



Meeting of the Eton Community Association

Monday 10th April at St John the Evangelist Church

Present: Katie Leach, Christine Barber, Derek Bishop, Malcolm Alexander, Ros Rivaz, Jane Reed, Malcolm Alexander, La Stacey, Noorzaman Rashid, Mike and Jacqueline Turner Sylvia Ellis, Russell Lloyd, Michelle, Laura Flynn, Roger Line, Anthony Cove, Peter Eaton, Gaurang Patel, Katherine Russell, Maggie Waller, Roger Marrett, Louise Davidson, Loueen Killinbrook, Francis Batt

1. Welcome

La Stacey and Noorzaman Rashid have joined the committee.

2. Apologies for Absence

Malcolm Leach, Paul Bayley, Stephen Gosnell, Karen Waller, Paul Bayley

3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Will be covered in this meeting apart from wanting an update from Wendy Hermon about the swans that have been targeted, and what can be done to reduce availability of air gun pellets and catapults. [Update since the meeting. Wendy has spoken with the potential seller of ammunition, who no longer sells to suspect customers].

4. Porny School

The new head Katherine Russell and Governor Maggie Waller updated us with progress and plans. An independent review has a positive report, and the school is moving in the right direction. The plan includes involving the children in the local community. All welcome to attend Founder's Day which is officially 19th April, in practice being celebrated on 21st April. Attendance is improving, with certificates for children with high

attendance. A class scheme uses marbles to record high levels of attendance and this is working. Attainment/progress of children and their attendance are closely linked.

5. Finding the Brook

Peter Eaton reported in "Eton Matters" issue 12 page 30 on locating the lost culvert from the Thames to Barnes Pool. A team of locals have found two manhole covers and the culvert entrance. They have opened one of the covers and found that the culvert is silted up to about 8 inches (20 cms) from the top, with the river water level being about 4 inches (10 cms) above the culvert. There is no water in the culvert. To progress this will need funding and resources. Will this impact flooding in Eton? This is unlikely as most local flooding is through the ground as Eton has a high water table. In fact, this is likely to help alleviate flooding and may have been part of the flood mitigation. More volunteers wanted.

6. Chairman's Report

- i. **Neighbourhood Plan:** draft sent out for consultation for Regulation 14 was completed and the steering committee and ETC signed off the revisions. The next step, which is to ask RBWM for their informal comments before formally submitting the Neighbourhood plan for consultation is underway. The Steering Group will consider these RBWM comments and then ETC can submit the plan for formal adjudication. The process dictates that no further changes, apart from those responding to the informal RBWM comments can be made. We are nearly there.
- ii. **Street Lights:** will be replaced by LEDs. Windsor Bridge is planned to have more lanterns. Yellow lighting, rather than white lighting is very strongly preferred, which Malclom Alexander is championing. **Malcolm A**
- iii. **The lanterns on both bridges:** are part of this refurbishment project. In addition, four lamps will be added to the Windsor Bridge in the recesses in the metal fencing, supported by Eton's S 106 money and sponsored by Eton's Mayor, Derek Bishop.
- iv. **Footfall counters:** deciding how to use the data that is being collected, working with Halid Izzet, the former Chair of the precursor to ECA and a long time Eton retailer. A video of the work, with the option to focus on certain locations such as retailers and hostelries will be captured by the Outdoor Guide. The footfall data analysis can be accessed form the ECA website.
- v. **Eton Walkway:** brochure now available, minor errors in first batch which have now been corrected; donations welcome towards the cost; brochures being distributed to pubs and hotels in Windsor, as well as the Information Centre.
- vi. **Police and Security:** plan is for the police to talk to us – haven't yet arrived. [Update: the Police needed to prioritise another activity that evening and are looking forward to joining us again.]
- vii. **Flagpoles:** plan is still to get a single planning approval for all potential new locations in the High Street, to make it easier for people to add a flagpole if they want one.
- viii. **Bike parking:** ongoing

- ix. **Bench by The Waterman:** now complete including planting, some discussion around the final design, with a generally positive view.
- x. **College Security:** the College have an arrangement with a quality bike lock supplier to make it more difficult for thieves to steal bikes; contact RR if you are interested in buying one of these quality bike locks at a discount.

7. Social Events

- i. **New & Lingwood:** May 18th 5:30 pm. Free. Please book through KL.
- ii. **“Shout Out” e-mails:** problems continue – some e-mail services don’t accept these e-mails – reasons vary; ECA information is also published on etoncommunity.co.uk on Thursdays.
 - E-mail the New & Lingwood advert to KL RL
 - Print and distribute the New & Lingwood advert KL,RR
- iii. **Summer Walk:** planning a Sunday walk to Dorney, lunch at the Palmer Arms then walk back via the rowing lake reserve. About 3.7 miles each way. Would need to book for lunch. Potentially first half of July.
 - Check for event clashes with the rowing lake and with other social events JR
- iv. **Traders Open Evening:** three businesses are interested – maybe keep it small at first
 - PB

8. RBWM Councillor Matters

- i. **Street lamps and lights:** concern that LEDs will be blue white rather than current amber, changing the ambience of the High Street. New lighting can be centrally controlled.
 - Look for ways to mitigate the impact of changing light colour MA
- ii. **Street cleaning and highway repairs:** RBWM have put forward a new contract with Volker Highways. Waste collection stays with Veolia.
- iii. **Car parking:** the new system will be implemented mid-May, eligible residents must tell RBWM when their car number plate changes in order to benefit from free permit parking. Still problems at weekends with non-residents parking in residents spaces.
- iv. **121 High Street:** has planning permission to change its front design to match that of its neighbours.
- v. **Overnight mess, rubbish and misbehaviour:** overnight mess and rubbish in the High Street which would benefit from early morning cleaning. Some taxi drivers urinating in arch area.
 - Report badge number of misbehaving taxi drivers to RBWM ALL

vi. **Deliveroo mopeds:** still being driven/ridden across pedestrian bridge
Report to MA and to Craig Miller
RBWM CCTV team identify culprits using Christopher Wren hotel new camera
MA

ALL

9. AOB

- i. **Cockpitt:** looking promising with developers giving the right answers about this sensitive building; access still being looked at.
- ii. **Boat break-ins:** One boat owner was apparently assaulted while sleeping in his boat, with another boat having its locks damaged, which may have been by the merry occupants. This is in addition to two burglaries in the area over the past 6 months or so. Police are following this up and have told patrols to walk the areas with known issues. Please thank Police Officers if you see them doing this overnight. A concern was raised about security risks following the recent Westminster attack.
- iii. **Police talk:** police were due – might not have arrived because main door to church had closed sign displayed. [Update – another priority needed to be addressed, so they will join us at a future meeting.]
- iv. **Buses:** often don't turn up, or bypass high street if running late; RBWM putting more resources into bus services; Red Eagle to take over the contract from beginning of May; if you want to report problems then e-mail Councillor Hari Sharma.
- v. **Eton Walkway official opening:** would like a royal opening – will have maximum 3 months' notice if agreed; plaque is ready.
- vi. **53 High Street (Charity Shop):** various concerns raised and discussed re planning
- vii. **"Eton Matters":** spare copies of issue 12 to LS please so that visitors can read about the re-generation
- viii. **ECA secretary:** volunteer wanted to take over the secretarial role of the ECA which KL describes as "good fun"

10. Next meeting

Next meeting includes the AGM and will be at St John the Evangelist Church
Monday 5th June 6:30 pm (AGM)