

# ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



## Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Eton Town Council Office

**Present:** Ros Rivaz (chair), Jade Hunter, Malcolm Alexander, Sally Adams, Christine Barber, Leonie Bryant, Peter Eaton, B.P. France, C. Francis, R. Francis, Stephen Gosnell, Wendy Hermon, Leueen Killingbeck, Katie Leach, Malcolm Leach, Derek Ledger, Tristan Line, Marion Mackenzie, E. McMahon, H. Virdee, Linda Otway, Dave Pearson, Claire Taylor, Andrew Pearn-Rowe, Ieva Poriete, Jane Reed, Katherine Russell, La Stacey, Jamie Szymanski, Charlotte Thomson, Shirley Young, Karen Waller, Oona, Sylvia Ellis (minutes)..and 1 more.

**Apologies:** Brian Voakes, Marion Voakes, Derek Bishop, Sergeant Emma Pendry, Stewart Rodgers, Katherine Rodgers, Roger Marrett, Russell Lloyd

### 1. Welcome

### 2. Apologies for absence

### 3. Matters Arising from Minutes inc. constitution

- I. **Please clear/sweep your property frontages.**
- II. **Mobile phone signal options:** will be covered later in the meeting as part of the information centre update
- III. **Constitution proposed changes:** as previously discussed and as published on website; no objections received; KL nominated acceptance, DL seconded.  
Approved. Issue onto website RR/RL

### 4. RBWM Councillor Matters

- I. **Capital bid submissions:** MA has submitted three capital bids for Finding the Brook (£50k), Information Centre (£50k) and Wi-Fi in Eton High Street (£30k). These are capital funds, not funding for running costs. Recent investments in Eton include the Eton Walkway, gulleys, finding the brook and bike parking.
- II. **Meadow Lane car park:** Residents parking will be clearly marked as 'L' permits only on/by 30<sup>th</sup> September. These spaces are for residents with permits, not for visitor permits. This is an important conclusion to resolving residents' parking needs.
- III. **Royal wedding:** Will take place 12<sup>th</sup> October, with appropriate security etc.

- IV. **River Street Car Park:** £9 million approved to add another deck.
- V. **Windsor riverside frontage:** MA (and RR, DB and IP were involved some months ago) is working with RBWM colleagues on the discussions around how to make better use of the Windsor riverside frontage.
- VI. **Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project:** MA has a sapling available to plant at a school. Eton Porny School would be a good location as a key part of our community.

**Action:** e-mail MA KR

## 5. Chairman's Report

- i. **Eton Action List:** Cleaning had much improved but has started to slip a little. Urbaser (the RBWM contractor) had allocated Mark + 1 and this has recently changed again to Paul. SE apologises for the apples in King Stable Street which keep falling despite being cleared. People are welcome to the windfalls. Newly installed gulleys are an improvement for buggies and wheelchairs and have been widely praised. A comment was made that the installation was a bit messy.
- ii. **Information Centre:** College are providing the building free for three years, we (Eton) have to find the running costs, RBWM will pay for refurbishment and fitting out (which is the subject of a capital bid – see 4.). Those leading are continuing to welcome ideas and suggestions on what it should provide. Email ideas to [chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk) ALL
- iii. **Wi-Fi in Eton High Street:** A small team have discussed options with the company who supply this in Windsor including the possibility of phone signals as well. This is the subject of a capital bid – see 4. Feedback for the Windsor system has been excellent. However, CF reports that the system in Windsor “doesn’t work” with no option but the splash screen every time, which the team are trying to reconcile with the Windsor feedback. If an Eton system doesn’t work then MA can refuse to sign it off.
- iv. **Flagpole review:** progressing, still 5 to resolve, resubmit the applications and gain approval.
- v. **Finding the Brook:** There has been significant progress, as those who look over from Baldwin’s Bridge will see. Talk to PE for an update.
- vi. **Cockpit:** The work will restart 24<sup>th</sup> September; the delay was the impact of it being a rare half Wealden house which has changed the plans; the entrance will move from front to side alongside the Golden Curry; access to the back has been resolved with the College for removal of debris.

- vii. **High Street signs compliance:** Too many violations, especially A-frames and temporary signs; Paul Roach will check with RBWM enforcement.  
**PR**
- viii. **Neighbourhood Plan:** is now part of the planning process and RBWM will formally adopted it on 27<sup>th</sup> September.
- ix. **Commercial Properties:** We have heard:
  - IP former property (79) will become a mosaic shop
  - prospective people seen visiting Lily Chic (80)
  - Contemporary Fine Arts (31/32) will be interior design
  - Venture Photography (109) will move to Coutts (15/16) in the new year
  - Current Venture Photography building is dependent on planning
  - Age Concern property (53) still not sold – concerns over safety as it is crumbling –
  - Inform enforcement/safety at RBWM **MA**
  - Turner & Tom (41, by Richer Sounds) will sell cosmetics and face creams
  - Number 138 will be a plastic surgeon
  - Foxy Cakes (7) is now Sam's Fresh 'n Fine
  - Number 67 will be the Information Centre
  - Number 69 scaffolding has been removed and the premises will be complete in about 8 weeks

## 6. Christmas

- i. **Eton Christmas Lights switch on:** 15<sup>th</sup> November; being re-branded; progressing
- ii. **Supported charity:** Alexander Devine again this year, may review for next year, Alexander Devine has been given a “heads up”
- iii. **Christmas market:** there will be stalls again but need to balance the number of stalls with not being too many for them to each make a profit; Paul Roach will email Eton restaurants and pubs **PR**
- iv. **Flagpole holders:** 19 more are installed with a further 5 planned but not yet approved; trying to arrange electricity for all 24 so that they can be used for miniature electric Christmas trees with lights.
- v. **Funding:** College, Eton Town Council and hopefully Baldwins Bridge Trust are funding this; will ask for £50 contribution from each business as always; also funding from selling tickets.
- vi. **Mistletoe street lights by Baldwins Bridge:** can't be automatically switched on and off because there is not enough room in the switching unit

## 7. Financial Update

- i. **Current status:** we have just under £15k, some of which is ring-fenced/committed, for example for the Information Centre, the Eton Walkway and Christmas, as well as for our Reserves Policy.
- ii. **Income:** Jack the Ripper made £55 profit
- iii. **Outgoings:** ECA will put £3k into the Information Centre running costs which Eton Town Council will match; to guarantee opening hours 11:00-15:00 daily, we will need paid staff which we must fund but which RBWM will manage – which benefits them and us. Volunteers will add to the resourcing.

## 8. Events

**Please book in advance for these events.**

- i. **20<sup>th</sup> September 19:00:** Philippa Martin at the Lower Chapel – email Katie Leach <katiebroadby110@btinternet.com>
- ii. **8<sup>th</sup> October** – Pub Quiz – see later – email [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk)
- iii. **24<sup>th</sup> January 19:00:** Philippa Martin at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
- iv. **Spring 2019:** College Head Librarian, Sarah Warren-Macmillan will give a talk on Basil and Antony Fisher, both RAF pilots during World War II and both Old Etonians. The family are very supportive of this talk. Googling/Search for Basil's grave finds some interesting links and information.

## 9. AOB

- I. **Defibrillator:** Eton Wick may run a refresher course if there is sufficient demand. Book through [chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk)
- II. **ECA secretary:** Jade Hunter has taken on this role. RR and JH will run the next pub quiz because ML and KL will be away. This will be 8<sup>th</sup> October at Crown & Cushion – sign up if you want to be part of this, as an individual or more who want to join a team or as a team of no more than 6. Email to [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk)
- III. **Henry VI:** thanks to Dave and to Charlotte for hosting ECA get-together after this meeting and for providing pizzas – we buy our own drinks. **UPDATE - WHAT FAB PIZZAS! Thank you!**
- IV. **Dangerous cycling:** this is getting worse again, particularly the cycling on pavements. The replaced gulleys make it smoother! It is dangerous as you step out of your front door.

- V. **CCTV:** We can consider connecting individual CCTV cameras to the existing RBWM and College CCTV networks once Wi-Fi in Eton is established. This would be a lot of work but may be considered as a benefit for our Eton security (businesses and residents).
- VI. **Parish visitor available:** please tell LS about people who would appreciate a visit and a chat from the newly employed Parish visitor.
- VII. **If you don't know who to contact:** e-mail [chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk) or [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk) both of whom are happy to direct you to the appropriate person

## **10. Next meeting**

Next meeting 31<sup>st</sup> October at the Eton Town Council offices at 6.30 pm. (Not discussed in meeting)

Please e-mail AOB to [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk) prior to the meeting