

ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting

held on Monday 12th March 2018

at Eton College Sports Hall Common Lane

NEW NEWS: Eton Spring Clean litter pick has now been re-arranged to 29th April

Present: Ros Rivaz, Katie Leach, Malcolm Leach, Noorzaman Rashid, Jane Reed, Rev La Stacey, Christine Barber, Sylvia Ellis, Barbara France, Peter Eaton, Derek Bishop, Malcolm Alexander, Stephen Gosnell, Ieva Poriete, Stewart Rogers, Sally Adams, Brian Voakes, Roger Marrett, David Laight (Budgens), Joan Budgen (Eton Travel), Ken Thompson (Eton Travel), Christopher Francis, Ruth Francis, Marion Mackenzie, Tom Hybert (Hybert Design), Jade Hunter (Hybert Design), Michael Garson (New & Lingwood), Nicholas Crosswind, Steven Hurrell (Aspen Capital Group), John Lipscomb (Brocas Terrace), Roger Line, Meizic Turna, Ian Mellor, Joe Dangerfield

Apologies: Jessie Lawrence, Katherine Russell, Maggie Waller, Karen Waller, Marion Voakes, Louise Voakes, Derek and Shahan Ledger, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Leueen Killingbeck

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Apologies for absence

3. Update from Police Sergeant Emma Pendry

- I. Crime figures in Eton and Eton Wick are very low.
- II. Police are busy preparing for the Royal Wedding.
- III. ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) for Eton and Eton Wick should be in place in time for the Royal Wedding and will remain in place.
- IV. When locking your car make sure that it really is locked. People are using jammers which can stop the car locking. Also, there have been car thefts by people breaking car windows.
- V. Please report attacks on swans as soon as you see it happening. The police have suspects in mind but need proof.

All

- VI. The Work to problem solve the complexities around the Homeless continues. RBWM council is about to process 39 applications. David Dakin of Housing Solutions has put in a lot of work trying to keep people in temporary accommodation while their applications are being processed, though many still go onto the street during the day. Next stage is to have a plan for each individual. The only aggressive beggar in Windsor has been arrested and is currently receiving the support and medical attention she requires at a specialist facility. PS Pendry ran through an example of what would happen if other vagrants were arrested for begging and was able to show how it did not contribute to solving the issue, hence the need for multi-agency problem solving work to arrive at a longer term sustainable solution for those that engage.
- VII. Emma's team of one PC, four PCSOs and herself are being kept very busy.
- VIII. Questions can be e-mailed to chair@etoncommunity.co.uk or to secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk to pass on to Sgt Pendry. All

4. Finance Update

- I. Finances are in a good stable position. New reserve policy will soon be ready to go to the committee for formal approval. This will ensure funds are retained to secure the stability of ECA.
- II. Three donations to local community groups have been approved, all of which followed specific funding requests.
 - £150 for Eton older people via Rev. La Stacey
 - £200 Eton pre-school
 - £600 Eton Porny

Article for "Eton Matters" on how the funds are being used

LS, Eton Preschool, Porny School

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

- i. **LHR Proposals:** "Shout Out" will have something about this which Cllr Bowden, in charge of the stop Heathrow RBWM attempt, has endorsed. RBWM and ECA are both opposed to the proposed third runway (being the only topic that ECA have ever voted on to enable body-wide actions). ECA will publicise how to comment and what words to use to be clear that you are objecting, for anyone who wishes to do so individually.
- ii. **"Shout Out" e-mails not reaching every-one:** ECA may have a fix; if you don't receive anything after a week then please check that your business is allowing these e-mails through, then report to chair@etoncommunity.co.uk or to secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk for individual and business people alike.
- iii. **Litter pick:** Deferred because of bad weather, will now be 29th April (date decided on since this ECA meeting)

- iv. **Flagpoles:** Filling the gaps in the High Street with additional flagpole holders is progressing, with other RBWM officers now on the case helping Eton.
- v. **Royal Windsor Horse Show:** Starts 9th May

6. RBWM Councillor Matters

- i. **Royal Wedding:** £2.5 million has been secured to invest in Windsor before the wedding, which includes activities in Eton.
- ii. **Borough boundary review:** Thanks to feedback from people including ECA members the current proposal is a more sensible combination of Eton, Eton Wick, Castle and Castle Without. The final Consultation continues until 7th May – please feed back approval for this current proposal. All
- iii. **Business rate relief:** Small businesses can apply for business rate relief but the deadline for them to return the forms to RBWM is 20th March as on 5th April RBWM has to return any remaining funds to central government. This has been widely communicated since August 2017.
- iv. **Car parking charges:** There are small increases for locals; a notice is appended to the car parking meters in Eton.
- v. **Council tax:** Notifications are due. Many again spoke up preferring improved services over keeping down Council tax increases. There is now a 3% adult social care precept, and the police and crime commissioner (PCC) office increased their charge by 7.4%. Sgt Pendry and her team are not funded by RBWM, but by the PCC.

7. Chair's Report

- i. **Eton Wick Churchyard:** (La Stacey) Please support the application to extend the graveyard; individuals can do this even though deadline has passed. RBWM planning portal has the details which are also on the “bookmarks” that were handed out. All
- ii. **Bus provision:** The service is improved but still not good; it is being worked on; P. Eaton knows most about this.
- iii. **Bike parking:** The plans that have been discussed before are planned/in progress for outside 61 High Street, north of Watermans, outside the Christopher Wren. When in place will stop people parking their bikes outside Cote, which interrupts the views of the Wendy Ramshaw OBE bollards.
- iv. **Eton Walkway:** The launch plaque is now in place – thanks to Volker Highways who installed this for free.

- v. **Cockpit:** The works are on plan. The hoardings will still be in place at the time of the Street Party.

8. Social Events (and ECA meeting dates)

- i. **21st March 17:30 to 19:30:** Manley's Open Shop – tell KL by 12th March if you will attend: katiebroady110@btinternet.com
- ii. **19th April 19:00:** George Fussey talk about spiders in the Natural History Museum; cost £3.00 per person; tell KL by 16th April if you want to attend: katiebroady110@btinternet.com
- iii. **23rd April 6.30pm:** ECA meeting at ETC offices
- iv. **29th April 10.00 to 12.00:** Spring Clean starting at ETC offices.
- v. **20th May:** Street Party
- vi. **6th June 6.30pm:** ECA AGM at St John's Church
- vii. **June/July:** Mike Turner (former resident and retailer) will organise another walk
- viii. **August:** nothing planned as holidays
- ix. **October:** maybe another pub quiz
- x. **Ideas for group activities:** always welcomed – suggestions please to KL katiebroady110@btinternet.com

9. Street Party 20th May noon until 17:00

- i. **Eton High Street** (one way section) will be closed from 7:00 am. Unclear whether people will be able to leave King Stable Street after that. Possibility of Eton High Street being closed on 19th May due to Royal Wedding plans (not Street Party) – check "Shout Out" or www.etoncommunity.co.uk. No parking on Eton High Street from 18:00 19th May.
Contact Paul Roach about King Stable Street access on 19th and 20th May BF
- ii. **Provided:** Covered tables and chairs, with awnings and bunting and entertainment
- iii. **Tickets:** £8 per person (initially restricted to maximum 6 per household); people living closest will get a letter telling them about road closures and when tickets are available; tickets will shortly be on sale in Tastes, Fudge Shop, Eton Stationers and the Eton Wick party shop.

- iv. **Practicalities:** You bring your own food and drink. Seats will be pre-allocated. More volunteers welcome. Medical facilities will be available. St. John's Church will be open for part of the time.
- v. **Eton College:** They have donated the full sum that was requested towards this, for which we thank them very much; current thinking is to produce a souvenir brochure about the wedding and the Street Party, which will need to be self-funding.
- vi. **Drones:** These may be regarded as a security issue so may be shot down.

10. AOB

- i. **E-mail addresses:** reminder that to receive "Shout Out" you need to register your e-mail address on etoncommunity.co.uk

11. Next meetings

Monday 23rd April 18:30 Eton Town Council Offices
Wednesday 6th June 18:30 AGM St. John's Church