

# ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



## Minutes of the Eton Community Association AGM held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Eton Town Council Office

**Attendees:** Ros Rivaz (chair), Anthony Cove, Barbara France, Bob Austen, Claire Taylor, Daniel Reed, David Treder, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Jackie Murnan (Charteris Lunch Club), Jade Hunter-Hybert, Jane Reed, John & Wendy Rowland, Katie Leach, Leonie Bryant, Lisa Neatham, Louise Voakes, Maggie Waller, Marion Mackenzie, Peter Eaton, Polli Phippen, Roger Marrett, Shirley Young, Simon Weston, Christine Barber, Stephen Gosnell, Tom Hunter-Hybert, Sylvia Ellis (minutes)

**Apologies:** David Laight, Derek Bishop, Katherine Russell, La Stacey, Councillor Malcolm Alexander, Malcolm Leach, Roger Prior, Russell Lloyd and Michelle, Stewart Rodgers

### 1. Welcome

Welcome to all especially to our town clerk Bob Austen. Also a special thanks to Jane Reed and Côte for providing the spread of food to accompany this AGM.

### 2. Apologies for absence

### 3. Chair's annual report

Another good year.

Our biggest annual event is the Christmas season and the Light Switch On, with the associated chapel service at Eton College. Last year was another excellent event, run by Karen and Stephen, with Paul Roach from RBWM and La talking to us in Chapel.

The Barnes Pool Watercourse Restoration project deserves a special mention, led by Peter Eaton. A very big thank you for all who supported us.

Other events led by Katie, Jade and Leonie include:

- Excellent talks at the Natural History museum and Eton College library organised by Katie
- Great pub quiz at the Crown and Cushion and a defibrillator training organised by Jade
- Two Street Cleans with more than 40 intrepid volunteers organised by Leonie

Thanks to especially to Katie, Jade and Leonie and others too, not least the location hosts.

This year, we increased the cycle parking, achieved more paving enhancements, completed the gully replacements and executed more road surface improvements. The dropped curbs around Meadow Lane and the Atherton Court / Turks Head Court area have ensured easy

and safe passage for those with walking aids and buggies. Meadow Lane car park now has designated parking spaces (thanks to a local resident's and Cllr Alexander's work) and revised parking meters. The lights, including the change to LEDs with the associated sustainability and cost benefits is complete....although one rogue light has recently been spotted which will now be converted!

We've also worked with the Street Cleaners and householders to enhance the cleanliness of Eton...but there is a long way to go with this....and with our other bug bear of cyclist behaviour, which we work supporting the Police. Other activities that are still not complete include gaining permission for the final 3 flagpole holders that we've applied for and securing a Buoy at the public boat slipway alongside Windsor Bridge Court.

Eton Matters is a real highlight. Thanks to Editor, Peter Eaton, and to those who advertise which is critical to cover our costs – and to those who pen such an interesting range of articles.

Thanks also to Russell, who weekly issues the Eton "Shout Out". We include only Eton and Eton Wick events, with no advertising nor favouritism. To sign up for Shout Out, please ask us or simply go to the Eton Community Association website.

The Eton Walkway deserves a quick mention as footfall in Eton has increased at a time when footfall in most other parts of the country is dropping. The former Eton Wine Shop will become the Eton Information Centre, thanks to College supporting us through a rent-free period of 3 years! We have received support from RBWM who have provided the funding for refurbishment and set up. Our work to raise further funds for staffing, utilities and so on is progressing well. Thank you to Claire & Andrew from Eton Wick Village Association and Ieva from ECA who are working on the Inaugural Eton Information Centre dinner that will secure significant additional funds. There will be a link to the Windsor Information centre, which itself will be experiencing changes.

Working with RBWM, we are optimistic that Eton Wi-Fi, akin to Windsor Wi-Fi will be installed soon. The Eton High Street electrics, phone and data wires need significant work too. Electric car charging points are also under discussion.

We have supported various charities and good causes, including Alexander Devine, Eton Porny School and Eton pre-school.

Going forward we have a visit to new Eton College Exhibitions, a Defibrillator Training and another talk by PC David Bullock. There will probably also be another walk with a pub venue for lunch along the way!

Thank you to the committee colleagues – Malcolm, Jade, Karen, Stephen, Ieva, Katie, Christine, Jane, La, Stewart and Katherine. Also thanks to Peter, Sylvia, Russell and Paul Bayley. A very big thank you to Malcolm Alexander, Derek Bishop, Bob Austen, Paul Roach, Samantha Rayner, William Waldegrave, Janet Walker, Ian Mellor and others at College, our other supporters, and especially to all of you.

#### **4. Treasurer's annual report including presentation and adoption of accounts**

Katie Leach presented this with apologies from Malcolm Leach for his absence. Richard Cox has approved the accounts. We thank Richard for his voluntary support with this. This

meeting formally approved the accounts for the ECA, proposed by Ros Rivaz, seconded by Barbara France.

## **5. Election/Re-election of committee and constitution amendment**

This meeting re-elected all existing members of the ECA committee, with each person being proposed and seconded in turn. In addition, Katherine Russell was voted as a new committee member and again, seconded in turn.

Last year we made an amendment to the constitution to add associate members, to ensure compliance with GDPR Regulation, which relates to data protection. Sylvia Ellis, Peter Eaton and Russell Lloyd are Associate members.

## **6. Closing remarks and thanks**

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## **1. Matters arising from minutes:**

- i. Salt container by the bridge for icy weather is progressing. Concern that people will use it as a rubbish bin.  
Ensure salt container has a lock or something to prevent casual use as a rubbish bin  
BA
- ii. Wifi along Eton High Street is progressing. There is also the possibility of mobile phone reception in Eton.
- iii. The Eton Information Centre will be the Eton and Eton Wick Information Centre as it is for both communities, even if it is called the Eton Information Centre.
- iv. We have successfully applied to the RBWM for £7,500 to be spent on cleaning, as listed in our application. The committee will discuss this and propose what it is used for.

## **2. Financial Update**

This was covered in the AGM which immediately preceded this meeting.

### 3. Social events

- i. Defibrillator training 1<sup>st</sup> June 9:30 – 11:00 am. E-mail [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk) if interested.
1. Eton College hold regular music events. E-mail [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk) for a list. Some of these are listed in “Eton Matters”. These links give additional information: <https://www.etoncollege.com/Concerts.aspx>. and <https://www.w-ecs.org.uk/home/concerts>.
- ii. Windsor & Eton Choral Society sometimes perform at the College. Barbara France has a contact in the choir.
- iii. ECA could publish College and Choral Society concerts on the ECA website.
- iv. Two exhibitions at Eton College will be shared with ECA for an evening in June – New Faces (unexhibited portraits from Eton’s Boarding Houses) (Verey Gallery) and Dying, Burying and the Afterlives in 17th c England (Tower Gallery). Probably a Thursday in June. Tell Katie Leach if you want to attend. The expected date is 20<sup>th</sup> June, with confirmation expected soon.
- v. David Bullock will give us a talk about his Last Tour, probably a September Thursday evening in St. John’s Church. This will be a comical look back at his career in acting. Tell Katie Leach if you want to attend.
- vi. Jane Speller will be organising a musical event in the church in October.
- vii. We want to have another walk, but this has yet to be arranged.
- viii. Windsor Theatre “Teas and Tours” is another possible activity.
- ix. Skittles at the Greyhound in Eton Wick is another possibility.

### 4. RBWM Councillor Matters

Cllr Malcolm Alexander has sent his apologies, so Ros covered this.

- i. On 2<sup>nd</sup> May, MA will be standing for a different ward than this one.
- ii. A possible future project could be to tidy up the electrical, data, BT and similar wiring which sometimes look a mess.

### 5. Chairman’s Report

- i. Spring clean: thanks to Leonie Bryant for making this happen
- ii. Flags along the High Street: these have now been put up: thanks to many people for their work and for providing ladders especially to Dan and James.
- iii. Rubbish: there is awareness of a problem with vermin attacking black plastic bags (not the black bins) which are left out overnight on Wednesday evenings ready for collection early Thursday mornings. We need to find out whether current timing of late morning collections is long-term, in which case we can put bags out Thursday mornings. If there were large bins in a central area, would people carry their rubbish there rather than using black plastic bags?

- iv. Horses and Lions: horse on the bridge is one of ten, a list of locations is available from the Windsor information centre; lions will be arriving on 10<sup>th</sup> August, we would like to sponsor a lion but it is costly: £3,000 for a big lion and £750 for a small lion. Would our shops be interested in combining to sponsor a lion? Contact Ros if interested.
- v. American school bands will be visiting Windsor.
- vi. Eton Information fund-raising dinner is sold out (accidentally oversold). We would like to repeat this dinner in alternate years if the hotel restaurant will agree. Their generous contribution has made this possible and wonderful auction prizes have been donated.
- vii. Ros summarised various High Street changes. The Cockpitt developers responded impressively rapidly to concerns about high winds. Work there is on hold due to slight financial problems. The Age Concern property is now listed with Savills.

## **6. Ongoing/Upcoming Projects**

- i. Barnes pool watercourse restoration and the bridge is mostly completed by the team (Peter E, Derek B, George F, Bob A, Philip T, Ros R) there are still tasks that need doing now and also in 6-12 months' time. done this end. Volunteers and contractors have gone "above and beyond" to make this happen. Thanks to Ros for raising the funds.

## **7. AOB**

- i. Maybe have an ECA social get-together by the Barnes pool.
- ii. Anthony is impressed with the work being done on the garden and walls in front of the church.
- iii. Anthony proposed a vote of thanks to Ros for all that she is doing. This was heartily endorsed by the rest of the people at this meeting.
- iv. Ros raised a vote of thanks to Councillor Malcolm Alexander and to Derek Bishop. Again, the attendees endorsed this.

## **8. Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm in the Eton Town Council offices, 102 High Street.

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