

ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2017, 6.30 pm at Eton Council Offices

Present: Ros Rivaz, Jane Reed, Duncan Reed, Sylvia Ellis, Councillor John Bowden, Heather Shelley, Evelina D, Leueen Killingbeck, Chris Spence, Sandrine Cocks, Ieva Poriete, Harpreet Mahir, Roger Marrett, Christine Barber, Parimal Valamiya, Linda Oatway, Julia Gosnell, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Malcolm Alexander, Stephen Gosnell, Liz Davidson (T.V.P.)

Apologies: Katherine Russell, Maggie Waller, Malcolm Leach, Katie Leach, Karen Waller, Rev La Stacey, Jessie Lawrence, Noorzaman Rashid, Emma Stovell, Derek Bishop

1. Welcome by the Chairman

2. Apologies for absence

3. Heathrow Update

Councillor Bowden chairs the RBWM council aviation forum, and has previous experience and knowledge as a private pilot. Council policy is for Heathrow to be “better not bigger”, and the council is opposed to a third runway at Heathrow. Councillor Bowden explained the current plans and expected problem areas, as well as the impact on Eton.

Questions and answers re-visited the option of a second runway at Gatwick.

Councillor Bowden encouraged people to feed back as part of the consultations.

Respond to the consultation – it is for people as well as organisations. Please email Cllr Bowden at RBWM if you need additional information to do so. **ALL**

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

- i. **List of issues in Eton** is on <https://www.etoncommunity.co.uk/single-post/2017/08/24/Keeping-Tabs-on-Eton>. Please e-mail chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk if anything is missing.
- ii. **Events:** Open Shop at Ieva Poriete and Audrey at 61 is re-scheduled from 28th September to November.

To book on a planned wine tasting at Eton Wine, which has no set date yet, e-mail chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk or secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk.

- iii. **Toilet signs** are included on the list of issues.
- iv. **Security** will be discussed at next meeting where Liz Davidson of Thames Valley Police or a colleague will attend. CCTV cameras are an option but would need to be paid for privately. Emma Pendry is returning from maternity leave and so Gabriel Headley has returned to Maidenhead.
- v. **Motorbike parking and electric connections for cars** are on the list of issues.

5. RBWM Councillor Matters

- i. **Timescales** MA will stop predicting timescales because real life keeps affecting them. He is frustrated on our behalves for not achieving more actions more quickly.
- ii. **LED lights** completed in Eton Wick and in most of West Windsor. Will happen in Eton but we have more complicated requirements because of the conservation area impact. This will happen.
- iii. **Meadow Lane Car Park exit changes** deferred until teething problems in early installations are resolved.
- iv. **Community Toilets scheme** still in progress together with Paul Roach. Ideally would plan around locations and opening times. Increased payments would help. Considering selling RADAR keys for the Eton public toilet to taxi drivers to tackle the current problems in the evenings.
- v. **Capital budget programme:** MA and RR working on project submissions, including for bike parking, to execute what has been planned for some time. Also The Brook clearing has been submitted as a project.
- vi. **Cycle parking** plans are progressing, with hoops outside the Christopher Wren being step one.
- vii. **Christmas tree and Eton Walkway** have both benefitted from MA councillors' allowance.
- viii. **Public toilets need signs** on the doors. They are closed in the evening.

Check that signs on toilets themselves are in the list of issues

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6. Christmas and Social Events

- i. **Christmas: Karen and Stephen** Lights switch on well in progress for 16th November. Considering changing mini Christmas tree lights to better match the new LED lights. Volunteers still needed especially as Marshalls on the day.

Contact SG if you can volunteer especially as a Marshall on the day ALL

- ii. **Pub quiz:** fully booked, KL organising this. Contact RR or KL to join the waiting list.
- iii. **28th October:** Eton Wick fireworks event
- iv. **Other events:** picked up in Matters Arising

7. Chairman's Report

- i. **Shops in Eton High Street:** Working with RBWM to fill empty shops. Potentially four new shops – artisan baker, butcher/fishmonger, dry cleaner and chocolatier. Some of these will be pop up shops. Short term pop up shops could turn into long term shops. A quality toy shop would be a good addition.
- ii. **Fenwicks and King Edward Court:** This was in response to a question from the floor. Rumour for Fenwicks is an indoor market. Of more concern is the re-branding of King Edward Court which is not suited to our conservation area.
- iii. **Footfall Counter:** Number of visitors is increasing. Now need to convert this so that shops can make more money.
- iv. **Flagpole review:** continues, to fill the gaps between certain flag pole holders. This will help the look of the High Street with flags as well as with mini Christmas trees.
- v. **Bike parking:** first five hoops will be outside the Christopher Wren. So far £10,000 has been allocated and we have asked for a further £15,000.
- vi. **Finding the brook:** culvert is still there and still under water; have requested a capital bid; could potentially help with flood defences.

vii. Q&A

Two footfall counters – one by the bridge and one outside Budgens. Many people cross the bridge then turn left to go onto the Brocas. More counters would give more information. Many visitors and college boys walk the High Street to get to the College or to tutorials, so don't spend in the local shops. Discussion around how to achieve this. Eton Traders had a map which can be updated.

Work with RR on how to best use the counters Sandrine Cocks/RR

- viii. **Welcome pack:** ECA have worked with estate agents to provide a welcome pack of information when people move to Eton.

8. AOB

- i. **Fly tipping:** Rubbish has very recently been fly tipped under the bridge by the Gables. You can report this via https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200218/street_care_and_cleaning/358/flytipping.
- ii. **Hanging baskets:** To request a hanging basket look at <https://www.etoncommunity.co.uk/eton-greenery>. The link is for last year so prices may change for the next round of orders.
- iii. **Crime and vandalism:** TVP Liz Davidson here from Thames Valley Police and will cover more of this at the next meeting,. Meanwhile do talk to her about crime and vandalism problems via the Police links eg 101 and 999 where appropriate.

iv. Next meetings

Next meeting is at the Eton Town Council offices.

Wednesday 1st November at 6.30pm