

ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 6 June 2018, 6.30 pm at St John the Evangelist Church, Eton

Present: Ros Rivaz (chair), Malcolm Leach (treasurer), Christine Barber, Derek Bishop, Leonie Bryant, Anthony Cove, Louise Davison, Peter Eaton, Sylvia Ellis (minutes), Clare and Andrew Taylor-Pearn, Paul Flynn, Barbel France, Christopher Francis, Ruth Francis, Steve Gosnall, Sam Gur, Wendy Hermon, Jade Hunter, Steve Hurrell, Steve Hurrell, Leueen Killingbeck, Peter Kingswood, Katie Leach, Derek Ledger, Shahan Ledger, Roger Marrett, Elizabeth McMahon, Linda Oatway, Ieva Poriete, Jane Reed, John Rowland, Wendy Rowland, Katherine Russell, La Stacey, Andrew Taylor, Claire Taylor, Hardip Virdee, Brian Voakes, Marion Voakes, Karen Waller, Maggie Waller, Sergeant Emma Pendry, PCSO Lizzy Davidson

Apologies: Malcolm Alexander, Jessie Lawrence, Stewart Rodgers, Louise Davison (arrived after AGM), Paul Roach

1. Welcome by the Chair

Ros Rivaz welcomed people to the meeting, especially people new to the ECA and people from Eton Wick.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Chair's Annual Report

I am pleased to report that we have had another good year.

In terms of events, our biggest annual event is always the Christmas season and the Light Switch On, with the associated chapel service at Eton College. Last year was no exception with an excellent event, run by Karen and Stephen, with Paul Roach from RBWM and La talking to us in Chapel. This year had more stalls than ever and Charlie's traditional swing boats too. Basil Brush switched on the lights for us, facilitated by Ieva, who made costumes for Basil and his friends, as you will know from Eton Matters!

We have just enjoyed the Street party to celebrate the Royal Wedding and we had lots of fun. Thanks go to so many helpers, particularly the organising group of Christine, Stewart, Philip and Lynne Highy from EWVA (and me)! We added a Souvenir Programme this time; please take one if you wish.

We have championed several other events again this year. Highlights in the year include:

- Three excellent talks at the Natural History museum; one by the Police, one about animals

- and birds in the snow and another about spiders
- Another great pub quiz at the Crown and Cushion, following last year's successful one
- A walk to Dorney and back, with both routes introducing the intrepid walkers to new paths
- Two more Open Shop events, at leva's and at Malcolm's
Thanks to especially to Katie and to Noorzaman and others too, not least the location hosts.

As in previous years, we have both led and supported very many enhancements in our local environment, with great support from our RBWM Councillor Malcolm A, Paul Roach and the Eton Town Council Mayor, Derek and our Town Clerk, Bob Austen. But there is always more to do. This year, we started the year with installation of the Waterman's bench and then moved on to cycle parking. The additional hoops at 61 High Street, outside the Waterman's and outside the Christopher Wren allowed us to remove those that were obscuring the Wendy Ramshaw OBE bollards. Soon after that, the paving enhancements, gulley replacements and road surface improvements started. The lights, including the change to LEDs with the associated sustainability and cost benefits started (and are nearly complete) and very significantly, the heritage lamps on both bridges are now refurbished and looking as they should, at last.

We again reinforced the importance of the pollution measurement at Keates Lane junction, having stopped the proposal to move the measurement point up towards Keates House/South Meadow Lane. In fact, the like-with-like pollution measurements are marginally improved for a second consecutive year, although still at the "borderline acceptable" level vs. European legislation.

We worked with ETC to support the Spring Clean national initiative and had excellent support from College again and from our Mayor. 38 attendees; 45 rubbish sacks!

Eton Matters is regarded as a real highlight when it drops through the letter boxes of every resident, retailer and business in Eton and is circulated on College's intranet. Thanks go to our Editor, Peter Eaton, and to those who advertise which is critical to cover our costs – and to those who pen such an interesting range of articles. The number of people who say "Wow, I didn't know that!" about Eton locations, history or facts. Do have a look at the article by one of our Town Councillors, Michael Cadwallader. He and MonaLiza have written such a great piece about the former "Michael's Bakery".

Talking about communications, huge thanks go to Russell, who week after week turns our Eton information into a great little "Shout Out", which reaches more than 400 people, who are signed up to the website. (Incidentally, we have ensured that we are compliant with GDPR and our database is registered with the ICO.) We are pretty strict about only Eton and Eton Wick events, with no advertising nor favouritism to any particular part of our community.

The Eton Walkway deserves a quick mention. The launch plaque is now in place and we may still have an official opening.....which may be a Royal one. Footfall in Eton has increased at a time when footfall in most other parts of the country is dropping. We always said that we would augment the Eton Walkway with an Information Centre, if funds allowed us to at least make a start. We are delighted to say that the former Eton Wine Shop will become the Eton Information Centre, thanks to College supporting us through a rent-free period of 3 years! We now have great support from RBWM and will be linked to the Windsor Information centre. This has many upsides but has slowed progress somewhat

Finally, Restoring the Brook has started! Led by Peter Eaton and with a local team including Derek, George, Philip Tilbury and me, we are recreating Eton. Eyt-Ton tells us all that this was an island town...and our aim is to Restore the brook, which is culverted for the initial 480meters and final length, but which has a brook with potential for flora, fauna and biodiversity and Barnes Pool, which can flow again as was the case historically.

We have also been able to support various charities and good causes, including Alexander Devine, Eton Porny School and Eton pre-school.

Going forward: We have a walk and a Jack the Ripper talk planned (thank you, Katie). Thanks to College folk, we will visit the exceptional art in the Catholic Church...and Christmas will be in Mid-November as usual (on 15th November)!!

If you want to sign up for Shout Out, please ask us or simply go to the Eton Community Association website.

If you would like to help us in organising or assisting in any way, we would be delighted.

So finally, thank you to my committee colleagues –Malcolm, Jessie, Karen, Stephen, Ieva, Katie, Christine, Jane, La and Noorzaman - and our new members: Stewart and Jade. Also thanks to Peter, Sylvia, Russell and Paul Bayley who all do so much too. Finally, a very big thank you to Malcolm Alexander, Derek Bishop, Bob Austen, Paul Roach, Sam Rayner, William Waldegrave, Janet Walker, Ian Mellor and others at College, our other supporters, and especially to all of you.

Thank you!

Christmas switch-on this year will be Thursday 15th November.

4. Treasurer's Annual Report

Awaited

ML

The accounts have not yet been formally signed off so were unfortunately not ready to be adopted tonight.

ML

5. Questions re Chair and Treasurer Reports

Maggie thanked the ECA for its support on behalf of Eton Porny School.

Leueen asked for an update about the closed Post Office. Problems at a different Kavanagh branch have prompted checks at our post office as well. We are waiting for the investigation to be completed.

Action: Tell ML and KB names of people who need help to collect their pension LK

6. Election / re-election of committee and constitution amendment

DB and DL proposed and seconded re-election of committee members. Approved.

SG and DB.DL proposed and seconded re-election of officers RR, ML, JL. Approved.

ML and KL proposed and seconded election of new committee members Jade Hunter and Stewart Rodgers. Approved.

Constitution amendments that will be proposed at the next meeting relate to data protection and people who assist the ECA but who are not committee members. These will be proposed in committee then published on the ECA website once due process has been followed.

7. Closing remarks and thanks

MEETING OF ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

1. Matters Arising from previous Minutes

i. **Ward boundaries changes:** decision will be announced 9th/10th July

ii. **Larger bus problems at corner by the George:**

Action: carried forward

RR

iii. **Cockpitt rename:** new name remains St. Andrews Yard

iv. **Events:** KL will update later in this meeting

v. **Royal wedding and the Brocas:** thanks to PE for the work he did on this

vi. **Electric charging points:** there are links on the RBWM and on the ECA websites

2. RBWM Councillor Matters

Councillor Malcolm Alexander is on his way from Oxford to this meeting

3. Chairman's Report

i. Mostly covered in AGM earlier

ii. **Flagpole holders:** some temporarily removed while we go through another step in the process for authorisation.

iii. **Community Support Officers:** RBWM will increase current 15 CSOs to be increased to 22 to deal with a number of compliance issues and opportunities including anti-social behaviour and begging.

- iv. **College proposed Sports Facilities:** The community can again see the proposals on 8th and 9th June – see letter drop to every household.
- v. **RBWM mayor and deputy:** now Paul Lion and Colin Rayner
- vi. **Windsor 10k trail:** has taken place, using the Brocas, with notable local participants from our community.
- vii. **Neighbourhood Plan referendum:** Please vote! This is now RBWM who have to lead the process. 300 of you contributed to saying what you want as our plan, so let's vote!

4. Social Events

July 1st 12:30: summer walk (5.5 miles) from the George to Upton Park and back, ending with lunch at the George

Action: tell KL if you plan to join in and haven't yet booked

All

July 25th: Jack the Ripper talk at the Natural History Museum. Ticketed event. Still vacancies.

Action: publicise ticket vacancies

KL

Action: tell KL if you plan to join in and haven't yet booked

All

September: probably a tour of either the Catholic Church or of the Lower Chapel (by the Natural History Museum)

Action: tell KL if you plan to join in and haven't yet booked

All

October: probably pub quiz

November: Christmas lights switch on

January: probably a tour of either the Lower Chapel (by the Natural History Museum) or of the Catholic Church

5. Finance Report (ML) and new business update (RR)

- I. Mostly covered earlier in the AGM.
- II. New businesses include Sam's Bakers (Fresh 'n Fine), Nimia coffee and A Dog's Life. Vin has taken over Premier Stores and is keen to make improvements.
- III. A possible replacement for part of the Contemporary Fine Art shop, now that they have relocated to Windsor has been identified. The new business at the Coutts location is nearly complete. The former Wolf & Leo shop will now be Altof & Lyall. We will have an information Centre at the location of the previous wine shop by the bridge.

6. Street Part wash up

There was a great community spirit with so many helping both before and at the Street party. Thanks especially to the organisers (Christine Barber, Stewart Rodgers, Ros Rivaz

and Eton Wick colleagues). Feedback welcome. The car left in the street was security checked, but was eventually surrounded by awnings as it was not removed!

7. AOB

- I. LHR 3rd runway:

Action: talk to Councillor Bowden to find out what more we can do

RR

- II. **Meet at Crown & Cushion:** after this meeting and thank you to Dion and colleagues for providing food for us!

8. Update from Police Sergeant Emma Pendry

- I. Lizzie will soon restart monitoring cyclists, now that the Royal Wedding is done.
- II. Homeless issue has come full circle. The strategy hasn't worked as well as hoped, despite getting many into housing at the time of the last push. Some are engaging, some are not. The current focus is on two particular people. There is a plan for dealing with the aggressive beggar using a Criminal Behaviour Order, and there are also plans to support the other person. Mostly, arresting beggars doesn't solve the problem. Also public feeling is to support rather than penalise them. LO has reported problems a number of times. These will be logged and can be used as part of the process in managing beggars, for their own and the community's sake.
- III. RR thanks the police for the Royal Wedding, which felt very safe and very secure.
- IV. ANPR is in and working. There were additional cameras for the Royal Wedding. Some will be removed but some will stay. These are being really successful.
- V. We can e-mail the police team e-mail address about events and incidents that we observe, or phone 101.

9. AOB continued

- I. Yet again the Car park is full of rubbish. Sometimes this rubbish is cleared but then the problem returns. The situation is not helped by businesses dumping their rubbish in the recycling area

Action: raise at Eton Town Council

DB, ML

10. Next meetings

Next meetings 9th July at the Eton Town Council offices at 6.30 pm.