



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting on Wednesday, 20th September 2023 at The Hop House, The George Inn

Attendees: Ros Rivaz, Leonie Bryant, Mike Brown, Sylvia Ellis, Rowan Cole, Sarah Cole, Martin Cabble-Reid, Ben Willcox, Julia Gosnell, Stephen Gosnell, Ian Read, Theresa Read, Derek Ledger, Wendy Rowland, John Rowland, Alan Lawrance, David Waddleton, Karen Waller, Peter Eaton, Cllr Julian Tisi, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Michelle Robson, Cllr Devon Davies, Anthony Cove, Amanda Snell, David Palmieri, Stewart Rogers, Kim Carpenter, Simon Carpenter, Margaret Hayes-Powell, Dawn Lee, Katherine Rogers.

Apologies: Barbara France, Katherine Russell, Monaliza Cadwallader, Malcolm Leach, Bryn Lee, Shahan Ledger, Christine Barber, Ann Currie, Sebastian Clifton-Welker, Cllr Mark Wilson, TVP Inspector Dan Bennett.

1. Welcome & apologies

Welcome to two of our Borough Councillors, Julian Tisi and Devon Davies.

2. Minutes & Matters Arising

- I. Tivoli grass cutting will be covered in the later section, RBWM Councillor Matters.
- II. An enforcement notice has been issued with respect to the new pharmacy sign; this has been raised at Eton Town Council.
- III. Shout Out will include how to book Eton College music events. RR

3. Chair's Report

- I. Funding for the Christmas Lights Switch On has changed, this is now ECA's responsibility to organise with Lamps & Tubes.
- II. Eton Matters is looking for articles. Articles by children are especially welcome. If you have an idea for an article, please contact the Chair – chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk
RR
- III. We are grateful that both the Eton Town Council and the three new Borough Councillors are listening to the Eton and Eton Wick Neighbourhood Plans.
- IV. In 2021, a survey in Eton clearly identified the top 5 issues that we want addressed.
- V. Eton College is responsible for upstream of Barnes Pool. At this point, they are choosing

to leave the areas in question wild.

Action

PE, RR

VI. Eton Action List:

Tivoli grass cutting with our Councillors.

Two fixed bollards in the archway between 101 and 102 High Street are currently blocking access for fire appliances, should they be needed.

Action

RR, Borough Cllrs

VII. Refuse bins – there is a problem with the collection of these at various locations, discussion to be had with
Borough Councillors and RR

VIII. Our funding priorities will be forwarded to the Borough Cllrs for next year.

IX. Pavement licences for cafes have been stopped.

Action

RR, Borough Cllrs

X. High Street trade occupancy is currently acceptable.

XI. Bridge playing group need a fourth member.

Contact through secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk if you are interested.

4. Treasurer's Report

Started the year with approximately £33k, and we spent about £15k this year, mostly on street party where the income was received in the previous year. Due to the switchover of Treasurer, we are still waiting Barclays to send mandate for change of Treasurer.

Starting to get responses for trees and flags which invite business owners/residents to donate £50, £100 or £150 towards this cause.

Nearly all of last year's Eton Matters invoices have been paid.

Formal adoption of last year accounts to be done at the Committee only meeting next week.

5. TVP Update

- I. Apologies were received from TVP Inspector Dan Bennett – they are currently very short-staffed.
- II. If there are any specific issues, please contact the Chair or Secretary.
- III. Cycling down the High Street the wrong way is worst between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Police presence does encourage people to disperse.
- IV. The Borough has been asked to repaint the 'left' arrow and to paint "NO ENTRY" on the road immediately over the bridge/cobbles.
- V. New beggar on the bridge will be reported to TVP, to the homeless group and (for logging purposes) to 101.

6. RBWM Councillor Matters

- I. The painting of "NO ENTRY" on High Street is in hand.

- II. Cllrs have agreed a performance plan with Tivoli re grass cutting; RR and PE both report when Tivoli claims for work not done.
- III. Buses: route 15 is subsidised, and it no longer continues to Maidenhead.
- IV. Financially, inflation is higher than Council Tax but we are not in a “Birmingham” situation
- V. Adding more cycle parking at Windsor Leisure Centre.
- VI. Can potentially claim monies back based on number of people using the free wifi in Windsor.
- VII. Fibre-optic connections – to be investigated why some residents are connected and others are not.
- VIII. The Cockpit: actions/discussions are with the architect and Councillors due to planning issues. Windsor and Eton Society are to have a talk about the Cockpit in December.
Action BW
- IX. Tourism meetings at an early stage. Councillors trying to bring in Eton.
- X. Refuse – a list of problems covering many areas, including bins blocking pavements all week, RBWM black bin bags not delivered to eligible properties, passers-by using private bins instead of street bins, passers-by putting non-recyclables into blue bins, residents putting recyclables into blue bins in non-recyclable black bags, bins not collected once non-recyclables behaviour has stopped. Sometimes the bin collectors can't get to the bins.
Need to re-educate people – using Shout Out, Eton Matters or leafleting properties, also encourage estate agents to tell people who are moving into the area. RR
Issue 1: bins not being collected.
Issue 2: bins left out permanently, others using private bins.
Recycling bins were removed from Meadow Lane car park because of fly tipping.

7. Events Update

- **Pub walk** – Sunday, 24th September to the Pineapple in Dorney; start at 10.30am prompt.
- **Litter pick** – Sunday, 8th October starting from Eton Town Council offices from 10.30am onwards. Refreshments kindly donated by The Christopher Hotel for all participants from 12 noon.
- **Remembrance Service** – Sunday, 12th November.
- **Next ECA community meeting** – Wednesday, 15th November.
- **Chapel Service & Christmas lights switch** – Thursday, 16th November.
- **Christmas Dinner** at the Christopher Hotel – Friday, 1st December.
- Eton College will provide details of a new **exhibition** which will run from 16th November to 24th March – date for ECA event to be put into Shout Out.
Action - Check which College if music Fixtures are also open to the community JG
Action - Tell RR which fixtures can be put into Shout Out JG

8. AOB

- I. Eton Information Centre is struggling financially, ideas welcome to boost income. If you would like to offer ideas/donate, please contact finance@visiteton.info
- II. It was suggested to provide some chairs Eton Information Centre for people who pop in for a chat.
- III. Christmas (KW, SG, BW). RR/BW have sent forms to businesses asking for financial contributions for Christmas trees/flags, some residents also contribute, .
- IV. The final renovated streetlight will be installed once the hoarding is removed from 53 High Street (formerly Age Concern).
- V. Eton Cllr Margaret Hayes Powell (MHP) reports that the “slipway” continues to be cleaned weekly, funded by Eton Town Council and Windsor Bridge Court.
- VI. MHP reports ETC have asked RBWM (owners) to clean rear of Eaten Café and Golden Curry.
- VII. MHP Wiggington House planning issues have been resolved, excludes 4 listed windows on Eton High Street.
- VIII. MHP Eton Town Council meetings have moved to second Thursday in the month, open to all to attend.
- IX. A local resident reports late night noise disturbance from Don Beni during their music evening. The noise complaint contact number was given to report any occurrences of late-night noise. Another attendee considers the noise level Ok for a High Street.
- X. The brass work on Windsor bridge is in need of being cleaned, however, the issue lies with the non-slip surface, some of which has come off. RR
- XI. There was a report that some street gulleys are blocked. Recommendation is to take photos of flooding and overflow and report via the RBWM website. Can't go onto Action List until 6 weeks after reported to RBWM.
- XII. KW, SG Christmas: Local businesses have been asked if they want a stall at the Christmas Lights Switch On. All other planning stages are going well.

9. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting Wednesday, 15th November at 6.30pm.

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