



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd June 2021 via Zoom

Attendees: Ros Rivaz, Leonie Bryant, Councillor Samantha Rayner, Bob Austen, Barbara France, Christine Barber, David Treder, Marion Mackenzie, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Malcolm Leach, Katie Leach, Margaret Hayes-Powell, Peter Eaton, Richard Cox, Wendy Rowland, John Rowland, Sylvia Ellis.

Apologies: Barbara Hunt, Karen Waller, Katherine Russell, Lisa Neatham, Shirley Young, Stephen Gosnell, Julia Gosnell.

1. Welcome by the Chair & apologies for absence

2. Chair's Annual Report

We are sad for those who have lost family and friends and for those who have otherwise suffered because of COVID-19. Thank you to volunteers and to other support provided. Thank you also to those businesses that were able to stay open.

Aside from COVID-19, we have had another good year. This included the Christmas lights and trees (thanks to KW, SG), litter picks (thanks LB) and a walk to the Palmer's Arms (thanks Stewart Rogers/CB). Flags were put up and furled/unfurled for the Duke of Edinburgh (thanks DT) and Remembrance poppies and ceremony (thanks ML, KL, LB, Barbara France, LS).

In this coming year, we will be rescheduling some events that could not happen during the COVID-19 restrictions. The maintenance of Barnes Pool has changed to a contractor. The Eton and Eton Wick Information Centre opened when it was able and we continue to enhance our environment (thanks Bob Auston, SR, GF and other Councillors).

We held a survey to identify priorities – the top two were 1) Wi-Fi, broadband and mobile phone coverage and 2) anti-social behaviour. We encourage the installation of a mast on Intersystems House, and also hope that changes to electricity distribution will improve Wi-Fi coverage. We are also planning work on anti-social behaviour, especially regarding the Brocas and cycling and e-scooter violations to achieve a behaviour change.

"Eton Matters" continues to grow and is a highlight and thank you to our Editor, Peter Eaton. Thanks also to Russell Lloyd for the weekly Shout Out newsletter. As for what's next, this

includes a street party (provisionally 4th June 2022) and potentially a river pageant later next year. We continue to work with RBWM to improve our town and to support good causes.

The chair thanked the many people who support the ECA in a variety of ways, listing many names, and updated us with key people changes that affect the ECA. She particularly thanked those who have stood down from the Committee this year. Katie Leach, as an inaugural member spent very many years as Secretary and has been pivotal in the ECA journey. Jane Reed, our Treasurer for a time was also noted as the provider of some excellent nourishment at AGMs. La Stacey had a sabbatical and is still catching up!

3. Treasurer's Annual Report and adoption of accounts

This has been a quiet year but we are again in surplus, though a much smaller surplus than last year due to the decreased income because of COVID-19. Thank you to Richard Cox who audited the accounts and to RR for all that she does.

- Accounts were officially adopted (DT nominated, LB seconded).

- Committee members were then re-elected as follows:

RR Chair: ML nominated, Barbara France and LB seconded

ML Treasurer: RR nominated, BF seconded

LB Secretary: ML nominated, KL seconded

CB: Sylvia Ellis nominated, MM seconded

SG: KL nominated, DT seconded

DT: RR nominated, CB seconded

MM: RR nominated, ML seconded

KW: MM nominated, RR seconded

KR: ML nominated, DT seconded.

4. Closing remarks and thanks

END OF AGM

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Summarised meeting, including:

1. Councillor Matters

- i. **RBWM Council:** members are still mostly working from home.
- ii. **Mobile library:** now visiting Eton High Street.
- iii. **Fortnightly bin collection:** not yet started.
- iv. **Electrical supply project:** Cllr SR has achieved funding and installation is expected to start in the summer.
- v. **Electrical car charging:** Cllr SR still chasing.
- vi. **Cockpit:** DT spoke to a drone operator who says that the property is to be auctioned.
Action: inform Victoria Goldberg at RBWM **SR**
- vii. **Q&A:** parking attendants are ticketing cars who have paid for parking through RingGo.
Action: email example to Cllr SR **RR**
- viii. **Q&A:** Crown Farm and Lammas land. No one is obliged to take action on contravention. Many people can take action but there are costs. Suggestion is to include Lammas land as part of the planning process. MHP suggests involving the Eton Wick Councillors in a working group, with ETC and RBWM.
Action: SR, MHP, RBWM, BA/RA, DT, ML to agree who will take responsibility **SR**
- ix. **Eton Town Council changes:** welcome to MHP and Malcolm Alexander. Malcolm Leach is now deputy Mayor for Eton.
- x. **ML Eton Town Council updates:** there is now another town council vacancy as George Fussey has stepped down. Both Malcolm Leach for ETC and Ros Rivaz for ECA thanked Bob Austen for his support as the Town Clerk. Eton Town Councillors want to be more visible and are considering each councillor to focus on a different part of Eton. Council is trying to link better into RBWM. There is a meeting on 3rd July with regards to the South Meadow Lane Pavilion.
- xi. **Barbara France reports wrong way High Street cycling and mopeds still a problem:** RR explained that the anti-social behaviour (ASB) work noted in the AGM is expected to impact this non-compliance, although the time that the security contractors are currently present (7pm-midnight) is not the best time for cyclist poor behaviour, which is during the rush hour.

2. Chair's report

- i. **Refuse contractor issues:** seems to have improved.
- ii. **Eton Action List:** has funding to increase the size of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) signs on the Brocas.
- iii. **Green activity:** MM to lead this. Eton Porny School would like gardening help. If you would like to join the group, please email secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk
- iv. **High Street occupancy:**
 - Bespoke Beauty will become a hardware store.
 - Turner & Thom is now doing non-invasive treatments.
 - Jack Wills is still waiting for permission to change partitions within the interior.
 - Eton Library is available, 53 Age Concern and 109 former Venture will be available.
 - Owner of Peonia does not want to let it at this point.
- v. **Community Infrastructure Levy:** Eton and Eton Wick receive some of these funds. Eton will ask for some of this to replace the High Street mini Christmas trees sooner than planned.

3. Eton survey action update

This was covered in the AGM.

4. Events

- i. **Sunday 25th April:** most recent litter pick.
- ii. **Sunday 4th or 11th July:** provisionally next pub ramble.
- iii. **Sunday 15th August:** provisionally next litter pick.
- iv. **Combermere Barracks:** MM reports that tours are available for small groups only at the moment, she will check again in about two weeks.
- v. **Other activities:** are dependent on the 21st June unlocking date; these could include talks at the College, a curry evening, potential trip on the river and pub quizzes.

5. AOB

- i. **Engines idling on High Street while waiting:**

Action: e-mail to Cllr SR

MHP

Action: talk to relevant people

SR

6. Next meeting date

Next ECA community meeting hoping to be face to face. Dates to be published on www.etoncommunity.co.uk and in the 10th June issue of the Shout Out newsletter.

Minutes are available on www.etoncommunity.co.uk

Please e-mail AOB items to secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk prior to the next meeting.