



Minutes of the Eton Community Association Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 14th June 2023 at The Hop House, The George Inn

Attendees: Ros Rivaz, Ben Willcox, Monaliza Cadwallader, Derek Ledger, Shahan Ledger, Malcolm Leach, Teresa Read, Ian Read, Roger Prior, Shirley Young, Alan Lawrance, Mike Brown, Christine Barber, Roger Line, Olga Line, Bryn Lee, Dawn Lee, Katie Leach, Margaret Hayes-Powell, Cllr Mark Wilson, John Rowland, Wendy Rowland, Hugo Snell, Amanda Snell, Cllr Devon Davies, Peter Eaton, Dawn Palmieri, David Palmieri, Stephen Gosnell, David Fox, Heidi Fox, Katherine Rogers, Katie Leach, Cllr Julian Tisi, Simon Weston, Insp. Daniel Bennett, Roger Marrett, Anthony Cove, Karen Waller, Christine Barber, Alistair Townsend, Roger Line, Olga Line, Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee.

Apologies: Leonie Bryant, Katherine Russell, Sylvia Ellis, Stewart Rogers, Mike Blightman, Katherine Blightman, Julia Gosnell, Barbara France.

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed around 40 attendees, including Inspector Daniel Bennett and Cllrs Wilson, Davies and Tisi. The meeting is being recorded so that accurate Minutes could be written, especially because our Secretary is unavailable due to work commitments.

2. Chair's annual report

The Chair's annual report included items beyond the 28th February 2023 ECA Year end, bringing the update to date as at 14th June 2023.

For clarity and accuracy, attached is the yearly report for the ECA read out by the Chair:



Chair's speech AGM
14.06.23

3. Treasurer's annual report and adoption of accounts

The Treasurer explained the year-end position and made comparisons with previous years' income and outgoings. He explained that certain funds in the accounts are ring-fenced, both to adhere to our Reserves Policy and where projects have been conducted and the funds are secured in the ECA accounts until the project is completed. It was also explained that many of our large events, such as the Christmas Lights Switch on and street parties often run over a year-end, making the position in the accounts less clear. However, the management accounting system operated by the Treasurer ensures that any event or project is accounted for in terms of incomings and outgoings.

The Treasurer explained that the majority of the ECA activities generate money, even if it is just a few pounds. The two street parties both made a small profit. However, the additional charges from RBWM for the 2022 Christmas contractor activities which they procure, resulted in a small loss being made.

Overall, the number are as follows:

<u>The Eton Community Association</u>						
<u>Treasurer's Report</u>						
1st March 2022 - 28th February 2023						
Line	Category	2023			2022	
		Receipts	Payments	Balance	Receipts	Payments
1	Christmas	9,547.52	1,321.04	8,226.48	6,346.00	3,204.33
2	Advertising Eton Matters	3,240.00	1,548.00	1,692.00	1,204.23	2,352.00
3	Environment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Flags & Mini Trees	0.00	470.00	-470.00	1,455.00	389.95
5	Heathrow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Walkway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Functions	4,999.70	9,736.59	-4,736.89	9,256.01	0.00
8	Information Centre	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00
9	Barnes Pool	0.00	18,602.28	-18,602.28	0.00	0.00
10	ASB	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,350.00	3,321.60
11	Donations	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Administration/Misc	0.00	283.95	-283.95	1,000.00	400.82
13	Insurance	0.00	542.67	-542.67	0.00	520.96
		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
14	Total Income =	20,287.22	35,004.53	-14,717.31	21,736.24	10,189.66

Adoption of the Accounts:

The Accounts have not been audited but are in due course, as is always the case. This means that we will ask for the formal adoption of the accounts to take place at a future ECA meeting once the auditor has reviewed and signed off the accounts.

Action: submit accounts and present for adoption when audited ML/SR

4. Election/re-election of committee

There are 4 Officer positions in the ECA Constitution, 3 of which are filled. Deputy Chair is currently vacant.

Our Treasurer, Malcolm Leach explained that he was stepping down from his role as Treasurer. This is because he has become the Mayor of Eton & Eton Wick at the Eton Town Council. However, he will remain as a member of the ECA Committee.

The attendees thanked him most sincerely for the time he has spent as an ECA Officer. ECA was initiated by Malcom, the Chair, Katie Leach and others. The constitution was completed in 2011 and the idea and development took place in advance of that date. Malcolm was initially Chair for many years and then became Treasurer when he joined Eton Town Council, again to avoid any conflict of interest.

For his contribution to the ECA, Malcolm was presented gifts from the Committee.

In light of the above, Stewart Rogers is proposed as the Treasurer. Stewart is a former Committee member who stepped down when work commitments became excessive. He has remained as an associate member, organising pub walks and pub quizzes and will be the question master at the upcoming quiz. He was pivotal in setting up the ECA Reserves Policy with Malcolm and is an accountant of some note by background.

A yearly election takes place for those members of the Committee and the result is as follows:

Committee Member	Position	Proposed	Seconded
Ros Rivaz	Chair	Bryn Lee	Shahan Ledger
Stewart Rogers	Treasurer	Malcolm Leach	Christine Barber
Leonie Bryant	Secretary	Peter Eaton	Wendy Rowland
Christine Barber, Karen Waller, Katherine Russell, Stephen Gosnell, Ben Willcox, Mike Brown, Malcolm Leach	Committee member	John Rowland	Monaliza Cadwallader

Associate members are not subject to re-election.

5. Closing remarks and thanks

The Chair thanked the attendees and the committee members for ensuring that together we have an amazing, connected community. The (former) Treasurer extended thanks to the Chair.

The AGM was closed, there being no further business and the regular meeting followed.

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1. Welcome

Attendees and apologies as above, and welcome was extended to new councillors

2. Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes are available on www.etoncommunity.co.uk.

The Chair listed some of the issues which can be further discussed outside of this meeting with the Councillors; these include unwanted plants growing within the structure of the listed bridge, varnishing of handrails/benches, electric car charging, fibre-optic installation delay, Brocas bin collections and possibly larger or communal bins within the community.

3. Chair's Report

Rev La Stacey, who does so much work in the community and was one of our committee members for some time, is retiring. The assembled people agreed that buying a gift and card would be a wonderful way to thank her for her huge contribution to the Eton community. Rev La's church duties would be taken over by Rev Carol, but there is no clarity as to how La's community activities will be continued.

Action: **RR**

Paul Roach, the Windsor, Eton and Ascot Town Manager, who does so much for Eton and has done so for more than 10 years has been recognised in HM the King's Honours list, by being awarded an MBE.

Shout Out will be going out fortnightly from now in, rather than weekly. It was agreed that this is unlikely to be a problem in terms of appraising Eton folk about the goings on in the Town and it will ease the load on those who prepare the content and delivery to our email addresses! Those involved in the production were warmly thanked for their unseen regular efforts.

There were recent immigration checks on four sites in Eton – no problems found.

Eton Matters is due to be published shortly and will be delivered thereafter. This will be the first one edited by our new Editor, Rosie.

High Street shops and plans – those of significant change:

- Box Sash Window Company – due to open soon.
- Eton Book Shop has moved to where Gregory & Tapping used to be.
- Former Eton Antiquarian Bookshop continues to do a small amount of trading
- John's antique/Bric-a-brac shop is doing very well.

- Former Lily Chic – the landlord has a business working there, but has allocated window space/display. Contact has been made as there are 2 businesses who would like to use it.
- 53 (former Age Concern) - Work continues on the brickwork and cladding – hopefully it will be only another 2 months until completion.
- Cockpit – please support the proposal to turn it into a coaching inn with tavern, if you wish to do so – you can see the plans online. A Court Order requires a decision within 8 weeks. Application reference will be in Shout Out. Eton Town Councillors at the meeting confirmed that they are in favour.
- The landing site bridge signs down the slipway next to Flaming Cow are difficult to read, small and there is some overgrowth. Cllr Hayes-Powell reports that this is unregistered land. Nobody has ownership, but because of the mandated need for a public slipway, Windsor Bridge Court and Eton Town Council have adopted the area. There are two signs – one about Eton Town Council liability, another about CCTV in operation.

Eton Action List – Please continue to report anything that you feel is in need of repair i.e. wobbly paving stones, street lighting not working etc – please use secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk for this purpose and it will be actioned and added to the list. Alternatively, contact Bob Austen at clerk@etontc.uk

4. Treasurer’s Report

Please see above Minutes generated from the ECA AGM for update.

5. RBWM Councillor Matters

Cllr Devon Davies kindly provided us with an update:

- I. Brocas and litter collections: historic gentlemen’s agreement about this. Negotiations tomorrow between RBWM and the College. Council doesn’t have money nor staff to do this. We were reminded however by residents, that the historic way if working was effective and the current situation in not.
- II. Cockpit: progressing but is a complicated case, and this ECA meeting includes people on the planning panel, so we have to be mindful about what is said as still be able to vote on plans. First step for the Cllrs is to talk with/listen to the officers. The owner offered a site visit to Borough Cllrs. Option for a Borough Councillor to call a plan into the panel.
- III. ECA to allow time for Councillors to get up to speed since they are new to these roles.
- IV. Cllr Hayes-Powell raised concerns about residents of Wiggington House and the windows. Planning permission about to run out and this does need to be fixed.

6. TVP Update

Dan Bennett, Inspector of the Windsor & Maidenhead Local Neighbourhood Team joined us to take questions from the audience:

- It was reported that the Brocas is not too bad at the moment with respect to ASB, but we expect more problems when the local schools/students break up.

DB: Aware of seasonal issues raised, planning based on that. Please flag to RR if not sufficient presence. If see something that isn't right, ring 101. RBWM looking at getting a PSPO (public space protection order) for the prevention of open barbeques.

- We still have a major issue with cyclists going the wrong way along the High Street. Police have caught a handful of people a few weeks back. There are also mopeds; Deliveroo and Just Eats delivery drivers are reported as frequent violators of the rules.

DB: This is a priority and TVP are working with the council about additional signage. Only one person caught that had been caught before. As it stands, educating people is having minimal impact because of new people coming through the town. The Police are aware of seasonal issues raised, and their planning is based on that. Please flag to RR if not sufficient presence. Positioning a police presence by the George Inn is more effective than at the far end near the Council offices.

It has been requested that the white arrow informing cyclists to turn left once over the bridge be re-instated – visible on google maps but not there now.

- It was requested that PCSO Melita Diprose might be helpful in this campaign and also attend the ECA meetings as she is active within Eton during the week. This will be more valued by the community than her having a drop in for 2 hours which is unlikely to be attended.

- Can cyclists' cycle over the footbridge?

As it's a National Cycle Path, they can. A sign asking people to dismount might help with some cyclists that come over at speed.

- Another option might be a speed limit sign to slow people down

Ask Councillors about signs for the bridge RR

Thanks were extended to Dan Bennett for what has been done recently to help alleviate the issue with begging on the bridge. An aggressive individual who has been a problem for some time is now rarely seen but any sightings will be reported going forward.

7. Events

During the summer of 2023, we have the following for the community to join:

- **Pub quiz** – Crown & Cushion – **Tuesday, 25th July** at 18.30.

- **Pub walk** – destination and route to be confirmed – **Sunday, September 24th**, starting at 10.30am

- **Next litter pick** – date to be confirmed but potentially **early October**.

8. AOB

For all events, information and updates, please head to www.etoncommunity.co.uk

9. Next Meeting Date

Date confirmed as Wednesday, 26th July.

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