



ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 14 September 2016, 6.30 pm,

at Eton Council Offices

Attendees: Ros Rivaz, Malcolm Leach, Katie Broady, Christine Barber, Malcolm Alexander, Karen Waller, Stephen Gosnell, Sylvia Ellis, Roger Marrett, Sophie Balchin, Anthony Cove, Peter Eaton, David Laight (Budgens), Piramel (Budgens), Leueen Killingbeck, Derek Ledger

Apologies: Mike and Jacqueline Turner, Barbara France, Jane and Duncan Reed, Paul Bayley, Karen Usher, Marion and Brian Voakes, Heather Shelley, Russell Lloyd, Michelle Leveridge, Noel Kavanagh

1. Matters Arising from Minutes, 26 July 2016

- i. **Broken lights:** There is a broken light on the Windsor and Eton Bridge, and also a broken light on Baldwin's Bridge. RBWM want to replace these with cheaper modern lights, despite this being a conservation area. Eton Town Council feels this is not appropriate and is looking at how to progress this appropriately.
- ii. **53 High Street (over the Age Concern shop):** The tenants and squatters have left, and the windows have been boarded up and this will soon be on the market.
- iii. **Street cleaning:** No update this time.
- iv. **Budgens:** Matters are improved. Thanks were given to the Budgens team for tackling the issues, and to residents for raising them.
- v. **Cycle Safety:** Numerous visits had been made by PCSO Lizzie Davidson to monitor cycles travelling the wrong way down the High Street, or on the pavement. The first time a warning to be given to any offender, and subsequently a £50 fine; Photos of the bicycles to be taken for identification, as it is not allowed to take and keep photos of the riders.
- vi. **Police presentation 22nd September:** Please book through secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk
- vii. **Greenery:** There is a big improvement now that there is a contractor looking after the triangular bed, the area under Baldwin's Bridge and the area by the Baldwin Institute.

- viii. **Public toilet facilities:** There is a need for a need sign at end furthest from the High Street and also an indication of when they are open.
- ix. **Pharmacy:** Reid's pharmacy and others nationally, are no longer at risk of being closed due to government planned cutbacks – at least in the short term.
- x. **Hanging Baskets:** These are available to anyone who wants to pay (details on the attached form and on the ECA website). The baskets are unusually large and heavy so need strong brackets; cost includes watering.

2. Chairman's Report

- xi. **Public toilet facilities:** A scheme is in place for some hosteries and cafes to allow public access in exchange for an annual payment from the Council. A list of which places are part of this needs to be advertised.
- xii. **PSPO signage:** This is being printed and should soon be installed.
- xiii. **Footpath 51:** The automatic locking of the gateway at the lobby entrance (both ends of the 'tunnel') overnight has been approved.
- xiv. **Gardens in Bloom:** seventeen awards for gardens in Eton and in Eton Wick have been awarded, judged by Cllr Malcolm Alexander.
- xv. **The Cockpit:** Having got planning permission, the owners now want to sell the plot; various members expressed concern that the building is increasingly at risk of fire damage and squatters.
- xvi. **Christmas Lights switch on:** The application for road closure went in today, to have the road closed from a slightly earlier time than in previous years.
- xvii. **Proposed Borough constituency change:** There is a proposal to move Chalvey from Slough constituency to Windsor; those who spoke were opposed to this.
- xviii. **Heathrow runway expansion:** A decision is due on 10th October.
- xix. **Eton Walkway:** The Windsor and Eton Express have an article on the opening of the Walkway by Sir William Waldegrave in the Long Walk, Eton College on Tuesday 13 September, where the first roundel was unveiled. This occasion was attended by representatives of all walks of life in Eton – residents, traders, police, churches, schools, councillors, etc.
- xx. **Residents parking in the car park:** There is no change, but Malcolm Alexander will ask for info about PCNs at other car parks, to see how the issue of visitors parking in Residents' spaces can be resolved. MA
- xxi. **Brocas Terrace, Emlyn's Buildings and RBWM distribution lists:** Many residents have not received the "Round the Borough" magazine for a long time; they also haven't received the rubbish black sacks for over a year, and would like the option of a wheelie bin despite having no road access. No one present had received black sacks. MA to investigate

- xxii. **Bike parking in Bridge area:** We have identified what needs to be done. This subject must be raised soon as we will need funds in next year's budget. Talk with Windsor & Eton Town Manager and then Cllr Alexander.

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- xxiii. **PSPO:** Eton PSPO applies to closed bottles of alcohol as well as open bottles – this is not the case in Windsor, where only open bottles can be confiscated.
- xxiv. **Waterman's Bench:** There has been further delay while selecting a supplier, which ETC need to sort out.
- xxv. **Concrete by pedestrian bridge:** The cobbles should be replaced by end of November. This should be done before the official opening of the Eton Walkway in February/ March 17.
- xxvi. **Website:** <http://www.etoncommunity.co.uk/> is now available thanks to help from Jim Walker of The Outdoor Trust. Russell Lloyd will take over maintenance once the site has settled. The e-mail distribution list includes people on the current ECA distribution list.

3. Treasurer's Report

The financial situation is good, with money in the bank and more expected from Eton Matters' advertising etc. Much of this is earmarked for planned spend, for example on Christmas and the regular events.

4. Police Meeting, Thursday 22 September

6 pm at the Natural History Museum. Neighbourhood Policing Teams will set up stands to deal with various policing topics and interact with an audience of up to 60 people.
(late applicants to attend should apply to Katie).

5. Social Events (past and future)

- xxvii. **1/9 Tour of the College by Paul Bayley:** very much enjoyed by those who attended.
- xxviii. **28/9 Ceramics evening:** A talk by Emma Crichton-Miller, followed by viewing of pottery and a visit to the Museum of Eton Life for drinks and canapés. Cost £6 per person to be booked in advance with the Secretary (see below).
- xxix. **14/10 Haig Housing Trust:** The charity providing specially adapted housing for injured service personnel. Eton College will host a talk and private viewing of a series of portraits by the celebrated photographer, Rankin, on 14th October; contact secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk to be put in touch with College who are organising this, and have kindly opened the event to the ECA.
- xxx. **17/11 Christmas Lights switch on:** 17th November, tickets for the Chapel service, want to improve the grotto, ideas welcome, Alexander Devine is the nominated charity. Volunteers needed including someone to take over volunteer coordination on 16th and 17th.

Contact secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk to volunteer

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- xxx. **January:** We hope to have a talk arranged by New & Lingwood about tailoring, followed by refreshments

6. Eton Walkway / Discover Eton Booklet / App – comprising:

- xxxii. **Two mile walk**
- xxxiii. **The Stories:** Hugo Vickers (Queen's historian) taking the lead with sign off by Margaret Kirby (chief librarian) for the very professional and attractive glossy guide.
- xxxiv. **Brochure - “Discovering Eton”** - has been distributed to many shops and hotels for customers and guests. It is another attractive project by Ieva Poriete, giving a lot of local history as one walks around town, with drawings designed to give perspective which is why the order of some buildings looks unusual!
- xxxv. **App:** there will be an app which will be chargeable to cover the cost of updating a website that it will link to. It is expected to be <£4.
- xxxvi. **Official openings:** The project launch was yesterday (see 2 xix). The official opening of the walk way will be February or March 2017
- xxxvii. **More funds needed:** Malcolm Alexander has generated the largest financial contribution and was presented by the Chairman with an award (a small roundel of Eton Walkway) in recognition of this. More funding is still needed – people can donate via the Charity, The Outdoor Trust, and specifying “The Eton Walkway”.
- xxxviii. **Footfall counters:** One counter has been set up by the pedestrian bridge, and there will be a second by Budgens. This will gather data on how many people are going in which direction on the High Street, and how far.
- xxxix. **Walk on 21st September:** Jim Walker will be here to improve the walkway points of interest stories (and raise more funding). If you want to join the walk then contact chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk

7. Christmas - Covered earlier in this meeting.

8. AOB

- xl. **109 High Street proposed development above Venture:** There are concerns about the impact on Jubilee Square, its trees and views of Eton from the pedestrian bridge. Many people have expressed concern about the development proposal and the errors in the planning documents that have been submitted with a recommendation for approval.
- xli. **Weekly update:** We welcome suggestions for improvement. When issued through the new website, this should sort out the updates currently being difficult to read on a handheld.
- xlii. **Post Meeting Update: Bricks:** Paul Bayley has ordered all the bricks that he has names for, and will get them installed as soon as they arrive.

Next meeting

Tuesday 25 October, 6.30 pm, Eton Council Offices

HANGING BASKETS – Attached – or to follow directly – is an Order Form for those wishing to order a hanging basket for their property. These are available for businesses, but there are gaps that you may wish to fill, as residents! Several residents pay for these now, so you may have your own, if desired.