



## Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting via Zoom, on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Attendees:** Ros Rivaz, Leonie Bryant, PC Angela Bartley, Anthony Cove, Barbara Hunt, Christine Barber, Claire Taylor, David Treder, Marion Mackenzie, Douglas Hill, Hardip Virdee, Elizabeth MacMahon, Julia Gosnell, Katherine Russell, Katie Leach, La Stacey, Malcolm Alexander, Malcolm Leach, Margaret Hayes-Powell, Peter Eaton, Councillor Samantha Rayner, Simon Weston, Sylvia Ellis, Wendy & John Rowland.

**Apologies:** Bob Austen, Karen Waller.

### 1. Welcome & apologies

### 2. Minutes & matters arising

Minutes are available on [www.etoncommunity.co.uk](http://www.etoncommunity.co.uk).

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- i. Income continues to exceed outgoings. Accounts sign-off expected Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. One issue around Christmas is to be resolved later this year.
- ii. AGM likely to be the next meeting, and to be conducted remotely.

### 4. RBWM Councillor Matters

- i. **Eton:** is looking stunning, and has new businesses opening.
- ii. **The Cockpit:** now formally in administration, and the administrators are on site tomorrow (22<sup>nd</sup> April) to decide what to put in a repairs notice.
- iii. **Crown Farm:** there will be a tree replacement enforcement notice, hedging has been replaced but not as required by RBWM and they plan to meet with the owner to resolve the issues.
- iv. **Electric car charging point:** no update as yet.
- v. **Funeral of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh:** the Police and warden activity has rightly given priority to the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral over recent days.
- vi. **Windsor Tourist Information Centre:** has re-opened.

- vii. **Libraries:** consultation continues, some major libraries have re-opened and more are gradually re-opening as lockdown eases.
- 1. **Broadband/Wi-Fi:** Cllr SR contacted a relevant government department and has put them in touch with Chris Joyce, Head of Infrastructure, Sustainability and Economic Growth.
- viii. **Questions:**  
 What is happening about the infringement of **Crown Farm** work onto Lammas Land? Patchwork of ownerships and rights are being worked through. Lammas land is not a planning issue – who in RBWM is responsible? Don't know at the moment.  
**Action:** Inform ECA Cllr Rayner  
 It would be useful to have a map showing which parts of the council are responsible for which aspects.  
  
**Resident's parking vouchers** rules changed. Vouchers won't be extended nor refunds given. Legally, undated vouchers default to being valid for 12 months. Parking voucher arrangements keep changing. Current system has been in place since 2018.  
  
**Advantage Card** no longer gives parking benefit – re-instate? RBWM working on a scheme to give better benefit for resident parking, especially in Windsor. DT thanks Cllr SR for her time attending meetings and answering our questions.  
  
**Action:** feedback residents' dissatisfaction to the RBWM parking contact SR

## 5. Chairman's Report

- i. **Litter Pick:** this Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April and expecting a good turn out from locals and Eton boys.
- ii. **June 2022:** street party for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.  
**Action:** street party CB, RR
- iii. **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** NHS celebrations now unlikely to happen.
- iv. **Eton Matters:** thanks as always to PE, articles are needed to help fill the next edition and a half-space advertisement space is available.
- v. **Refuse collections:** black bins to be collected fortnightly instead of weekly. Eton Town Council have 8 food bins available, Cllr SR says that you can order additional recycling bins. RR reminds that bins cannot stay on public pavements and roads which is why some properties use bags, which will continue to be collected weekly.
- vi. **Eton Action List:** continues to report problems.
- vii. **Electric car charging:** we are pushing hard for this initiative to be implemented.
- viii. **Wi-Fi/broadband:** to be covered later in meeting.
- ix. **Pedestrian route from Meadow Lane car park:** not yet funded.
- x. **High Street electric cast iron boxes:** don't all confirm to current standards, funding is available to replace/update them.

- xi. **Barnes Pool area:** not as good as it was, planting wise due to recent floods; working on what to do about this.
- xii. **Manley Gallery:** happy birthday – 130 years old this year.
- xiii. **High Street shops and plans:**
  - 17 - have applied to change internal structure
  - 19 - is becoming a wine bar
  - 41 - will be a medical cosmetic outlet
  - Cockpit - covered earlier in this meeting
  - 53 - had a chimney issue and were using wrong piling machines; now back on track
  - 63 - planning to extend shopping area to the rear
  - 69 - ready to let
  - 80 - bubble tea shop does not plan to re-open in Eton
  - 89/90 - has new tenant – awaiting business venture update
  - Gregory & Tappin going well
  - 99/100 - has reverted back to an art gallery again
  - 109 - planning application currently being implemented
  - Really Fab Cards has now become the Enigma café
  - Eton library now closed permanently.

## 6. Community Survey Update

- i. **PC Angela Bartley cycling and e-scooters:** planned operation in High Street hasn't happened as the funeral of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh has taken priority, hoping to re-schedule this. Please report problems via **RR** to forward to PC AB.
- ii. **Wi-Fi/Broadband/Mobile:** Cllr SR covered some of this earlier in meeting. DT has just taken this on and has started by producing a plan of actions. **Mobile:** new team member has links to O<sub>2</sub> and Vodafone, better signals need more masts which need planning permission and plan to work with RBWM planning. **Broadband:** exploring options for King Stable Street which could become relevant to the rest of Eton; there is an organisation that offers broadband in partnership for Berkshire but this is more expensive than other options. **Wi-Fi:** lower priority assuming that premises in Eton provide this to their customers, need to understand usage and take-up in Windsor to see if worthwhile for Eton. **General:** exploring 5G pilot option, also looking for local organisations who have high value contract with providers.
- iii. **Planning:** covered earlier in this meeting.
- iv. **Cycling:** covered earlier in this meeting.
- v. **High Street:** covered earlier in this meeting.
- vi. **Anti-social behaviour:** will use funding from Eton Town Council and some residents' associations to have a short sharp activity aimed at changing behaviour, hoping to do this first at the upcoming May bank holiday and RBWM will join in if they can.

## 7. Litter Pick Update and future events

- i. **Litter pick:** this Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April – please e-mail [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk) to volunteer, staggered starting times, Eaten Café to provide bacon/egg/sausage baps and Budgens to provide cold drinks.
- ii. **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** events to start getting underway after this date.
- iii. **Pub walk:** SR/LB to organise.
- iv. **After Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** will re-start deferred events such as Dave Bullock talk and the visit to Combermere Barracks.

## 8. AOB

- i. **Eton Town Council Elections:** ML reports that most people don't understand the local town council election process.  
**Action:** explain Eton Town Council Election process in Shoutout e-mail due to go out on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April. ML, RR
- ii. **Football counters:** funded for the next 5 years.
- iii. **Eton Information Centre:** thanks to BH, staff and volunteers – BH is taking a flexible approach and has opened the centre as often as permitted.
- iv. **Eton Porny School:** temporarily re-located to Churchmead due to a problem with the toilets; have encouraged children to attend school.
- v. Welcome back to La Stacey who is pleased to be back. Churches are back to their usual pattern. The church is available as a venue – talk to LS if interested. Hope to soon get the window repaired. Will soon have a curate.

## 9. AGM and next meeting date

Next meeting is likely to include AGM and to use Zoom, but consideration is being given to an in-person meeting.

Financial year end was Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

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