



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at the Eton Porny School

Attendees:

Shahan Ledger, Derek Ledger, Katherine Russell, Claire Taylor, Andrew Pearn-Rowe, Peter Eaton, Samantha Rayner, Nigel Jaques, Misha Mehta, Christine Barber, La Stacey, Leonie Bryant, Barbara France, Polli Phippen, Anthony Cove, Malcolm Alexander, Stuart Rodgers, Steve Gosnell, Ieva Poriete, Derek Bishop, Ros Rivaz, Jake Hynard, Malcolm Leach, Benta Hickley, Barbara France

Apologies:

Jade Hunter/Hybert, Sylvia Ellis, Karen Waller, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Roger Marrett, Karen Waller, Jane Reed, Shirley Young, Katie Leach, Brian Voakes, Marion Voakes

1. Welcome

Welcome to all especially new attendees, Councillor Samantha Rayner, Resident Nigel Jaques and Community Warden Jake Hynard.

2. Apologies for absence

3. Matters arising from minutes:

- i. Keate's Lane roadworks and traffic lights – there was a consistent opinion that the revised solution is better than the former one, with speedier access in general at the same time as making it safer for cyclists with the designated boxes at the front of each set of lights. The traffic light expert may be thanked by us formally once more time has passed for the community to continue to experience this new way.

Cllr Malcolm said that RBWM had already taken many learnings for the project, which would be used in future projects.

- ii. Advantage Card upgrades – Information about what needed to be done to achieve this was given – take a utility bill and driving licence/photo ID and you may be given a code as well as your new card to use until all of the change process in RBWM has been completed.
- iii. Defibrillator Training – another session will be organised soon. We have received a response from Dick Tracey, the trainer so we will circulate date options soon – see item & for sign up information.

- iv. The need for a filled salt container on the Eton side of the Windsor /Eton bridge has been explored with Eton Town Council, who are supportive. However, the map given appeared to suggest the container should be on the Windsor side, which the Chair apologised for. This will be sorted out and it is hoped that ETC will then pay for and source this. RR/Derek B
- v. There was a further useful reminder from Misha Mehta for us all to tell her of community opportunities for College Boys, which might involve supporting the elderly. La Stacey talked about Parish visitors and explained that this is another wonderful way of supporting the elderly. Inform MM or La if you have ideas. ALL

4. RBWM Councillor Matters

Cllr Samantha talked about her interest in Eton, bearing in mind that Cllr Malcolm is going to be standing for the next election in another ward after the ward boundaries change in May. She also talked about the 2 other conservative councillors who will be standing in the new ward, which is Eton, Eton Wick and part of Windsor (Called Eton & Castle). They are Cllr John Bowden and Cllr Shamsul Shelim.

Both Cllr Samantha and Cllr Malcolm talked about their support for the Barnes Pool project, the soon-to-be Information Centre (for which £50K has been given in the budget), The Eton Library (for which £50K has been given in the budget), Eton High Street WIFI (which is in a lump sum budget) and roads, cycling infrastructure, trees and more community wardens.

For the Barnes Pool watercourse restoration, Cllr Malcolm has been our constant supporter from the first challenging jetting of the inbound pipework. He was thoroughly thanked and in turn he thanked Peter Eaton and the team for the amazing work that has been done to recreate Eyot-tun! The official launch will be on 19th March at 1.30pm; everyone is welcome to stand on Baldwin's Bridge to see the unveiling of the plaque by Lord Waldegrave.

Both Cllrs said there will be a seamless transition from Cllr Malcolm to Cllr Samantha.

Cllr Malcolm was thanked for his great job as the Cllr for Eton.

With elections scheduled for 2nd May, anyone political or associated with politics is restricted with what they can do or say (called purdah).

If you want to apply for a postal vote, whatever your politics, the form can be accessed on www.etoncommunity.co.uk. It saves the p=frustration of wishing you had voted as you can do so anytime from the day the envelope arrives through your letterbox until right up to the election.

5. Treasurer's report

- i. The accounts for 2018/9 are completed and have been audited, which is great news indeed. Congratulations were passed to the Treasurer. The financial year for ECA ends on February 28th so this is excellent efficiency. Richard Cox, our auditor, will be invited to the AGM on 24th April.

- ii. The financial position of ECA is very healthy. This is partly because of the funds that are ring-fenced for certain projects including the Eton Information Centre, the Barnes Pool project and the Eton Walkway. In addition, the ECA Reserves Policy results in us keeping a balance to ensure we can carry out our particular regular activities such as the Christmas Lights Switch on.
- iii. The Christmas accounts are now finalised, and thanks were given again to Karen Waller and Stephen Gosnell for their hard work. There is still a small surplus which was always earmarked to connect some of the newer flagpole holders to electricity before next year's mini Christmas Trees are put in them.

6. Chairman's report inc part Projects' update

- i. Eton Matters is wonderful and popular as always, edited by Peter Eaton with articles and advertisements provided by our locals, encouraged by the editorial group of Peter, Ros and George Fussey. This was posted through letterboxes and is on www.etoncommunity.co.uk
- ii. **The committee are delighted to welcome Katherine Russell, Head Teacher at Eton Porny School to the ECA committee.**
- iii. Street Clean will be on 24th March from 11-12.30 starting at Eton Town Council Offices, 102 High Street, with bacon butties and pastries at 12.30. Thank you to Leonie for organising this and to the Christopher Wren for bacon butties etc
- iv. The Eton Action list has seen progress on Meadow Lane car park fencing, the tree replacement, the parking meter machines, the new bin at the Meadow Lane 6 bay parking layby and white lines amongst other things.
- v. The WIFI bouncing points' survey took place at the sites identified by the team, working with RBWM and contractors. Next stage is the pull tests themselves which test the strength of the fixing points before the installation happens after that. Some electrics may be enhanced during this work, which will help the Christmas lights a) reliability and b) mini Christmas tree lights. Cllr Rayner will help us to progress the electrical need as well as the WIFI, which has had the support of both Cllr Samantha and Malcolm for some months.
- vi. The St John's Memorial garden grass and planting will be performed by College soon.
- vii. The Eton Information Centre fund raising will include a black-tie dinner on 3rd May taking place courtesy of Christopher Wren (100 places 3 course meal). Amazing auction prizes have been donated thanks to hard work from the team and wonderful spirit from donors. Inform chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk if you want to join.
ALL
- viii. The Information Centre itself, the branding and securing the agreed RBWM £50,000 are all underway with excellent support from Cllr Samantha

- ix. The next application for flagpole holders will take place; 2 of the 5 requested have been approved. Paul Roach will help with the final 3 applications, which were turned down. It has now been 2 and a half years since this marathon started and we are determined to achieve what residents, retailers, businesses and the ETC want for our street scene.
- x. As always, some retailers go and some arrive, who are welcome indeed. We received a rundown on the recent changes. A fresh fish shop would be popular after the St Leonard's Road one closed.
- xi. La Stacey mentioned the Lent Lunch that will be held in St John's Church on 21st March in St John's Church. She also told us about Wednesday classes about "lent" are being held for the next few weeks; information is posted on the parish noticeboards
- xii. The waste from Budgens can be used to feed the swans, as was agreed with Budgens several weeks ago. However, a licence is required. Contact Naomi Markham.

RR

7. Projects and events

Fisher Brothers talk and tour of the amazing Eton Library organised by Katie 14th March 7pm
 Barnes Pool Watercourse Restoration Project official launch by Peter, Derek and Ros 19th March 13.30 on Baldwin's bridge

Street Clean 24th March from 11-12.30 starting at Eton Town Council Offices, 102 High Street, with bacon butties and pastries at 12.30 (as in item 6). Please tell us if you are coming via secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk.

Defibrillator training, Contact Jade secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk if you want to join as we will be sorting a date

JH/ ALL

AGM - 24th April at Eton Town Council Officesand we will arrange a venue to meet socially afterwards

Eton Information Centre fundraising black tie dinner @ £50/head – 3rd May at Christopher Wren – contact chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk

Charity walk from Slough to Eton To Windsor, where you select your charity of choice and walk with others 4th May – see www.etoncommunity.co.uk

David Bullock, who talked to us about Jack the Ripper will talk about "The Last Tour" perhaps at the Natural History Museum. Date to be advised. Katie is organising.

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"New Faces" Eton College exhibition and "Unexhibited Portraits from Eton's Boarding houses will be organised. Stephen was asked if his wife, who is a College Dame might be able to combine this with a tour of Jourdelay's, the Boarding house for which she is Dame. This would need to be during holiday time because of child protection guidelines.

SG

Tower Gallery exhibition on Death and the Doctor to be organised

KL

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting including AGM to be held on 24th April at 6.30pm in the Eton Town Council offices, 102 High Street, with refreshments afterwards.

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