



ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting held on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at the Eton Town Council Office

Attendees: Ros Rivaz (chair), Leonie Bryant, Malcolm Leach, Peter Eaton, Audrey Williams, Shahan Ledger, Derek Ledger, Katherine Russell, Shirley Young, Barbara Hunt, Julia Gosnell, Stephen Gosnell, Haroon Shirwani, John & Wendy Rowland, Hardip Virdee, Elizabeth McMahon, La Stacey, Misha Mehta, Derek Bishop, , Sylvia Ellis, Christine Barber, Samantha Rayner, George Fussey.

Apologies: Stewart Rogers, Jane Reed, Katie Leach, Karen Waller, Roger Marrett.

1. Welcome

2. Matters Arising from previous Minutes and Chairman's Report

- i. Meadow and South Meadow Lane traffic: RR and PE are still working on this.
- ii. Library exterior work won't be approved by Highways until after gas safety work. RR has asked for temporary cladding.
- iii. Damaged bus stop has been repaired.
- iv. Dropped kerb by the George has been moved away from the puddle on the corner.
- v. Christmas Party attended by 34 people.
- vi. Community Carol Service held on 1st December.
- vii. Spring clean provisionally 22nd March.
- viii. Combermere Barracks visit will be covered later in this meeting.
- ix. **IMPORTANT: Gas safety work needed on gas pipe between Windsor Bridge and Baldwins Bridge. Major impact on the High Street from 3rd February for 20-22 weeks.**
- x. **IMPORTANT: Consultation Meeting 16th January to ask about implications of gas safety work on High Street. Questions to RR and GF so that they can plan.**
- xi. Seven non-compliant electrical boxes in High Street. Concern about safety implications if not made compliant before the High Street gas safety work.

xii. Christmas Lights switch-on was well attended. Finances still being updated. Thanks to SG, to KW and to the many people who assisted. ECA to decide whether to change to a different local charity for next year. Suggestions welcome.

Action: agenda item for a future ECA meeting

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Action: organise a visit to the Alexander Devine Hospice

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xiii. Eton Walkway will lose access to 4 of the waypoints for over a year due to work on the new College Sports Centre. Inserts are to be produced and placed into the Walkway brochures.

xiv. Living Advent Calendar 18:15-18:30 on 3rd December (Verey Gallery), 13th (Natural History Museum) and 15th (The George).

xv. Cycle watches continue down the High Street to educate cyclists who are going down the one way system the wrong way.

xvi. RR and GF are surveying known drug use areas to check/confirm issues.

xvii. In Eton Square, Charteris Centre and the New Inn will be subject to building work, details unsure at present. At a face to face meeting on Friday 29th November, just before this meeting, College said that a charity will be moving in and RR asked for assurance that it would be something that the community would feel able to support.

xviii. KR reports that the school is working on meeting the new OFSTED framework.

3. RBWM Councillor Matters

- i. Letters about the gas pipe work in the High Street to be sent out tomorrow to residents.
- ii. Working on a homeless strategy with Windsor Homeless and More Than A Shelter.
- iii. Datchet have put forward a Design Planning document.
- iv. Change in schools admissions policy is going out for consultation.
- v. Proposal to convert little used youth centres to family hubs is out for consultation.
- vi. Borough Local Plan is out for consultation until 15th December.
- vii. Reminder of the 12th December election.
- viii. Councillor SR will check the status of the recently ended Public Space Protection Order which may have been extended
- ix. Discussion around the Borough Local Plan and the Eton and Eton Wick Local Plan. RR asked this meeting to authorise her to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Eton community and this was agreed.
- x. RR reports that the 'tap and donate' proposal may be delayed due to a change in focus about which charities to support by RBWM and the new decision that the new Head of Homeless wants a borough-wide solution.

4. Financial Update

- i. Bank account continues to be very healthy. Christmas Lights switch-on a financial success but may be about £1,000 short due to 15 new mini trees, holders and wiring and RBWM costs.

5. Social Events

- ii. 19th December to judge the Christmas windows displays, to be done by Councillor Rayner.
- iii. "Chasing Deer" will perform at the Henry. If you want to attend please e-mail secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk
- iv. Living Advent Calendar is ongoing this month.
- v. LS has list of church services, which can also be found on <http://stjohnstjamesed.org.uk>. Reminder that the church at Boveney has no heating, lighting nor water.
- vi. 13th January 18:30 pub quiz Crown & Cushion. If you want to join in, then e-mail secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk
- vii. February, planning a curry evening – provisionally for early February.
- i. 24th April Combermere Barracks visit. Cost £15 plus £4 for lunch. If you haven't already booked then e-mail secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk
- ii. Provisionally 23rd May for the David Bullock talk.
- iii. 26th February ECA meeting to be rescheduled. College has booked Mary Jo Jacobi to give a talk which is open to the Eton community.
- iv. Recent bike thefts despite very heavy duty locks. Be suspicious if you see sparks and hear a noise as these thieves seemed to have used a diamond tipped angle grinder. There is a recent increase in thefts in Eton recently which is likely to be linked to drug use.

6. AOB

- i. More poppies will be needed for next year as there were insufficient numbers this year. We will re-use the poppies from this year.
- ii. Volunteers welcome to help with planting bulbs and (next November) re-installing the poppies.
- iii. Eton calendars are available from the Eton Information Centre for £10 each.

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on 15th January at 6.30pm in the Eton Town Council offices, 102 High Street.

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