

ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting held on Wednesday 31st October 2018 (Halloween) at the Eton Town Council Office

Present: Ros Rivaz (chair), Jade Hunter, Katherine Russell, Maggie Waller, Jane Reed, John & Wendy Rowland, Ieva Poriete, Shafiqay Nasir, Derek Bishop, Katie Leach, Malcolm Leach, Shahan Ledger, Derek Ledger, Wendy Hermon, Clare Oxenham, Sally Adams, Linda Oatway, Peter Eaton, Malcolm Alexander, Polli Phippen, Tristen Line, Steven Hurrell, Christine Barber, Roger Marrett, Leonie Bryant, Barbel France, Diana Walters, La Stacey, Shirley Young, Stephen Gosnell, Karen Waller, Philippe de Azevedo, Christine MacKay, Sylvia Ellis (minutes)

Apologies: Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Louise Davison, Brian & Marion Voakes, Stewart and Katherine Rodgers, Claire Taylor, Andrew Pearn-Rowe, Chris and Ruth Francis.

1. Welcome

Especially welcome to people new to these meetings including Philippe from Eton Mess, Polli who is opening a mosaics shop and art gallery in November, Claire and Shafiqay.

2. Apologies for absence

3. Matters Arising from Minutes inc. constitution

- I. **Constitution changes:** the updated constitution is now posted on the Eton Community Association website.
- II. **Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project:** Eton Porny don't have a suitable site for a sapling. MA will tell RR if he wishes to contact the pre-school. MA
- III. **Information Centre:** team are reviewing suggestions and forms; will feed back to ECA; more input welcome by e-mailing secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk or chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk.
- IV. **Safety concerns with property previously used as Age Concern shop:** no success so far despite Malcolm Alexander's efforts.
- V. **Christmas market:** insufficient income for business to provide stalls, but the lights switch on stalls will be increased this year.

- VI. **Windsor riverside frontage:** on hold until after the April/May elections; Eton wants to retain views of the castle; River Street car park extension upwards to start April/May.
- VII. **Cockpitt:** re-start and removal of rubbish still delayed due to problems with access from the back
Action: follow this up through e-mail RR

4. RBWM Councillor Matters

- I. **Projects and timescales:** MA wants the 3 major projects to complete before his term as councillor ends; projects are Finding the Brook, the Information Centre and Wifi. This is in addition to speed humps, lighting enhancements etc.
- II. **Windsor club closing times:** nightclubs are subject to planning as well as licensing agreements; planning setting closing times for clubs as 2:00 am. Earlier closing time could benefit Eton due to number of people who leave Windsor through Eton after closing times. Boom Boom have applied for a 04.00am closing. Watch this space.
- III. **Somerville Road verge protection:** Malcolm Alexander has established funding is available, going to consultation on 8th November.
- IV. **CCTV:** RBWM are to update CCTV throughout the borough
- V. **Meadow Lane car park:** agreed changes delayed due to the death of the lead councillor for parking. These changes will happen re the change of residents parking.
- VI. **World War I public space poppies:** in Windsor, why not in Eton?
Action: apply for public space poppies in Eton DB
- VII. **Squires Garden Centre:** closed and been sold for significant sum; will be replaced by 38 homes of which one third will be affordable; rumours that there will be hundreds of houses and land was compulsory purchased are wrong. Plan to provide a community café funded by RBWM; may be on greenbelt land, permitted due to very special circumstances.

5. Chairman's Report

- i. **Lighting, paving and speed bumps:** being tackled by Eton Action List group.
- ii. **Eton Porny OFSTED rating:** ECA congratulated KR, MW for a GOOD Ofsted rating with areas judged as OUTSTANDING. KR, MW and RR thanked ECA and named members for their contributions, including those who will be doing so in future.
- iii. **Finding the Brook:** 1) have cleared the culvert 2) checking that height is correct for water to flow 3) landscaping 4) education. Landscaping will start shortly. The official Unbunding likely to happen in the New Year, with work completing by April. Special thanks to RBWM who have provided most of the funding.

- iv. **Wifi in Eton High Street:** will be the same system as in Windsor and will be able to be used for data calls.
- v. **Neighbourhood Plan:** adopted by RBWM but they didn't spot a dropped kerb scheme which would have conflicted by losing a residents parking bay; now being sorted to achieve same outcome (and at lower cost, by chance).

6. Christmas

- i. **Eton Christmas Lights switch on:** 15th November; thanks to the people who got the funding to get the lights repaired due to damage while they were being stored. New branding. Tickets ask for a £3 donation to cover costs and will be available through Eton Stationers and in Premier Stores. Thank you to KW and SG
- ii. **Small trees replacing flags:** being installed on Monday 12th.
- iii. **Road closures:** Eton High Street 17:00 (or earlier) to 20:30 with road from traffic lights closed 18:30 to 19:30.
- iv. **Reindeer:** a welfare concern was raised about involving live reindeer.
- v. **Volunteers:** still want volunteers to help sell tickets and to help out on the night. If interested e-mail secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk, chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk, SG or KW.
- vi. **Lights:** a concern was raised about whether the lights would be repaired in time for them to be installed. SG and KW dealing with this.

7. Financial Update/Eton Matters

- i. **Funding:** retailers, businesses contributing to Christmas becomes more routine so RR can start to ask other local businesses for contributions. We are in a healthy financial situation and "Eton Matters" advertising is almost fully paid up.
- ii. Issue 17 just issued and thank you to Editor, authors and advertisers. This is the 5-year anniversary of Eton Matters.

8. Events

Please book in advance for the ECA events. <https://www.etoncommunity.co.uk/events>

- i. **15th December 19:30:** concert at the College (not an ECA event)
Action: e-mail details to secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk for ShoutOut **IP**
- ii. **7th December:** some pantomime tickets available at £15 thanks to CF and RF. Those who have signed up should go to Manley Gallery 6th Nov.
- iii. **24th January 19:00:** Phillippa Martin at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. If interested, e-mail to secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk

- iv. **Spring 2019:** College Head Librarian will give a talk on Basil and Antony Fisher, both RAF pilots during World War II and both Old Etonians

9. AOB

- I. **ECA Christmas Dinner:** If interested e-mail secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk. Likely to be at Gilbeys with estimated cost £35 per person plus wine. We pay for ourselves. Last year (limited mostly to committee members) the women wore sparkly or long dresses. **UPDATE 18th or 19th December.**
- II. **Defibrillator training:** Wednesday 21st November 18: moved to Porny School. If interested e-mail secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk.
- III. **Spring Clean in November:** due to the success of the previous spring cleans there will be another on Sunday 18th November. Meet at the Eton Town Council offices at 10:00 am, finish 11.30 with breakfast buns, pastries provided by Christopher Wren, tea and coffee. If joining please e-mail secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk (so we get the numbers right for buns!)
- IV. **Remembrance Day Service:** on 11th November please arrive at the church by 10:55 in time for the 11:00 silence if attending. See poster in ECA Newsletter.
- V. **Remembering those lost in the first world war:** The pillar at St John's that was damaged when a tree fell has been replaced and the plaque will be there by the weekend. We have two silhouette statues – one in Eton Wick and one in the Eton church yard which will move to Jubilee Square. Jourdelay's House is producing a book based on research by current students about soldiers from Eton College, and there will be a soldier in Jourdelay's Passage.
- VI. **Eton in France:** after the war, the town of Eton linked to a small village in France also called Etone to help them to rebuild and recover. DB is trying to contact their Mayor.
- VII. **Contributions welcome:** Retailers, hostelrys and businesses have been contributing to support covering the costs of Christmas. Residents are also welcome to contribute. Email chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk or treasurer@etoncommunity.co.uk for details.

10. Next meeting

Next meeting 3rd December at the Eton Town Council offices at 6.30 pm.

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