



Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6 December at 6.30 pm,

at Eton Council Offices

Attendees: Ros Rivaz, Malcolm Leach, Katie Leach, Jane Reed, Christine Barber, Stephen Gosnell, Karen Waller, Sylvia Ellis, Mike and Jacqueline Turner, Barbara France, Paul Edwards, Evelina Dzimanariciute, Derek and Glenys Bishop, Peter Eaton, Linda Oatway, Duncan Reed, Louise Davison, Brian and Marion Voakes, Roger Marrett, Emma and Bridget Barrett, Susan Flinders/Ray Wood/Angela Maragkoudaki (Makena), Michael and Monaliza Cadwallader

Apologies: Paul Bayley, Ieva Poriete, Malcolm Alexander

1. Welcome

Thanks were given to Jane Reed for providing a fantastic spread of refreshments for everyone to enjoy after the meeting, to Katie Leach for organising the drinks and to the Turners for kindly bringing mince pies.

Good wishes were extended to Malcolm and Katie following their recent marriage.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes, 25 October 2016

Will be covered by the rest of the agenda.

3. RBWM Councillor Matters

Councillor Malcolm Alexander was not at this meeting.

4. Chairman's Report

- i. **Christmas lights switch on:** Thanks to all who helped this year; especially Malcolm Leach, Paul Roach, Stephen Gosnell, Karen Waller and Jane Reed. Malcolm requested that all improvement ideas be sent via Katie.
- ii. **Bike parking:** RBWM is funding £10k to move existing racks and replace them with others that will be better sited. Increased provision would be good, especially secure bike parking and more funds will be needed to complete the plan.
- iii. **Waterman's bench:** Work has now started on the bench, which has both sitting areas and greenery – see an earlier issue of Eton Matters on the ECA website to see the design.
- iv. **Cobbles by Windsor Bridge:** have now been replaced.

- v. **Street lighting:** There are lots of problems –Peter Eaton went through a detailed list. RBWM are referring these to contractors but either nothing happens, or fixing one problem introduces a new one. Bob Austen and George Fussey both chasing. BA, GF
- vi. **RBWM newsletter:** No-one at the meeting could recall receiving a copy, which is normally posted through all letterboxes (except Peter Eaton who had one posted to him in person)
Ask Bob Austen to report this to the council RR, KL
- vii. **Lamps on the bridge:** Eton Town Council is trying to get the two lights fixed, but this is going to be very expensive.

5. Treasurer's Report

There was nothing new to report to the meeting.

6. Social Events

- i. **Fair on the Brocas:** 17th July for two weeks as advised by Eton College (Traylens Amusements)
- ii. **January: Pie, mash and beer:** To be held in the George, at a cost of £15, probably on Tuesday 24 January.
- iii. **How to tell Eton about these events:** This will be publicised in January and most residents' group chairmen circulate information KL
Deliver notes to people in Atherton Court LO
E-mail people in Brocas and Emlyn Buildings PE
- iv. **February: New & Lingwood:** Thursday 23rd from 17:30. There will be a talk by Simon Maloney, Sales and Marketing Manager, followed by refreshments. Please note, you need to book (names to KL) but there is no charge, and a discount on new stock has been offered.
- v. **Other events:** Ideas are being sought. Paul Bayley is involved in organising a pop-up cinema in the Baldwins Institute. Other suggestions were offered by Susan Flinders. Perhaps we could organise a film showing outside on the Brocas?
- vi. **Eton College museums:** Natural History museum, Eton Life and the Jafar gallery will be open to the public on Sunday afternoons from Sunday 8 January.
We will publicise this when the poster is available from College. KL
- vii. **Summer event:** Ideas are being sought. Previous summer events have been very popular.

7. AOB

- i. **Book about Eton and Britain in Bloom:** This archive record needs a new home following the death of person who documented it. Malcolm Leach will take it to Bob Austen at the Town Council. ML

- ii. **Community involvement:** Next year we would appreciate more involvement from others in Eton, as the same people repeatedly do most of the work.
- iii. **Eton Walkway:** The initial footfall date shows that special events have been bringing people into Eton eg the Eton Action Fair. An app is believed to be available but we need to provide the information on how to access this. RR
- iv. It was noted that the Eton phone signal challenges might affect the ability to access the app.
- v. The glossy brochure is still planned and the Eton College website has a lot of local history. Eton would like an information centre, which would provide a way of knowing what is happening in Eton.
- vi. **Eton Matters:** thanks again to Peter Eaton. More articles are wanted by end of January, for the issue to be distributed end February/early March
- vii. **Weekly Shout Out e-mail:** We would like feedback, and we may be able to include a survey. Feedback at the meeting was good saying that the e-mails are punchy with good links, rather than being wordy. Please e-mail info on Eton events for inclusion to secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk
- viii. **etoncommunity.co.uk:** Minutes of these ECA meetings are now available through this website, and are no longer e-mailed out. The site will include footfall statistics and website activity, and please remember to add your e-mail address if you want to receive the weekly Shout Out e-mails and are not on the distribution list.
- ix. **Community dressing up for future Christmas events:** We have read about certain villages in the press, who encourage community involvement. One entire village dressed up as shepherds, angels or wise men (several thousand people). This will be considered for next year. The village of Olney has a Dickens day.
- x. **Refreshments:** This meeting was followed by festive refreshments

8. Next meeting

Tuesday 17th January 6:30 pm