



## **Minutes of the Eton Community Association Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May at The Hop House, The George Inn**

**Attendees:** Ros Rivaz, Leonie Bryant, Katherine Russell, Christine Barber, Roger Line, Olga Line, Bryn Lee, Dawn Lee, Barbara France, Malcolm Leach, Katie Leach, Peter Eaton, Douglas Hill, Martin Cabble-Reid, Nicola Bell, Dawn Palmieri, Cllr Samantha Rayner, Julia Gosnell, Stephen Gosnell, Derek Ledger, David Treder, Marion Mackenzie, Teresa Read, Ian Read, Mike Brown, Kirsty Brown, Margaret Hayes-Powell, Elizabeth McMahan, Karen Waller, Anthony Cove, Stewart Rogers, Katherine Rogers.

**Apologies:** Sylvia Ellis, Shirley Young, Anthony Morgan, Hardip Virdee.

### **1. Welcome & Apologies**

All attendees were welcomed and invited to take advantage of the food and drink provided by the ECA.

Mike and Kirsty Brown were welcomed as new residents.

### **2. Chair's annual report**

For clarity and accuracy, attached is the yearly report for the ECA read out by the Chair (also available [here via this link](#)):



22.05 Chair's AGM  
speech.pdf

Malcolm Leach extended his thanks to Ros Rivaz, our ECA Chair for her constant contribution to Eton.

### **3. Treasurer's annual report and adoption of accounts**

The ECA had a very buoyant year with the income for year ending 2021 confirmed as being £7,245. This year, we have benefitted from £21,736, a large part of that being donated from Eton College (£9,256) for the Jubilee Street Party. We have had a payment out of £10,189, a small figure but due to the pandemic, expenses have been lighter this year. This has left us with a surplus of £11,546. We have had an end of year balance of £43,000 and our savings account was healthy with £4,659, so in total, we have £47,849.

A ring-fenced amount has been marked for the Barnes Pool project which equates to £25,000 along with a reserve fund of £4,600; this figure is a requirement to allow the ECA to function

throughout the year and if we should have a shortfall. After all these expenditures, we are left with a total of £18,190.

The final task was to sign off the audited accounts, by proposal and secondary affirmation; Ros Rivaz and Christine Barber respectively proposed and seconded.

Copies were available for all attendees.

#### **4. Election/re-election of committee**

A yearly election was conducted for the existing Committee and are confirmed as follows:

**Chair – Roz Rivaz** - proposed by Malcolm Leach, seconded by Katherine Russell/Anthony Cove.

**Treasurer – Malcolm Leach** – proposed by Roz Rivaz and seconded by Roger Line/Barbara France.

**Secretary – Leonie Bryant** – proposed by Roz Rivaz and seconded by Katie Leach/Douglas Hill.

**Katherine Russell** – proposed by Roz Rivaz and seconded by Katie Leach/Douglas Hill.

**Stephen Gosnell** – proposed by Ros Rivaz, seconded by Douglas Hill/Stewart Rogers.

**Christine Barber** – proposed by Ros Rivaz and seconded by Nicola Bell.

**Karen Waller** – proposed by Ros Rivaz and seconded by Stephen Gosnell/Malcolm Leach.

Associate members are not subject to re-election.

#### **5. Closing remarks and thanks**

Thanks were extended to David Treder and Marion Mackenzie for their contribution to the Committee after their resignation in April.

# Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at The Hop House, The George Inn

## 1. Welcome

Attendees and apologies as above.

## 2. Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes are available on [www.etoncommunity.co.uk](http://www.etoncommunity.co.uk).

- I. **Faciology at 41 High Street** – owners emailed again to advise on black façade but no response as yet. Ben Willcox is continuing to reach out to them for a discussion. **BW**
- II. **Meadow/South Meadow Lane** – RBWM (Highways) agreed that signs are going to be erected specifying that they are unsuitable for HGVs. More work needed to address the issue when Keate's Lane needs to be closed. **Clr Rayner/RR**
- III. **Installation of dual use bins** – to be investigated. **Clr Rayner**
- IV. **Facelift project** – please see Section 5 for details.
- V. **Defibrillator training** – please see Section 8 for details.
- VI. **List of Eton College plays and recitals** – details available by way of a pamphlet for attendees to take away.
- VII. **Link for TVP Neighbourhood Alerts** – please contact [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk) for details on how to set these weekly alerts via email.
- VIII. **Bird flu** – now safe to continue to feed as the cases of bird flu have tailed off.

## 3. Chair's Report

Updates from the Community:

- I. **EIC Instagram** - going from strength to strength with over 1,000 followers as well as the website coming along well.
- II. **The Big Lunch** – we have been asked to invite attendees to have lunch at Windsor & Eton Riverside provided by South Western Railway; people from the Community who have helped out including our local lollypop lady and dinner ladies from Eton Porny School, as well as residents who help out with the elderly.
- III. Street lights – there is still one to erect when the building scaffolding is struck.
- IV. Intersystems – this office building is now empty, the existing business has moved to Windsor, but their intention was to run both premises. **RR**
- V. Eton Travel – now closed. Another business is taking over the building in due course.
- VI. Mini Street Party – this took place in Kingstable Street and was supported by local food stores; Nimia, Fresh & Fine, Tastes Deli, Enigma, Eton Stationers and Premier Stores. Thanks were extended to them for their generous contribution where local school children were fed, watered and entertained whilst the BBC filmed their party.
- VII. The George Inn, Budgens, Eton Café, The Christopher Hotel have all contributed towards many ECA events throughout the year, together with Tarek Elawadi who kindly donated himself as a licensee holder for our talk with David Bullock, this allowed

attendees to have a glass of wine during his great talk on Jack the Ripper. Thanks were extended for their generosity, without which, we wouldn't be able to be as successful at our events as we are.

### **High Street shops and plans – those of significant change:**

- Skin HQ – have encountered issues where monies have been exchanged with the franchise owner who has consequently taken this funding and put the franchisee in a difficult spot, we understand.
- Cockpit – making progress – final survey has almost been completed. RBWM will need to approve this and once that has been signed off, works can commence to restoring the building back to its original state. A documentary is being made on the history of the building.
- 53 – construction work is still underway, the front façade is good, the back walls are in need of attention but progress is being made sporadically.
- 41 – owners contacted to advise on black façade but no response as yet.
- 61 – this has now been let and an estate agency will be moving into the premises.
- 89/90 – interior works are still in progress and The Box Window Company and their offices and showroom will be based here. Significant damp issues have delayed the interior fit.
- Gregory & Tapping – both the Windsor and Eton shops are open but it is understood that a business will be taking this premises in future.
- Premier Stores – still planning to extend but unsure of timings; funding is being sought.
- Former Lily Chic – owner says he will not let this property out.
- 109 – nothing has been heard re an update on the status of this property after residential planning was declined. To be investigated further. RR/ML
- 119 – planning application declined, to be called into Panel. Cllr Sam Rayner
- Eton Sports – planning permission also declined for further commercial space, again to be investigated. RR

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](mailto: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](mailto:clerk@etontc.uk)

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

With nearly 3 months now passed, we have received £2,633 and paid out £19,562. £18,500 of the £25,000 which was ring-fenced for the Barnes Pool Project has now been allocated.

Two events that have helped our financial status was income from the Frogmore House & Gardens visit scheduled for August, and the Jack the Ripper talk; this equated to £1,030.

Copies of the Accounts are available for inspection.

## **5. RBWM Councillor Matters**

Cllr Samantha Rayner kindly provided us with an update:

- I. Thanks were extended from Cllr Samantha Rayner for the contribution that the ECA provide her with as it is invaluable information throughout the year.
- II. Three and a half miles of bunting has been erected across the Borough along with over 50 street parties, along with beacon lighting.
- III. Windsor Tourism Partnership – encourages accessibility for the disabled to visit the Borough, and Eton has been put forward as one of the leaders for this project. An app has been developed for disabled people and their carers visiting.
- IV. Jubilee Schools Week – Martin Cabble-Reid, local resident and entertainer is involved in this initiative starting 23<sup>rd</sup> May getting the local school children doing various activities.
- V. Garden in Bloom 2022 – a reminder was given to encourage the local residents to enter.
- VI. South Meadow/Meadow Lane – traffic management still to be followed up.
- VII. Dual bins – still to be researched.
- VIII. Brocas bin/rubbish collection issues – thanks were extended to Peter Eaton for his constant updates and persistence in the rubbish/bin collections from the Brocas. Six months of the year, Eton College do the bin collection and the other 6 months, collection is maintained by RBWM. However, Urbaser were doing additional collections outside the contract; the costs for this to continue is £21,000. To meet these costs, discussions are taking place between RBWM and Eton College as they own the land.
- IX. Black bag collections – still an ongoing issue but Serco have agreed that they would be able to collect these bags weekly, and not fortnightly as is the current contract. It would be subject to bin lorry capacity and once they are able to confirm they can take them, we will inform the residents.
- X. The bridge works – LED lights will be changed from blue back to white. Foliage on the bridge, it needs to be addressed but RBWM have investigated and concluded that the existing foliage does not undermine the structure at this point. A capital bid has been submitted for the works, along with the varnishing of the rails and the benches.

## **6. Thames Valley Police Update**

Unfortunately, our local PSCO, James Searle was unable to attend, as well as our newly appointed PC Jon Brooks. We hope to have them at our next meeting in July.

## **7. Platinum Jubilee Street Party Update**

Tickets can now be collected from your place of purchase from Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May.

A request was made to take as much of your rubbish away with you, hopefully also using recyclable materials during your lunch, along with your tableware etc.

Volunteers will be out in force from 8am down the High Street. Entertainment will be commencing from 1.30pm and visitors are encouraged to turn up from 1pm, not before, as

set up can only be achieved on the morning of the party. Visitors are also requested to sit in their allocated seats, details of which are on the back of your tickets.

Any help needed on the day, please head to the Council Offices where assistance will be given, and each section in the High street has an allocated helper for any assistance at the tables.

Advanced signs are being put up at the end of the High Street, Kingstable Street, Eton Square etc. for road closures. Provisions for the Emergency Services have been arranged, as well as Security measurements; a car will be parked at the end of the street to stop any intrusion. Car parking restrictions will be in place down the High Street from 9pm the evening before the party, and traffic will be barred from 7am to 9pm on the day (4<sup>th</sup> June). Anyone living in Kingstable Street and Eton Square will not be able enter or exit those roads during these times.

**Anyone who wishes to help on the day, please let Ros/Christine know at [chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk)**

## **8. Events**

**Exhibition/talk on Sir Joseph Banks – Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April** – took place with some 20 attendees.

**Jack the Ripper talk – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May** - took place at the Natural History Museum at College with PSCO David Bullock. Around 40 attendees and the talk was well received.

**Combined ECA Community meeting & AGM – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May** at 6.30pm in The Hop House, The George Inn. Refreshments will be provided.

**Next litter pick** – scheduled to be **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May** at 10.30am.

**Eton Walkway Walk & Talk – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - to be conducted by Hugo Vickers, often referred to as HM the Queen's historian, and he was a partner for the original project for the Eton Walkway. Cost is going to be £8.

**Jubilee Street Party – Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June** – please see Section 7.

**Frogmore House and Gardens** – confirmed as **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> August** at 4pm. This has now sold out.

**Defibrillator training** – currently being researched and will be conducted at Eton Porny School, date and time to be confirmed later on in the year. **KR**

### **Other events for consideration**

**Combermere Barracks** – consideration is being given to this trip and details will be shared closer to the time – potentially September as a date for the diary.

**Pub Walk** – to be investigated, potentially September.

**List of concerts/plays at College** – list obtained and details to be advertised in the newsletter.

**Curry evening at the Golden Curry** – details to follow.

## 9. AOB

### Refuse issue – Peter Eaton

From the Eton Action List - It was confirmed that the area down by the steps on the Windsor side of the bridge outside the Christopher Wren Hotel is not RBWM land. It currently has some scaffolding poles/board and general dirtiness which needs clearing up. Planned to remove these items at the next litter pick on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

From the Eton Action List – Tivoli are not fulfilling their obligations in the Borough. Checks have been done after they said they had carried out the works, some of which has been outstanding since August last year. They have been paid for the works they have not done.  
**To be followed up by Cllr Sam Rayner.**

With the additional discussions and potential for Urbaser to continue with their collection on the Brocas, funding dependant, this issue can now be followed through with Cllr Samantha Rayner. Last Sunday's collection was not fulfilled as someone had parked their car near to the entrance of the Brocas blocking the gate so signs will be placed in order to warn drivers not to park there in future.

### Queen Elizabeth Archway - Malcolm Leach

Decoration works are going ahead in preparation for the Jubilee Street Party on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May. In addition, permission has been asked to have 24/7 lighting installed as the tunnel is very dark. This has been declined as the lights need to be LED, the lights have now been updated but no adjustment to the lighting request. To be investigated further.

**Cllr Sam Rayner**

### Gents Toilets – Douglas Hill

Contractors are awaiting parts as the gent's toilets are currently closed. These need to be fixed and opened in time for the Street Party.

**Cllr Sam Rayner**

### Waste disposal of commercial waste – Anthony Cove/Malcolm Leach

Fines have been issued to business owners where it has been thought that commercial waste is being put into domestic waste. However, prior warnings haven't been sent to business owners and by law, they should carry out this procedure before fining.

**Cllr Sam Rayner**

Malcolm has sent out letters to all businesses inviting them to contact him, he will then consolidate the data/amount of waste being generated and contact the local waste disposal operatives to see how feasible/cost/carbon footprint wise it is to have large lorries come down the High Street to collect very little commercial waste, doing so once for Eton.

**ML**

### The Bridge – Margaret Hayes-Powell

The bridge needs attention with the railings and benches, together with the lights before the Jubilee weekend. It was requested for Cllr Samantha Rayner to expedite this to make sure its done in time. Jet cleaning of the bridge surface also needs to be carried out.

Rubbish collections on Thursday, 2nd June – confirmation needed that this will go ahead otherwise the residents and street will be overflowing with Bank Holiday rubbish. This was subsequently confirmed and communicated. Additional bins are being brought in at a cost for the Street Party so this may alleviate the issue.

**RR**

### **Tourist knocked off their bike – Roger Line**

It was reported that a tourist was knocked over, they were hospitalised. Attention needs to be put back on the cyclists riding down the one way street the wrong way. TVP used to monitor this regularly and therefore we will reach out to them for ideas. **RR**

### **Drones – Barbara France**

The police visited Chantry Place and asked residents if there had been any drone sightings as there had been reports of these flying over recently. No one had heard of anything but if you are aware of drones being flown over, we are in a no-fly zone, then please report to the police on 101.

## **10. Next Meeting Date**

Date to be confirmed as Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July.

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