

# ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 24 July 2017, 6.30 pm at Eton Council Offices

**Present:** Ros Rivaz, Malcolm and Katie Leach, Jess Lawrence, Jane Reed, Karen Waller, La Stacey, Sylvia Ellis, Mike and Jacqueline Turner, Peter Eaton, Derek Ledger, Leueen Killingbeck, Gaurang Patel, Sophie Balchin, Linda Oatway, Wendy Hermon, Julia Gosnell

**Apologies:** Barbara France, Patricia Skurnik, Katherine Rogers, Christine Barber and Roger Marrett, Malcolm Alexander, Paul Roach, Noorzaman Rashid, Stephen Gosnell, Katherine Russell.

### 1. Welcome by the Chairman

Chair welcomed people to the meeting, and introduced Jess Lawrence who is taking on the secretary role from KL. KL will continue to manage social events.

### 2. Apologies for absence

### 3. Mural in Eton by Gordon Collett

Covered later in the Chairman's Report.

### 4. Matters Arising from Minutes

RR has itemised work that needs to be done and notified people including the Eton Town Council clerk (Bob Austen) and Craig Miller and Ben Smith RBWM. One action carried forward.

Put list of problems onto etoncommunity.co.uk

RR

### 5. RBWM Councillor Matters

MA has sent his apologies for not being here. ML has nothing specific to report from Eton Town Council.

### 6. Chairman's Report

- i. **Footfall counters** show that numbers are increasing. This information is published on etoncommunity.co.uk. Highest numbers recently were unsurprisingly on when College celebrated their Fourth of June anniversary.

- ii. **Porny School:** KL and JR are helping pupils to read. KL is going into Eton Porny twice a week and is spending time with two specific children in year One, helping with reading and writing. She will follow them to year 2 in September. (Each visit is necessarily short, owing to their age – anyone interested in joining this rewarding project is welcome to contact KL or the school). LS reports that the school is pleased with the Be Still initiative. A sign was made by ECA, thanks to Paul Bayley and has been erected in an outside area at Porny, for children to enjoy peaceful, reflective time. JR has also helped the pupils with finding gardening resource and a chef will go in from September to help the pupils with cooking.
- iii. **Flagpoles:** RR and Jane Smart are on the case with JS being very helpful in developing the application for permission for additional holders in the High Street. The delay is that new requirements for approval keep getting added by RBWM.
- iv. **College security alarm test:** the College did tell ECA but timing was such that we were unable to pre-inform via Shout Out e-mails.
- v. **“Eton Matters”:** each edition continues to improve. Thanks again to PE and to all those who write articles and who advertise in Eton Matters.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

There are no significant changes since the accounts were presented and agreed.

## 8. Social Events

- i. **June: Natural History Museum:** This was a very pleasant evening, George Fussey gave an excellent talk on the building and museum history and on the exhibits. Some exhibits were on display that are not normally on view.
- ii. **July: Summer walk:** meet at Jubilee Square on 30<sup>th</sup> July at 12.15 to walk to the Palmers Arms. People can choose whether to return with the group or separately. The walk is about 6 kilometres each way. Lunches need to be booked with KL by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July and we each pay for our own. People can also meet us there if they chose not to walk.
- iii. **August:** nothing planned.
- iv. **September: Open Shop:** NR is working on this. Action **NR**
- v. **October: another quiz:** at the Crown and Cushion on 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- vi. **November: Christmas Lights switch on:** 16<sup>th</sup> November same format as before. Volunteers to contact KW.

vii. **Planned mural:** the artist will involve Eton Porny and Eton Wick schools in planning the content. Former school pupils may also be involved. Consultation planned for November with plans to be displayed before the wall is painted in July 2018. [www.muralartist.co.uk](http://www.muralartist.co.uk).

## 9. AOB

- i. **Police Open Day:** 5<sup>th</sup> August at the Police Training Centre at Sulhamstead. [Wwww.thamesvalley.police.uk/openday](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/openday).
- ii. **“Eton Matters”:** not every-one has received their copy. Council clerk Bob Austen and Douglas Hill C.J. Reid both have spare copies. RR apologised for getting Henry Brewis's age wrong; he was 3 and a half at the time of the issue and is now four years old.
- iii. **Cleaning:** Street cleaning is much improved recently with Richard Stone being particularly effective.
- iv. **Toilet sign:** More signs are planned but signs are also needed on the toilet block itself. Inform Eton Town Council again. **RR**
- v. **Car park:** The bins have now been cleared but the car park is in poor condition with weeds and a damaged fence. Members are chasing council about this. It is unclear when barriers will be finished and whether or not the ticket machines have now been delivered.
- vi. **Area near car park:** builders Ruddy's have a gardener for their properties; Atherton Court gardens are full of weeds. Members and ETC are also following this up.
- vii. **Security and problems in Eton:** There was a long discussion about recent problems; police are saying one thing but then not always following through – examples given included a property break-in, drug-dealing and drug-taking. No-one reported problems with people with the fair but it was noted that the fair may encourage dubious visitors. Eton recently appointed a new head of security who is very experienced and willing to get involved. Police constraints include the number of officers, the time it takes for them to get to Eton and frequent changes to their management and contracts. Neighbourhood Watch was suggested as an option, as was encouraging people to use better padlocks on their bicycles.  
Talk to Gabriel Hedley to find out what we need to do to get these problems addressed **RR**  
Ask Gabriel Headley for data to be reported more appropriately **RR**
- viii. **Charity shop?:** in the planning process; several planning requests are being delayed.
- ix. **Cockpitt?:** is happening, good progress, superb contractors, nice developer.

- x. **Bus timetables:** will be added to bus stops this week. Welsh, Watherall and Jeffries bus stop no longer blocked – hanging basket from the adjacent house that was blocking the view has been moved to a different property.

**xi. Next meetings**

Next meetings are at the Eton Town Council offices.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November