the bridge problems to their problem solving team.
- xv. Report problems that occur on Eton College land to the College who will take action.
- xvi. If you see a crime being committed, ring 999.
- xvii. PC Bullett explained what can/can’t be done with unauthorised occupation of property.
- xviii. We thank the police and community wardens for the work on the occupied property and the bike drives.

### **3. Apologies for absence**

### **4. Matters arising from Minutes**

- i. RBWM are responsible for managing the grounds of the Eton Wick Road Chapel. We need to balance access to the graves and managing wildlife needs. We have fed back that the grounds should be mown from time to time, to help with both options.
- ii. Alexander Devine will be covered later in this meeting.

### **5. RBWM Councillor Matters**

Apologies from Councillor Samantha Rayner and Councillor John Bowden.

### **6. Chair’s report**

- i. The Eton and Eton Wick Information Centre will produce and sell a calendar with images by local craft artist, Ron Lewandowski. The centre also wants to sell other local items. Thank you to Barbara, Katie and David for volunteering.
- ii. Action list continues to be worked through with good results.
- iii. We have submitted capital bids for the year 2020/2021.
- iv. Wi-Fi and mobile phone coverage – local frustrations continue. Please volunteer if you want to get involved.
- v. Electrics in the High Street has been submitted as a capital bid. The cable work is statutorily unacceptable.
- vi. Christmas funding will need £2,500 more than usual this year to cover costs.
- vii. Barnes Pool continues to result in much positive feedback. Please tell Leonie or Ros if you want to volunteer to help with gardening and/or maintenance of the area – no experience necessary.

### **7. Financial Update**

- i. An interesting year as funds flow in and out for the Eton and Eton Wick Information Centre
- ii. Accounts can be accessed by contacting Malcolm Leach, should you wish to view them.

## **8. Heathrow Update**

- i. Shirley, Roger, Malcolm, Katherine Rogers and Paul Edwards have produced the “Have your say” leaflet.
- ii. 13<sup>th</sup> September is deadline to submit your views.
- iii. The Government has approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> runway but the relevant local authority (Hillingdon) is opposed and permission has been obtained to challenge the decision.
- iv. Our concerns include noise, pollution, disruption and risk of damage to buildings from air vortices.

## **9. Alexander Devine**

- i. The representative from the Alexander Devine charity wasn't available at the meeting to give an update but will be provided thereafter by George Torpey via email.
- ii. After opening it to the floor, it was decided to continue to support this charity this year, but to consider other options in 2020.

## **10. Social Events**

- i. The Dave Bullock talk is being rescheduled and will potentially be booked in April 2020.
- ii. The Autumn “spring” clean is planned for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 11:00 am. E-mail [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk) to join in.
- iii. 23<sup>rd</sup> September pub quiz Crown & Cushion – apply through [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk).
- iv. 16<sup>th</sup> October Richer Sounds ‘Open Shop’ following the ECA meeting.
- v. 13<sup>th</sup> October 15:30 “Anything Goes “ fundraising for church window – tickets @ £10 from Katie or Manley Gallery.
- vi. A visit to the Household Cavalry Museum at the Combermere Barracks from 10:30 to 14:45 is being organised. Tickets £15 per person plus £4 or £5 for lunch. No date as yet. If a weekday, then some may not be able to attend.
- vii. The College Michaelmas Music Schools diary has been published and details will go into the weekly newsletter.

## **11. AOB**

- i. Food refuse bins are available to make it more difficult for wildlife to rip open black bin liners.

## **12. Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held on **16<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm** in the Eton Town Council offices, 102 High Street, followed by the Richer Sounds ‘Open Shop’.

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