



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 15th May 2024 at The Hop House, The George Inn

Attendees: Ros Rivaz, Leonie Bryant, Ben Willcox, Ian Read, Teresa Read, Wendy Rowland, John Rowland, Celia Harvey, John Harvey, Anthony Cove, Stewart Rogers, Simon Carpenter, Kim Carpenter, Cllr Mark Wilson, Julia Gosnell, Stephen Gosnell, Christine Barber, Martin Cabbler-Reid, Amanda Snell, Hugo Snell, Barbara France, Malcolm Leach, Monaliza Cadwallader, Sue Christodoulou, Catherine Picker, Elizabeth McMahon, Peter Eaton, Dawn Lee, Bryn Lee, Heidi Fox, David Fox, Willie Calvert, Cllr Devon Davies, Sylvia Ellis.

Apologies: Katie Leach, Kate Blightman, Mike Blightman, Barbara Hunt, Karen Waller, Amanda Street, Annelie Van Jaarsveld, Hardip Virdee.

1 Welcome by the Chair & apologies

- i. The Chair, RR, introduced the current committee to the meeting.
- ii. New attendees Celia and John Harvey were welcomed, along with the staff from the Eton Information Centre.
- iii. RR thanked Windsor & Eton Brewery and The George for providing the pin of beer, drinks and subsidised refreshments.

2 Chair's Annual Report

Attached below is the Chair's annual report.



Chairs report AGM
2024.pdf

3 Treasurer's annual report and adoption of accounts

- i. Treasurer, SR, reports that the year started with about £27.5k and ended with about £20k. However, about £8.5k is expenditure related to the previous year. This year, our biggest cost apart from Christmas and Eton Matters, has been on administration costs, most significantly insurance.
- ii. All Christmas expenses this year have now been paid.
- iii. We are in good shape financially.
- iv. Richard Cox audited the accounts and signed them off on 16th April.

4 Election/re-election of committee

- i. Mike Brown and Katherine Russell have stood down and will not be standing this year. Karen Waller has also stood down.
- ii. Treasurer: nominated Stewart Rogers, proposed Wendy Rowland, seconded Malcolm Leach.
- iii. Secretary: Leonie Bryant, proposed Monaliza Cadwallader, seconded Anthony Cove.
- iv. Committee: Stephen Gosnell, proposed Martin Cabble-Reid, seconded John Rowland.
- v. Committee: Christine Barber, proposed Stewart Rogers, seconded Hugo Snell.
- vi. Committee: Ben Willcox, proposed Leonie Bryant, seconded Ian Read.
- vii. Committee: Malcolm Leach, proposed Julia Gosnell, seconded Ben Willcox.
- viii. Committee: Bryn Lee, proposed Amanda Snell, seconded Teresa Read.
- ix. Committee: Amanda Snell: proposed Ros Rivaz, seconded Barbara France.
- x. Chair: Ros Rivaz, proposed Christine Barber, seconded Bryn Lee.

5 Closing remarks and thanks

- i. The Chair thanked everyone and ended this AGM.

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1 Welcome & apologies

- i. Attendees and apologies as AGM, except for apologies from Malcolm Leach and Katherine Rogers who had to leave.
- ii. Congratulations to ML for his second year as Eton Mayor.

2 Minutes & matters arising

- i. Have had a walkabout to assess tables and chairs on the pavements.
Action: ongoing RR, Cllr MW
- ii. Signage confusion for cyclists away from the High Street.
Action: talk to Highways team to make a plan and to get approval RR, Cllr MW, BW
- iii. Lights on the bridge: southwest lantern resolved. Last night, 7 rope lights were still out
Action: Cllr MW
- iv. Eton Mess: winning bid fell through, second viewing planned but Savills unable to let viewers into the building.
- v. Cockpit – no update, but actions are taking place – see 5.i.
- vi. Promenade still not regularly cleaned, to be investigated. Cllr MW
- vii. Brocas and refuse (rubbish) issues continue. Cllr MW

3 Councillor matters

- i. Pavement tables no further forward (as per action point 2.i).
- ii. Bike signs no further forward (as per action point 2ii).
- iii. Pavement by 53 High Street: trying to source relevant stones; administrators have let the shop; BW has contact details.
Action: copy BW into communications Cllr MW/BW
- iv. Bridge lights may not be fit for purpose so may need to go back to the manufacturers
Action: forward findings to RR RR
- v. This year is the 200th anniversary of the bridge. Cutting back greenery started today. Using weedkiller would be a much bigger operation, maybe requiring scaffolding with risk of weedkiller entering the river.
Action: investigate whether bridge can be jet cleaned Cllr MW
Action: once greenery cleared, investigate option of weedkiller for longer-term fix Cllr MW
- vi. Twisted No Entry sign at south of the High Street has been reported.
- vii. Eton Mess: wrote to Savills and received a non-committal reply. Hoarding is temporary so is allowed.

Action: discuss how to progress this

RR, Cllr MW

- viii. Costa Coffee benches; complaints only from one resident. Benches have been there for 16 years. Removal might risk viability of Costa. Compared with Thameside which has retained public access. Talk with College RR
- ix. Refuse bins: Cllr MW has written to Yardley in order to request the management of their rubbish bins/bags.
- x. Brocas bins awaiting clarification from Naomi Markham from RBWM.
- xi. Please keep reporting any antisocial problems.
- xii. Resident requested additional parking in Tangier Lane/Sunbury Court but won't work because of driveways.
- xiii. Asked about empty spaces in the ex Intersystems car park but relevant managers unwilling due to security issues. Also, there is a potential buyer, plus the spaces are used by employees from the office based in Windsor.
- xiv. Single decker buses are mostly empty. Part-funded by RWWM. Particularly needed for Eton Wick residents. Re-tendering process in the pipeline.
- xv. Speed limit in Eton is 20 mph through College only, because of lack of repeaters, additional markers needed to indicate the 20mph speed limit.

Action: talk to Highways

Cllr MW

4 Events update

- i. Sunday, 26th May 10:30 walk to Fox and Hounds. Route dependent on deer because this is the rutting season.
Action: e-mail secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk to join in All
- ii. Sunday, 9th June litter pick
Action: e-mail secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk to join in All
- iii. Thursday, 4th July Pub Quiz Crown and Cushion
Action: e-mail secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk to join in All
- iv. Eton College Music Schools Diary is available in printed form, to be collected at this meeting.

5 AOB

- i. Cockpit. People want to solve this problem with positive meetings going on. There are financial challenges. The council are trying to help. Despite being on rightmove.co.uk, the Cockpit isn't actually for sale.
- ii. Constant flapping from loose tarpaulin against the Cockpit is a nuisance. Problems are being fixed when reported.
- iii. Resident parking permit vouchers are going virtual. Now takes a lot of time and paperwork. Also costs 10p on credit card to use 1-hour free parking. You need to download the app. Eton is a trial area.

- iv. Have applied for permission for a blue plaque to commemorate George Pocock. Partly driven by film “The Boys in the Boat”. Consideration should be given for an article in Eton Matters about John Cox, who was a boat builder in Eton for >50 years.
- v. Flaming Cow has a new owner who lives locally and wants to move it to a more fresh food offering.
- vi. Could there be temporary paving stones outside 53? No, for a variety of reasons. Contractors/Administrators should pay for the proper replacement. An alternative approach is being looked into.

Action: tackle the alternative approach

BW, Cllr MW

6 Next Meeting Date

- i. Date of next meeting is Wednesday 10th July.

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