



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting held on Monday 23rd April 2018 at the Eton Town Council Office

Present: Ros Rivaz, Katie Leach, Jane Reed, Jessie Lawrence, Ieva Poriete, Sylvia Ellis, Karen Waller, Jade Hunter, Rev La Stacey, Christine Barber, Christopher and Ruth Francis, Katherine Russell, Maggie Waller, Linda Oatway, Peter Eaton, E. McMahon, H. Virdee, L. Bryant, Marion MacKenzie, Roger Marrett, Christine McKay, Katherine Rogers, David Somner, Barbara France, Shirley Young

Apologies: Steven Gosnell, Stewart Rodgers, Malcolm Leach, Noorzaman Rashid, Derek and Shahan Ledger, Brian and Marion Voakes, Cllr Alexander, Derek Bishop, Leueen Killingbeck.

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Apologies for absence

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

- I. **Swans:** Dogs chasing swans is still a big concern. However last year 12 were shot, this year 1 so far.
- II. **Donations from ECA to local causes:** Eton Porny school will invest in summer prizes and also in clocks; Rev La will invest in a coffee morning; Eton pre-school have also received funds; all three to put articles in Eton Matters
- III. **Welcome to people new to the ECA:** A specific welcome to Jade as a new Committee member and to David, Shirley, Leone, Christopher and Ruth, all attending for the first time.
- IV. **Ward boundaries:** if you support the revised proposal which keeps us with part of Windsor then please feed this back to the consultation. See information on the ECA website.

ALL

4. RBWM Councillor Matters (in absence of MA)

- I. **Eton Wick cemetery extension has been rejected:** Rev La is looking at alternative ways to provide capacity, including using the footpath that would have led to the extension.

- II. **Comment raised at MA not at ECA nor at Eton Town Council:** MA likely to have good reason, from ill health to conflicting meetings with Castle being in his Ward.

5. Chairman's Report

- I. **Information Centre:** the property that was the Eton Wine Shop will become an information centre for Eton, with links to the Windsor Information Centre.
- II. **Eton Action List:**
High street west side gulleys have now been replaced to be more wheelchair and buggy friendly. Also a few on the east side but we will need more funds to continue. Lighting continues to be an issue, but the heritage bridge lights should be reinstated any day now. [[Update – they are now in place.](#)]
Additional flag poles likely to be approved. Thanks to Paul Oatway and Roger Line's family for putting them up with us.
- III. **Larger hop on/off bus:** A comment that this is damaging paving especially on the corner by the George was raised.
Talk to Paul Roach after the Royal wedding RR
- IV. **Renaming of Cockpit:** what are Windsor and Eton Society doing about this?
Investigate KL, ML
- V. **Constitution amendments:** This is needed to conform with new GDPR data protection regulations. The revised proposed wording is on the ECA website. Please read and give feedback. Would like to approve these changes at the AGM on 6th June. Main change is adding associate members.

6. Finance Report (KL for ML)

- I. **Income** from overdue "Eton Matters" advertising is coming in, Christmas finances are completed and there has been income from the Spiders talk and hopefully from the Street Party.
- II. **Outgoings** to pay Vario Press for printing "Eton Matters" and to three local good causes (3.ii earlier in these minutes). Our accounts are currently healthy.
- III. **Agreed reserve policy** is now on the website and ensures that there will always be funds for 12 months or more.

7. Social Events

- i. **19th April Spiders talk at Natural History:** was exciting and made a small profit!
- ii. **29th April:** 10:00 to noon Eton Spring Clean. Collected rubbish can also be left by the Brocas gate and/or bins. DS of the Christopher Wren Hotel will see what support the hotel can provide.

- iii. **20th May:** Street party
- iv. **6th June ECA AGM**
- v. **1st July:** 5.5 mile circular walk starting and ending at the George.
 Book with KL if interested ALL
 Find out whether walk will be accessible for pushchairs KL
- vi. **25th July:** Jack the Ripper theory at the Natural History event. Ticketed event.
 Book with KL if interested ALL

8. Street Party Plans

- i. **20th May noon to 5:00 pm:** Tickets available at £8 each. Bring your own food and drink. Entertainment is provided. There are a few left at The Fudge Shop or Eton Stationers.
- ii. **Access:** Parking restricted from 6:00 pm 19th May on High Street one-way system and closed on 20th from 7:00 am until 9:00 pm. Toilets open until 8:00 pm. Residents' parking on Meadow Lane will be suspended. Question whether this is required. RR
- iii. **Swing boats and "Tea Cup" entertainment:** by the bridge.

9. Royal Wedding and impact on Eton

- i. **The Brocas:** from 10th May CNN will be setting up on the Brocas, providing a temporary false road and walkway to their portacabins.
 17th May keys return to the College for RBWM to use for parking for invited guests.
 All parking in Meadow Lane and South Meadow Lane is likely to be suspended.
 Check details of what is happening when and e-mail this information ETC/RR
- ii. **Responsibilities:** Thames Valley Police are in charge of security. RBWM are in charge of organising parking and bins.
 Ask Neil Walter exactly where the invited guests will be parking. PJE
- iii. **Concerns:** Various people raised concerns. These included CNN's record of accountability, and the paucity of information that RBWM and the College are (not) sharing.

10. Chairman's Report (continued)

- i. **The gallery at 58A** next to Times Past will become a coffee bar.
- ii. **The dog shop** Leo and Wolf has closed, with **Dogs Life** opening up opposite.

- iii. **Leo and Wolf** will become a clothes shop.
- iv. **Coutts** has an outline agreement to become a retail outlet.
- v. **Contemporary Art** are shutting down. Now that Coutts won't be available as a "Workery" or shared work area, this is a possible alternative. Needs people to get involved for this to progress.
- vi. **Foxy Cakes** will be an upmarket **Turkish sandwich bar**.
- vii. **138** is about to be rented to a business.

11.AOB

- i. **Electric charging points:** Individuals can request that a charging point is installed near you.
Check that there is still a link to the ECA website (or use RBWM website). **RR**
- ii. **Motorbike parking:** is still on the list
- iii. **Christopher Wren Hotel:** is willing to provide sponsorship and prizes for local community events and has offered bacon rolls and pastries for the Spring Clean
- iv. **Please submit AOB items** for next meeting in advance: next meeting will take longer a little than usual because the AGM precedes it.

12.Next meetings

Wednesday 6th June 18:30 AGM St. John's Church to be followed by the ECA meeting then to reconvene afterwards at the Crown & Cushion.