

ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2017, 6.30 pm at Eton Council Offices

Present: L. Killingbeck, Katherine Russell, Maggie Waller, Sylvia Ellis, Ros Rivaz, Katie Leach, Malcom Leach, Karen Waller, Jess Lawrence, Jane Reed, Derek Bishop, La Stacey, Brain Voakes, Marion Voakes, Christine Barber, Peter Eaton, Linda Oatway, Katherine and Stewart Rogers, Malcom Alexander, Ieva Poirete, Louise Davison, Sophie Balchin, Christine McKay.

Apologies: Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Roger Marrett, Stephen and Julia Gosnell, Noorzaman Rashid

1. Welcome by the Chairman

2. Apologies for absence

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

- i. **Third Runway:** reminder to all to feed back our views
- ii. **Christmas:** Thanks to Karen and to those who have already volunteered. More volunteers still wanted. Please inform Karen Waller or ECA Secretary.
- iii. **Footfall counters:** SC and RR considering how best to use this data

4. Porny School Update

- i. **Interaction with Eton Community:** thank-you from the school to ECA for its support, with a request to continue to keep raising the profile of the school
- ii. **Funding:** the school has requested funds from The Poor's Estate. This meeting took a vote and supports the school's request for funding.
- iii. **Volunteers:** more volunteers wanted – please e-mail etonporny@rbwm.org.uk
- iv. **Open Book:** also looking for volunteers for alternate Wednesday mornings – please e-mail etonporny@rbwm.org.uk

5. RBWM Councillor Matters

- i. **LED street lighting** has started, bulkhead lights will be yellow, lamps for the bridge are being made
- ii. **Priority list** has been updated; need to be clear who is doing the work – RR and DB
- iii. **Toilet signs** for Eton Court are ready and should be installed within the week; Brocas signs to be followed up, as per Priority List.
- iv. **Dangerous cycling:** police are routinely monitoring for bad cyclists though some sessions have been cancelled; would be useful to know how often this has happened, how many people have been stopped and how many PCNs issued; discussion around options for signage including making head-down cyclists aware; re-entry sign will be re-painted; discussion about how much we do ourselves versus the risk of reprisals

Check whether cycling is allowed on Windsor Bridge

RR

Report dangerous cycling (preferably with photo) to e-mail

windsorcentralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or wardens@rbwm.gov.uk but stay safe

ALL

- v. **Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Project** in Windsor – project to replace ugly barriers by rising bollards
- vi. **RBWM newspaper** released today

Tell MA if you haven't received RBWM newspaper by mid November

ALL

6. Christmas

- i. **Lights and trees:** lights are being put up and trees will be soon – this year tree lights colour will be white to better match High Street Christmas lights
- ii. **Lights switch on** 16th November with Basil Brush doing the honours; tickets are available for the service at Tastes and at The Fudge Shop – lessons have been learnt from last year about ticket collection; discussion around donations
- iii. **Tickets design and cost:** would money spent on glossy tickets be better spent by keeping ticket costs down; is ticket wording sufficiently clear about where the service funds go? To be discussed at committee. **ML**
- iv. **Thank-you:** thanks to KW and SG, also to Paul Roach and (for previous years) and to **ML**
- v. **Live calendar:** 3rd and 4th December still available – contact Paul Roach if interested **Retailers**

- vi. **Open Shop evening:** proposal is for Ieva Poriete on 30th November but this is not confirmed
- vii. **Christmas nibbles:** next meeting 4th December will be followed by Christmas nibbles in the Crown & Cushion (we pay for our drinks this time)

7. Chairman's Report

- i. **Vagrants:** different departments will work together on this; Thames Valley Police have higher priorities of terrorism and serious anti-social behaviour (examples); if you have photos of begging then please e-mail to e-mail windsorcentralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or wardens@rbwm.gov.uk. One resident reported concern about unaccompanied vagrants bags being used to conceal dangerous items but was told "guards aren't marching today"

Feed back about response to risk of bags

RR

- ii. **Crime in Eton:** our crime rate is low within the Thames Valley Police area and tends not to be life threatening; considering to look at CCTV options; gunshop doesn't have its own camera; upgrade of Windsor CCTV cameras is funded (£1.3M); MA mentioned doorbell which records pictures – SE has one and thoroughly recommends it – there is an annual cost though; available from <http://www.robertdyas.co.uk/ring-video-doorbell-satin-nickel> (also available online)

Talk to gunshop about video security

RR

- iii. **Empty and pop-up shops:** thanks to Brian Voakes, Ieva Poriete and Sophie Balchin for arranging better use of vacant retail spaces eg with pop-up shops; work and plans continue. Butcher, artisan baker, chocolatier and dry cleaner/mender all being pursued plus some ideas for former Coutts building.
- iv. **Spreading the word:** Windsor issue 50,000 brochures to organisations worldwide who arrange tours of Windsor – Eton is now included in the brochures
- v. **"Eton Matters"** should be delivered within the week; more articles always wanted (include a photo); thanks to PE as always
- vi. **"How I met the Queen"** book has been printed with a copy to go to The Queen. Photo taken for inclusion in the Windsor Observer.

8. Social Events

- i. **16th November:** Lights switch on
- ii. **30th November:** Ieva Poriete Open Shop – details to follow on Newsletter

- iii. **4th December:** ECA meeting followed by Christmas nibbles in the Crown & Cushion after the meeting (this time we pay for our drinks)
- iv. **23rd January** Eton College have invited ECA to the Verey Gallery and to the Tower Gallery to see the “Creative Destruction” exhibition as well as an upcoming exhibition linking travel and literature.
- v. **24th January:** ECA meeting
 - If you wish to attend, then book through KL **ALL**

9. AOB

- i. **Remembrance Day:** 10:55 am for 11:00 silence 12th November in the Memorial Garden followed by the church
- ii. **Angela Tilbury:** from Thought for the Day will be in Eton Church 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on 19th November.

iii. **Next meeting**

Next meeting is at the Eton Town Council offices.

Monday 4th December followed by Christmas nibbles at the Crown and Cushion