



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting held on Monday 3rd December at the Eton Town Council Office

Present: Ros Rivaz (chair), Jade Hunter, John & Wendy Rowland, Katherine Russell, Jane Reed, Barbara France, Peter Eaton, Katie Leach, Christine Barber, Roger Marrett, Shirley Young, Leonie Bryant, Tristan Line, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Malcolm Alexander, Anthony Cove, La Stacey, Sally Adams, Sylvia Ellis (minutes)

Apologies: Ieva Poriete, Derek & Shahan Ledger, Stewart Rogers, Stephen Gosnell, Karen Waller, Malcolm Leach, Derek Bishop, Claire Taylor & Andrew Pearn-Rowe

1. Welcome

Meeting will be followed by optional nibbles at the Crown & Cushion

2. Apologies for absence

3. Matters Arising from Minutes inc. constitution

- I. **Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project:** MA to decide what to do with the sapling
- II. **Cockpitt:** access through the rear has to be agreed with new tenants
- III. **World War 1 poppies:** we did get 4 – RBWM acknowledge we should have been included sooner
- IV. **“Eton Matters”:** spare copies of issue 12 to La Stacey please so that she can leave them in the church
- V. **Slough choir concert at Eton College:** our Newsletter scope is advertising events organised through the ECA only, we can’t support sales of tickets through Newsletter, but we did highlight the event at the meeting.

4. RBWM Councillor Matters

- I. **RBWM roads:** have been ranked the 2nd cleanest in this country in a recent survey

- II. **Barnes Pool “Finding the Brook”:** we have a £50,000 advance for this project; there has been an article and photos in the Windsor Observer and Ascot, Windsor and Maidenhead Express, click [here](#) to see the article
- III. **Keates Lane traffic lights:** will be replaced to include pedestrian crossing function; the accident on the 15th November was not due to the layout of the traffic lights; the speed table will be replaced by tarmac – more practical than the current cobbles
Action: check that the traffic lights plans meet local needs MA,RR, ETC
- IV. **Eton College Sports Facility planning application:** goes to the Planning Panel on 5th December; having an adopted neighbourhood plan gives us more time to speak at planning meetings

5. Chairman’s Report

- i. **“Finding the Brook”:** landscapers are moving forward, there is more culvert and brook to clear out, then we will have the Great ‘UnBunging’ Ceremony; Eton Porny and Eton College students are involved as this is an educational venture for nature and fauna; the original Baldwin Trust stone has been uncovered; need funds and volunteers to research and provide storyboards
- ii. **Information Centre:** first year costs are covered, we need funding to continue this, which is being sought through various sources
- iii. **Christmas Event:** thank-you to Karen Waller, Stephen Gosnell, Paul Roach and the volunteers for this successful event
- iv. **Roads and pavements:** paving slabs have been replaced; there will be more dropped kerbs put in near Atherton Court; work on street lights continues; Meadow Lane Car Park will have new payment machines which will no longer rely on 4 digits from an advantage card number but will instead need a physical card
Action: give a copy of the previous meeting minutes to SA JH
- v. **Autumn ‘Spring’ Clean:** thanks to Leonie, David Sumner (Christopher Wren) and all the volunteers; a new rubbish bin in South Meadow Lane would be useful; need more picker sticks and high-vis vests (Bob Austen is aware of this); secateurs would be useful; clear plastic bags would be more efficient than black ones and hopefully will help inquisitive interrupters and tourists to see what it is we are doing; proposal to hold these cleans more than twice a year; KL noted the morning after this Clean that the High Street was already re-littered with cigarette stubs!
- vi. **Information centre:** new exhibition in the window set up by Ieva
- vii. **Flagpole holders:** nearly there – yellow planning notices in place for the last three

- viii. **Defibrillator training:** thanks to Claire and Andrew for organising and to Porny School for hosting; more sessions will be available; we can buy more defibrillators if we can identify more places to put them

6. Financial Update

- i. **Summary:** apology for absence from ML; funds are in a good shape

7. Events past

- i. **Christmas Event:** Karen and Stephen organised this
- ii. **Street Clean:** Leonie and Ros organised this
- iii. **Defibrillator training:** Claire and Jade organised this

8. Events future

Please book in advance for the ECA events

<https://www.etoncommunity.co.uk/events>

- i. **Christmas Dinner get-together:** not now happening as planned as needs 34 people for planned private room but only 19 confirmed their interest; maybe hold this in January and next year start to plan this earlier; would more have confirmed if sent a paper reminder?
- ii. **Crown & Cushion:** after this meeting we have optional nibbles in Crown & Cushion where we can pick up a voucher for 20% discount in January
- iii. **7th December pantomime:** discounted tickets not available after all
- iv. **24th January:** Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel talk/tour
- v. **February:** nothing planned – suggestions to KL and/or JH
- vi. **14th March:** talk about the Fisher brothers including tour of College Library – likely to be £5 tickets

9. AOB

- I. **"I met the Queen":** Ieva organised this and the book is now ready – with RR
- II. **Eton Porny support:** Additional community support being provided by IP (clothes making) and EMcM (Judge)
- III. **June:** if there is an ECA event in June could we replace Union Jacks by rainbow flags; ECA committee are discussing this

- IV. **Traffic problems:** traffic problems continue especially around Budgens; concern that scaffolders were allowed to install scaffolding on the same day as the start of long leave, which this year was also St. Andrew's Day
- V. **One way cycling on High Street by bridge:** the painted warning about not cycling the wrong way down the High Street hasn't yet been painted back on the road
Action: chase RBWM as contractor has been instructed RR
- VI. **More traffic problems:** accident when lorry backed into wrongly parked car; Eton Porny School does remind parents to park correctly and safely
- VII. **Sponsored static cycling event in aid of charity:** 14th December at the Christopher Wren
- VIII. **King Stable Street riverside garden:** about to have gardeners in for another tidy up – still no plans to build on this site
- IX. **Consultancy:** Eton College would welcome someone with consultancy experience to help with a consultancy course that they are running. Inform RR ALL
- X. **Advent songs at church in Boveney:** Sunday 9th December 3:00 pm, no electricity or heating so wrap up warm; 16th December 11:00 am service in St John's Eton; additional services in the run up to Christmas
- XI. **Please feed the swans:** swans can be fed bread (as long as not mouldy) as well as green leaves and specialist pellets. May help if Swan Support were to put up signs to encourage people to feed the swans. ECA committee suggested allocating £100 to pay for food for swans and this was agreed. LB and BF will contact Budgens and Fresh'nFine to ask for suitable outdated food to feed to swans.
- XII. **La reports death of elderly long-time resident:** Betty Golding
- XIII. **Since the Christmas Lights Switch on:** we have established that Alexander Devine raised over £1000 which is over double from last year

10.Next meeting

Next meeting 6th February at the Eton Town Council offices at 6.30pm

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